

Minutes of Joint City Council & CRA Workshop
Monday, July 24, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.
City Council Chambers, 1st Floor
11 North 3rd Street, Jacksonville Beach, FL



The Joint City Council and Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Workshop began at 5:30 P.M.

The following City Council Members and CRA Members were in attendance:

Mayor: Christine Hoffman

Council Members:	Sandy Golding	Bill Horn	Dan Janson
	Fernando Meza	Cory Nichols	Greg Sutton

CRA Chairman: Art Graham

Board Members:	Jeffrey Jones	David McGraw (absent)	Gary Paetau
	Francis Povloski		

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland, Community Redevelopment Agency Coordinator Taylor Mobbs, and Administrative Assistant Lauren Loria.

Purpose of Workshop

The purpose of this workshop was to discuss the activities and progress of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). The topics presented and discussed were the following:

Latham Plaza

Director of Planning and Development Heather Ireland provided a handout, presented a PowerPoint [on file] and summarized the Latham Plaza redesign project workshops.

A conversation ensued regarding the proposed design for Latham Plaza.

The consensus of the Council and the CRA was to remove the tiered audience design in front of the pavilion, provide the pavilion with improved utilities and landscaping, and focus redevelopment of Latham Plaza to the west (1/3 or less).

The consensus of the Council and the CRA was for staff to develop a draft activation plan for Latham Plaza, to be brought back to the CRA and Council for review.

Bylaws/CRA Alternates

CRA Chairman Art Graham spoke about the lack of a CRA alternate position and its effect on not having a quorum at CRA meetings. A conversation ensued regarding the governing ordinances and policies of the CRA.

The consensus of the Council and the CRA was to proceed with creating an alternate position for the CRA.

Issues/Concerns

Mr. Graham spoke about quality control issues for projects in the downtown CRA district.

A conversation ensued about recent issues with quality control on specific projects.

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos stated City staff would work on creating a policy or process to address construction impacts to the right of way in the CRA districts.

Staffing

Mr. Graham spoke about the need for the CRA to hire an additional part-time person to address small-scale maintenance issues in the CRA districts. He stated there are funds available to support a part-time position. Future conversations about the position would be held during upcoming CRA meetings.

The workshop adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

Submitted by: Lauren Loria
Administrative Assistant

Approved: _____

Christine Hoffman, Mayor

Date: _____

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