



City of Jacksonville Beach

Regular Meeting Agenda

Community Redevelopment Agency

11 North Third Street
Jacksonville Beach, Florida

Monday, March 25, 2024

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

MEMORANDUM TO:

Members of the City of Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency

The following Agenda of Business has been prepared for consideration and action at a Regular Meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency:

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS

STAFF REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Accept/Reject the FY2023 Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Approve/Disapprove the scope of work and fee proposal from the Southern Group dated 01/17/2024 for professional services to the Community Redevelopment Agency
- B. FY 25 Budget Priorities Discussion

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

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In accordance with Section 286.0114, Florida Statutes, any member of the public can attend a public hearing and can be heard on any matter presented before the Agency. Anyone who wishes to provide live public comment should complete a "Speaker Request Card" and submit it to the recording secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting. These forms are available at the entrance of the City Council Chambers for your convenience. Speakers will be called to address the Agency when specified items are under consideration and will be limited to a maximum of three minutes or less, at the discretion of the presiding

officer.

Alternatively, written public comment can be submitted in advance and must include the following: (1) First Name, (2) Last Name, (3) Address, (4) Public Hearing Date, (5) Specific Agenda Item(s), and (6) Comments. Written public comments may be submitted by one of the following options: (1) Email to the Agency Administrator at planning@jaxbchfl.net, (2) Postal mail to Community Redevelopment Agency Administrator - Public Comment, 11 3rd Street North, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250, or (3) Drop off in-person to Planning and Development at City Hall. Written comments that include all required information and are received 24 hours in advance of the meeting will be distributed to the Agency and attached to the related agenda item before the start of the meeting. Written public comments will be read into the record at the appropriate time and will be limited to three minutes of reading time. All comments received are public record.

In accordance with Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, any person desirous of appealing any decision reached at this meeting may need a record of the proceedings. Such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

cc: City Manager; City Attorney



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CRA AGENDA ITEM	
TO:	Community Redevelopment Agency
FROM:	Ashlie Gossett, Chief Financial Officer
DATE:	02/12/2024
SUBJECT:	FY2023 Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report

BACKGROUND

At the March 13, 2024, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Workshop, staff presented the FY2023 CRA Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report. State statutes require a separate independent audit of tax increment fund districts in addition to the independent audit requirements for the City. Because the CRA is a dependent special district of the City, its financial information will continue to be presented within the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report in addition to its own financial statements.

The CRA received an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance that can be attained during an independent audit.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

For informational purposes only.

REQUESTED ACTION

Accept the FY2023 Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report

ATTACHMENTS

1. FY2023 CRA Financial Statements and Audit Report

2023

Jacksonville Beach Community
Redevelopment Agency

Financial Statements and
Independent Auditor's Report

September 30, 2023

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT**

**JACKSONVILLE BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA)**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency
City of Jacksonville Beach, Florida

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (the Agency), a component unit of the City of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Agency's financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund for the Agency as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Agency and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Agency's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Agency's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 14, 2024, on our consideration of the Agency's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, rules, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Agency's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



February 14, 2024
Tallahassee, Florida

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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The Management's Discussion and Analysis (the MD&A) of the Jacksonville Beach Redevelopment Agency (the Agency), is intended to provide an overview of the Agency's financial position and results of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. The MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Agency's financial statements, including the accompanying notes, to enhance the understanding of the Agency's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

- At September 30, 2023, restricted net position of \$43,313,478 is unspent tax increment financing revenues restricted for upcoming redevelopment projects.
- Fund balance increased in the current year by \$6,108,682. Substantially all of this increase is attributable to tax increment revenues in excess of expenditures due to the timing of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) projects.
- \$2,481,363 in Southend Redevelopment District tax increment revenues was returned to the taxing authorities as part of the year-end fund balance appropriation.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This MD&A is intended to serve as an introduction to the Agency's basic financial statements, which have the following components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, 3) notes to the financial statements, and 4) required supplementary information. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Agency's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the Agency's assets and liabilities with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Agency is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the Agency's net position changed during each fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements listed above distinguish functions of the Agency that are principally supported by ad-valorem taxes and intergovernmental revenues from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their cost through user fees and charges. The governmental activities in the Agency are community redevelopment and public safety.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The government-wide financial statements include only the financial activities of the Agency. However, the Agency is considered a blended component unit of the City of Jacksonville Beach, Florida (the City), and as such, the financial information of the Agency is included in the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report in each fiscal year.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Agency uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources, available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate the comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities when required.

Key elements of the reconciliation of these two statements are that the government-wide statement of activities reports the issuance of debt as a liability, the purchases of capital assets as assets which are then charged to expense over their useful lives (depreciated), and changes in long-term liabilities as adjustments of expenses. Conversely, the governmental funds statements report the issuance of debt as another financing source of funds, the repayment of debt as an expenditure, the purchase of capital assets as an expenditure, and do not reflect changes in long-term liabilities.

The Agency maintains two governmental funds. Information is presented separately for the Downtown and Southend Redevelopment Districts in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance. In the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, these two funds are referred to as the Downtown and Southend Redevelopment Trust funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the information provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The following table summarizes the statement of net position for the current and prior year:

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF NET POSITION

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Current Assets	\$ 46,613,780	\$ 40,255,346
Capital Assets, Net	<u>7,250,921</u>	<u>7,250,921</u>
Total Assets	<u>53,864,701</u>	<u>47,506,267</u>
Current Liabilities	<u>3,300,302</u>	<u>3,050,601</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>3,300,302</u>	<u>3,050,601</u>
Net Position		
Investment in Capital Assets	7,250,921	7,250,921
Restricted for Redevelopment Projects	43,313,478	37,204,745
Unrestricted	-	-
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 50,564,399</u>	<u>\$ 44,455,666</u>

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. Governmental activities increased the Agency's net position by \$6,108,733 for the year ended September 30, 2023. Key elements of the change are described below.

The following table summarizes the changes in net position for the current and prior year:

SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
General Revenues:		
Tax Increment Financing	\$ 11,463,597	\$ 10,078,421
Investment and Other Income	<u>1,575,628</u>	<u>(716,325)</u>
Total Revenues	<u>13,039,225</u>	<u>9,362,096</u>
Expenses:		
Community Redevelopment	5,367,418	6,527,536
Public Safety	<u>1,563,074</u>	<u>1,222,616</u>
Total Expenses	<u>6,930,492</u>	<u>7,750,152</u>
Change in Net Position	6,108,733	1,611,944
Net Position, Beginning of Year	<u>44,455,666</u>	<u>42,843,722</u>
Net Position, End of Year	<u>\$ 50,564,399</u>	<u>\$ 44,455,666</u>

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Community redevelopment expenses decreased by \$1,160,118, largely due to the timing of capital projects.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Agency's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Agency's financing requirement. In particular, fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

The Agency maintains two Redevelopment trust funds, one for the Downtown District and another for the Southend District. At the end of the current year, a fund balance of \$43,311,893 was both restricted and appropriated to ongoing and future redevelopment projects.

The Agency is required to adopt an annual budget for the two funds prepared on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Capital Assets

The Agency's investment in capital assets as of September 30, 2023, is \$7,250,921, which is strictly land held for future development projects. When the remaining development projects are completed, the land and resulting improvements will become property of the City.

Budgetary Highlights

The Agency's governing board, the CRA, is authorized to transfer budget amounts. Revisions that alter the total expenditure must be approved by both the CRA and City Council. Legal level of control is maintained at the fund level. The difference between the original budget and the final amended amount was a net increase of \$19,704,731 for capital projects and a net increase of \$178,295 for other expenditures.

Actual revenues were higher than the final budgeted revenues by \$1,112,621, largely due to interest income on investments. Actual expenditures were under budget by \$49,574,529 with the timing of capital project expenditures.

Economic Factors and Future Developments

Both districts have been a redevelopment success. Downtown taxable property values have grown from \$42.3 million in the 1984 base year to \$804.7 million in the most recent year and Southend taxable values have grown from \$6.5 million in the 1986 base year to \$465.2 million.

The CRA will continue to plan projects and infrastructure improvements that align with its redevelopment priorities for each district. Additionally, the City and CRA will continue to partner to encourage private sector development in the designated Downtown area.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Key FY2024 projects in the Downtown District are as follows:

- Continue construction of infrastructure improvements in the area east of 3rd Street between 4th and 11th Avenues South (Phase IIIC – Projects 4 and 5).
- Continue the design and implementation of *Downtown Action Plan* items, including public art, Latham Plaza master plan, wayfinding signage, and lighting.

Key FY2024 projects in the Southend District are as follows:

- Complete stormwater piping and roadway improvements in various locations (Phases 4 and 5).
- Complete design for a passive park along South Beach Parkway and Jacksonville Drive and begin construction.
- Begin construction of a connectivity corridor along Jacksonville Drive.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide users with a general overview of the Agency's finances for all those with an interest in its finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Finance Department, 11 North Third Street, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250.

Additional information can also be found on the City and CRA's website at www.jacksonvillebeach.org.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
JACKSONVILLE BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA)

Assets

Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 46,612,195
Assessments Receivable	1,585
Capital Assets	<u>7,250,921</u>

Total Assets	<u><u>53,864,701</u></u>
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable	547,492
Other Accrued Liabilities	271,447
Due to Other Governments	<u>2,481,363</u>

Total Liabilities	<u>3,300,302</u>
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Net Position

Investment in Capital Assets	7,250,921
Restricted for Redevelopment Projects	<u>43,313,478</u>

Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 50,564,399</u></u>
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See accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
JACKSONVILLE BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA)

		Net Revenue (Expense) and Changes in Net Position
		Total Governmental Activities
Functions	Expenses	
Governmental Activities:		
Community Redevelopment	\$ 1,318,715	\$ (1,318,715)
Public Safety	1,271,150	(1,271,150)
Capital Improvements Contributed to Primary Government	4,340,627	(4,340,627)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>6,930,492</u>	<u>(6,930,492)</u>
General Revenues:		
Tax Increment Financing		11,463,597
Investment and Other Income		1,575,628
Total General Revenues		<u>13,039,225</u>
Change in Net Position		6,108,733
Net Position, Beginning of Year		<u>44,455,666</u>
Net Position, End of Year		<u>\$ 50,564,399</u>

See accompanying notes.

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
JACKSONVILLE BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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	Downtown Redevelopment District	Southend Redevelopment District	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 32,950,557	\$ 13,661,638	\$ 46,612,195
Assessments Receivable	-	1,585	1,585
Total Assets	<u>32,950,557</u>	<u>13,663,223</u>	<u>46,613,780</u>
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance			
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	162,862	384,630	547,492
Other Accrued Liabilities	36,111	235,336	271,447
Due to Other Governmental Units	-	2,481,363	2,481,363
Total Liabilities	<u>198,973</u>	<u>3,101,329</u>	<u>3,300,302</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Unavailable Revenues	-	1,585	1,585
Fund Balance			
Restricted for Redevelopment Projects	32,751,584	10,560,309	43,311,893
Total Fund Balance	<u>32,751,584</u>	<u>10,560,309</u>	<u>43,311,893</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 32,950,557</u>	<u>\$ 13,663,223</u>	<u>\$ 46,613,780</u>
<u>Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position</u>			
Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds			\$ 43,311,893
Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position are Different Because:			
Capital Assets Used in Governmental Activities are not Financial Resources and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Governmental Funds			7,250,921
Certain Revenues Have Been Deferred on the Balance Sheet Because They Were not Measurable and Available at Year-End			1,585
Net Position of Governmental Activities			<u>\$ 50,564,399</u>

See accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
JACKSONVILLE BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA)

	Downtown Redevelopment District	Southend Redevelopment District	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Tax Increment Financing	\$ 8,706,527	\$ 2,757,070	\$ 11,463,597
Investment and Other Income	1,050,713	524,864	1,575,577
Total Revenues	<u>9,757,240</u>	<u>3,281,934</u>	<u>13,039,174</u>
Expenditures			
Community Redevelopment:			
Personnel Services	221,532	96,564	318,096
Operating Expenses	652,326	348,293	1,000,619
Public Safety:			
Personnel Services	1,138,106	-	1,138,106
Operating Expenses	133,044	-	133,044
Capital Outlay	1,236,484	3,104,143	4,340,627
(Total Expenditures)	<u>(3,381,492)</u>	<u>(3,549,000)</u>	<u>(6,930,492)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	6,375,748	(267,066)	6,108,682
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>26,375,836</u>	<u>10,827,375</u>	<u>37,203,211</u>
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 32,751,584</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,560,309</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 43,311,893</u></u>

**Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities**

Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 6,108,682
Certain Revenues Have Been Deferred on the Balance Sheet Because They Were not Measurable and Available at Year-End, but Have Been Recognized in the Statement of Activities	<u>51</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 6,108,733</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
JACKSONVILLE BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Financial Reporting Entity

In March 1978, the five-member Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (the Agency) was established by the City of Jacksonville Beach, Florida (the City), by Ordinance No. 6950 as a public body organized pursuant to Part III of Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes. The Agency's stated purpose is to intervene in the decline of the economic and physical character of the redevelopment area and transformation of the existing conditions into a functional and vibrant urban center. The governing body of the Agency is appointed by the City Council. There are two redevelopment trust funds established by the Agency, the Downtown Redevelopment District and the Southend Redevelopment District.

The Downtown Redevelopment District was established in 1984 with the original redevelopment plan being established in 1987. The plan was amended in 2007 to incorporate the Downtown Vision Plan, and in 2014 to create a Downtown Community Assisted Policing Effort (CAPE), in an effort to make downtown a safer and more inviting area. The most recent amendment to the downtown plan came via the adoption of the 2015 Downtown Action Plan, a collection of projects and programs to address community redevelopment concerns in the areas of public spaces, transportation, public safety, and overall quality of life in the downtown community redevelopment district. The redevelopment plan is set to expire in January of 2047.

The Agency is a blended component unit of the City. The Agency is treated as a blended component unit and included as part of the primary government for financial reporting purposes because the Agency provides its services entirely to the City. All assets constructed by the Agency on City-owned land automatically become assets of the City upon completion, and all assets constructed by the Agency on Agency-owned land, along with the underlying land, are deeded to the City upon completion. The Agency is presented in the financial statements of the City as a special revenue fund.

In November 1985, the Southend Redevelopment District was designated for redevelopment. A plan for the redevelopment of the area was adopted and a tax increment trust fund was established in 1987. The redevelopment plan is set to expire in June of 2047.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies applicable to the Agency:

The accounting policies of the Agency conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information on all the governmental activities of the Agency. The government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the Agency as an entity and the change in aggregate financial position resulting from the activities of the fiscal period. The fund financial statements focus on short-term results of operations and financing decisions at a specific fund level. Governmental activities are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given functional category are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific functional category. Program revenues include operating and capital grants and contributions. In 2023, the Agency did not have any program revenues. Taxes and other items not included as program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The basic financial statements consist of the government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Tax increment financing from property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year when levied for. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Only current assets and deferred outflows of resources and current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are generally included on their balance sheet. Since the governmental fund statements are presented on a different measurement focus and basis of accounting than the government-wide governmental activities column, a reconciliation is sometimes necessary to explain the adjustments needed to reconcile the fund based financial statements to the governmental activities column of the government-wide presentation.

Their operating statements present sources (revenues and other financing sources) and uses (expenditures and other financing uses) of available spendable resources during the period. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Agency considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 30 days of the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting, except for debt service expenditures, which are recognized when due.

Tax increment financing revenue, when levied for and interest associated with the current fiscal period, are both considered to be measurable and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal year, if available.

Per Florida Statutes, Section 163.387, resources deposited into a redevelopment trust fund are restricted for community redevelopment activities pursuant to the approved redevelopment plan.

The Agency reports two special revenue funds which are considered major governmental funds. These funds are used to account for all financial resources received by the Agency. The Agency does not have any non-major funds.

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Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position

Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments: The Agency participates in the City's pooled cash and investment portfolio. Investment earnings are distributed monthly to the participating funds' relative percentage of investments.

Capital Assets: Capital assets include land titled to the Agency. The Agency pays for certain infrastructure improvements (roads, sidewalks, bridges, and other utility infrastructure) within the designated redevelopment area; however, these improvements are considered to be property of the City and, therefore, are included as capital assets in the City's government-wide financial statements.

Capital assets titled to the Agency are reported in governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Agency utilizes the City's capitalization policy and capitalizes assets with a cost in excess of \$5,000 and an estimated life greater than one year. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost, if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized but are expensed as incurred.

Nature and Purpose of Fund Balance: Per Florida Statutes, Section 163.387, unspent tax increment financing revenues are restricted for future redevelopment projects pursuant to the approved community redevelopment plan and are reported as restricted fund balance in the financial statements. There are no other classifications of fund balance.

Compensation Costs: The Agency has no employees of its own. Instead, the Agency reimburses the City for the portion of salaries and benefits attributable to Agency activities based on the estimated time spent on those activities as projected during the annual budget process. Any long-term payroll and benefit liabilities such as compensated absences, other postemployment benefits, or pension liabilities are reported on the City's financial statements.

Net Position: The government-wide statements utilize a net position presentation. Net investment in capital assets is that portion of net position that relates to the Agency's capital assets reduced by accumulated depreciation. Restricted net position are unspent tax increment financing revenues that are restricted for future redevelopment projects.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statement and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 - Deposits and Investments

At year-end, the Agency's share of the City's pooled cash and investment balances was \$46,612,195. The City's bank deposits are held in qualified depositories pursuant to Chapter 280, Florida Statutes, *Florida Security for Public Deposits Act* (the Act). Under the Act, all qualified public depositories are required to pledge eligible collateral having a market value equal to or greater than the average daily or monthly

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balance of all public deposits times the depository's collateral pledging level. The collateral pledging level may range from 25% to 200% depending upon the depository's financial condition and the length of time that the depository has been established. All collateral must be deposited with an approved financial institution. The Public Depository Security Trust Funds have a procedure to allocate and recover losses in the event of default or insolvency. The Agency's bank balances were insured either by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized in the bank's participation in the Act.

Authorized Investments

The Agency does not have a separate deposit and investment policy and it follows the deposit and investment policies of the City.

Florida Statute 218.415 authorizes the City to invest in the state pools and in obligations of the United States Treasury and agencies. The City has adopted an investment policy for operating funds pursuant to state statutes that allows the City to contract for investment and related services, establish internal controls, and specifies the types of investments that may be purchased. Key objectives of the policy are as follows:

- Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program.
- Provide sufficient liquidity to allow for quick conversion of investments to cash easily and rapidly without loss of principal to meet operating, payroll, and capital requirements.
- The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return through budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and liquidity needs.
- Investments held should be diversified to the extent practicable to control the risk of loss resulting from overconcentration of assets in a specific maturity, issuer, instrument, dealer, or bank through which financial instruments are bought and sold.

The policy also lists permitted types of investments, limitations as to amounts invested in each type, the amount invested with each issuer, the length of investment maturities, and other statutory or contractual restrictions for each type of investment. The investment in any derivative products or the use of reverse repurchase agreements is not permitted by this investment policy.

Risk Disclosure

The City's investment policy does not address its exposure to interest rate changes, custodial credit risk, or quality credit risk. The following items discuss the City's operating funds' and pension funds' exposure to various risks in primarily the fixed rate portions of their investment portfolios:

- **Interest Rate Risk**—the City's fixed rate investments are intended to be held until the funds are needed, at maturity.

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- **Custodial Credit Risk**—for an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the City will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The City generally utilizes third-party custodians to help manage custodial credit risk.
- **Concentration of Credit Risk**—the investment policy for the operating funds of the City define what percentage of the total investment portfolio may be invested in each type of investment vehicle. The City's policy states that these percentages may be further restricted based on market conditions, risk, and diversification investment strategies.

More detailed information on the City's investment portfolio can be obtained from the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, which can be found on the City's website at www.jacksonvillebeach.org.

Note 3 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2023, follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 7,250,921	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,250,921

Note 4 - Tax Increment Financing Revenue

The Agency is primarily funded through tax-increment financing revenue. This revenue is computed by applying the operating tax for the City and the City of Jacksonville multiplied by the increased value of property in the Agency over the base property value minus 5%. The City and the City of Jacksonville are required to fund this amount annually without regard to tax collections or other obligations.

In accordance with Section, 163.387(7), Florida Statutes, at the end of each fiscal year, any funds remaining in the Tax Increment Trust Fund must be either appropriated to specific projects, used to reduce debt, or returned to the taxing authorities. The Southend District projected to end the fiscal year with a fund balance of \$15,034,470. Of that total, \$12,553,107 was appropriated to projects already underway or which were expected to start in the near-term. Because there is no outstanding debt in the Southend District, the remaining \$2,481,363 is being returned to taxing authorities—the City of Jacksonville Beach (\$824,589) and the City of Jacksonville (\$1,656,774). These amounts are included in Due to Other Governments on the Agency's Balance Sheet and Statement of Net Position.

Note 5 - Construction Commitments

As of September 30, 2023, the Agency had the following construction commitments related to significant unfinished capital projects:

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Project	Expended as of September 30, 2023	Remaining Commitment
Downtown District:		
Design of Beach Stormwater Outfalls Replacement	\$ 82,269	\$ 4,786
South Basin Prelim Study for Downtown Improvement	423,178	370,470
Dune Walkovers 3 ADA Compliant (DUNEWA)	575,265	811
Specific Project Task Identified in the Downtown Action, Implementation & Mgmt Plan Phase 2	387,677	22,323
DTI3C 4 & 5 Design of Dwnt Infra Impr Phase 3C Projects 4 & 5	967,457	13,209
Design FY23 Dune Walkover Replacement	60,808	48,517
Southend District:		
Ocean Terrace Drainage Improvements (SBOTP)	5,261,448	268,090
SBIS5 Downtown Improvements South Basin	131,672	105,666
Total	\$ 7,889,774	\$ 833,872

Note 6 - Risk Management

The Agency is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors, omissions, and natural disasters. The Agency is covered by the City's insurance plans. The City purchases commercial insurance against losses for the following types of risk:

- Real and Personal Property Damage, Including Flood Damage
- General Liability
- Automobile Liability
- Commercial Crime
- Police Professional Liability
- Workers Compensation
- Health Insurance
- Pension Fiduciary
- Public Official
- Cyber Liability

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget
Revenues				
Tax Increment Financing	\$ 8,804,295	\$ 8,804,295	\$ 8,706,527	\$ (97,768)
Investment and Other Income	173,735	173,735	1,050,713	876,978
Total Revenues	<u>8,978,030</u>	<u>8,978,030</u>	<u>9,757,240</u>	<u>779,210</u>
Expenditures				
Community Redevelopment:				
Personnel Services	229,319	229,319	221,532	7,787
Operating Expenses	<u>1,374,992</u>	<u>1,380,713</u>	<u>652,326</u>	<u>728,387</u>
Total Community Redevelopment	<u>1,604,311</u>	<u>1,610,032</u>	<u>873,858</u>	<u>736,174</u>
Police:				
Personnel Services	1,136,946	1,138,106	1,138,106	-
Operating Expenses	<u>139,200</u>	<u>263,849</u>	<u>133,044</u>	<u>130,805</u>
Total Police	<u>1,276,146</u>	<u>1,401,955</u>	<u>1,271,150</u>	<u>130,805</u>
Capital Outlay	<u>25,252,850</u>	<u>41,048,256</u>	<u>1,236,484</u>	<u>39,811,772</u>
(Total Expenditures)	<u>(28,133,307)</u>	<u>(44,060,243)</u>	<u>(3,381,492)</u>	<u>40,678,751</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ (19,155,277)</u>	<u>\$ (35,082,213)</u>	<u>\$ 6,375,748</u>	<u>\$ 41,457,961</u>

See note to required supplementary information.

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**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
SOUTHEND REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget
Revenues				
Tax Increment Financing	\$ 2,807,244	\$ 2,807,244	\$ 2,757,070	\$ (50,174)
Investment and Other Income	141,279	141,279	524,864	383,585
Total Revenues	<u>2,948,523</u>	<u>2,948,523</u>	<u>3,281,934</u>	<u>333,411</u>
Expenditures				
Community Redevelopment:				
Personnel Services	106,925	106,925	96,564	10,361
Operating Expenses	506,763	553,528	348,293	205,235
Capital Outlay	7,875,000	11,784,325	3,104,143	8,680,182
(Total Expenditures)	<u>(8,488,688)</u>	<u>(12,444,778)</u>	<u>(3,549,000)</u>	<u>8,895,778</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ (5,540,165)</u>	<u>\$ (9,496,255)</u>	<u>\$ (267,066)</u>	<u>\$ 9,229,189</u>

See note to required supplementary information.

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Note 1 - Budgetary Procedures and Budgetary Accounting

The Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (the Agency) adheres to the following procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the accompanying financial statements:

Prior to September 30, the Agency Administrator submits, to the Community Redevelopment Agency, a proposed operating budget for the Trust Fund for the fiscal year commencing October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

The Agency budget is also included in the City's budget and is presented to the City Council for ratification prior to September 30.

Agency management is authorized to transfer budget amounts. Revisions that alter the total expenditures must be approved by the Community Redevelopment Agency. Legal level of budgetary control is maintained at the fund level. Budget amendments totaling \$15,926,936 in the Downtown Redevelopment District and \$3,956,090 in the Southend Redevelopment District were related to ongoing construction projects.

OTHER REPORTS

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

To the Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency
City of Jacksonville Beach, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (the Agency), a component unit of the City of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Agency's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 14, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Agency's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Agency's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Agency's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



February 14, 2024
Tallahassee, Florida

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES

To the Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency
City of Jacksonville Beach, Florida

We have examined the Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency's (the Agency) compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, as required by Section 10.556 (10)(a), *Rules of the Auditor General*. Management is responsible for the Agency's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Agency's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Agency complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the Agency complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material non-compliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination of the Agency's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Agency complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2023.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, federal and other granting agencies and pass-through entities, the Agency Board members, and applicable management, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 163.387(6) AND (7), FLORIDA STATUTES

To the Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency
City of Jacksonville Beach, Florida

We have examined the Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency's (the Agency) compliance with Section 163.387(6) and (7), Florida Statutes, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, as required by Section 10.556 (10)(f), *Rules of the Auditor General*. Management is responsible for the Agency's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Agency's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Agency complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the Agency complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material non-compliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination of the Agency's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Agency complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2023.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, federal and other granting agencies and pass-through entities, the Agency Board members, and applicable management, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency
City of Jacksonville Beach, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (the Agency), a component unit of the City of Jacksonville, Florida (the City), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated February 14, 2024.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and Independent Accountant's Reports on an examination conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants *Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated February 14, 2024, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. This is disclosed in Note 1 of the financial statements.

Financial Condition and Management

Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), *Rules of the Auditor General*, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not the Agency has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Agency did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

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Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), *Rules of the Auditor General*, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the Agency. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Agency's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Special District Component Unit

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.c., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires, if appropriate, that we communicate the failure of a special district that is a component unit of a county, municipality, or special district, to provide the financial information necessary for proper reporting of the component unit within the audited financial statements of the county, municipality, or special district in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we did not note any special district component units that failed to provide the necessary information for proper reporting in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes.

Specific Information (Unaudited)

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)6, *Rules of the Auditor General*, the Agency reported:

- a. The total number of district employees compensated in the last pay period of the district's fiscal year as 0. As disclosed in Note 1 of the financial statements, the Agency has no employees but receives administrative, engineering, and project management support from City staff.
- b. The total number of independent contractors to whom non-employee compensation was paid in the last month of the district's fiscal year as 1.
- c. All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as \$0. As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the Agency reimburses the City for support provided by City employees. During the fiscal year, the Agency reimbursed the City for payroll and related benefits totaling \$1,456,203 for work performed by City employees on behalf of the Agency.
- d. All compensation earned by or awarded to non-employee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as \$461,173.
- e. Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the district that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1, of the fiscal year being reported, together with the total expenditures for such project. See attached schedule in Appendix A.
- f. A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the district amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes as \$14,775,562.

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Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we communicate non-compliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material, but warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, and the Board of Directors and management of the Agency, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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APPENDIX A

Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the District that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1, of the fiscal year being reported, together with the total expenditures for such projects was as follows:

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District	Project Description	CRA Res. No. or Budget Year	Project Budgeted Cost	Total Expenditures in Year
Downtown	DT Infrastructure Phase 3C Projects 4 & 5 Construction	FY23 CIP Plan & 2023-04	\$ 29,641,054	\$ 1,131
Downtown	Phase 3C (DT TIF): Project 3 Construction Downstream Impr	FY23 CIP Plan	\$ 3,722,850	\$ -
Downtown	Dune Walkovers (Non-ADA) Construction	FY23 CIP Plan	\$ 500,000	\$ -
Downtown	Design and Construct 15 Stormwater Outfalls	FY23 CIP Plan	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -
Downtown	Design and Construct Connectivity Corridors	FY23 CIP Plan	\$ 300,000	\$ -
Southend	Stormwater/Reuse Imps (Phase 5) (SE TIF) Construct (CRA) Pump Station & Pipe Rehab	FY23 CIP Plan	\$ 3,550,000	\$ 48,739
Southend	Stormwater/Reuse Imps (Phase 5) (SE TIF) Construct (CRA)	FY23 CIP Plan	\$ 1,750,000	\$ -
Southend	Stormwater/Road Imps (Phase 4) (SE TIF) Construct	FY23 CIP Plan	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 66,563
Southend	Passive Park Construction	FY23 CIP Plan	\$ 500,000	\$ 17,646
Southend	Design and Construct Connectivity Corridors	FY23 CIP Plan	\$ 300,000	\$ -
Southend	South Beach Park Sidewalk Entrance	FY23 CIP Plan	\$ 100,000	\$ 101,849

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CRA AGENDA ITEM	
TO:	Community Redevelopment Agency
FROM:	Taylor Mobbs
DATE:	01/03/2024
SUBJECT:	Southern Group Scope and Fee proposal

BACKGROUND

Staff is requesting to continue utilizing consulting services from The Southern Group. The Southern Group will continue to support staff with document preparation, meeting preparation, monitoring legislative issues at the State level, amending the plans, P3 project development, and more.

The Southern Group has been assisting the agency since 2020, and provides critical support and guidance on many redevelopment topics.

This renewal will allow staff to continue to utilize their services through December 11, 2024, which is the expiration of the consultants services contract with JTA.

The Southern Groups scope and fee is attached to this memo for review.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The monthly retainer for this scope is \$6,500.00. This is budgeted for in FY24.

REQUESTED ACTION

Approve/Disapprove the scope of work and fee proposal from the Southern Group dated 01/17/2024, expiring 12/11/2024

ATTACHMENTS

1. TSG Contract

January 17, 2024

Ms. Heather Ireland
Director of Planning and Development
City of Jacksonville Beach
11 North Third Street
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

Dear Ms. Ireland:

Thank you very much for your continued interest in The Southern Group of Florida, Inc. (The Southern Group). We appreciate the opportunity to provide consulting services to the City of Jacksonville Beach and the Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency in Florida. The Southern Group is committed to providing the highest level of service in furtherance of your goals. This agreement will describe the terms under which that representation will occur which is contingent upon the underlying contract and existing agreement with JTA. The underlying contract, P-19-26 is being used as the basis for the providing services to the City of Jacksonville Beach. As such, all terms and conditions of that agreement will be applicable to the relationship between The Southern Group and the City of Jacksonville Beach.

Services and activities will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Establish Public Private Partnership Approaches and prepare a guidance document no later than July 30 including solicitation and negotiation guidance within the context of the CRA plans.
- Identify potential P3 developers based on plan guidance and market interest within sixty days.
- Prepare a Project Profile Assessment Form to evaluate potential development projects.
- Begin discussions to shape P3 projects within ninety days to include negotiating parameters.
- Commence negotiations with P3 developers for consideration by CRA and the City during a 180-day period.
- Complete basic terms for a P3 project. The outline will serve as a resource for all future P3 projects.
- Assist in budget preparation for next fiscal year with the CRA Board.
- Review with Administrator and Coordinator plan amendments to clarify current plan and discussion of amendments within forty-five days.
- Conduct two workshops regarding the Redevelopment Plans within sixty days to:
 - Review current plan objectives and status.
 - Brief members in advance and establish their ideas for discussion and distribution prior to the Workshops.
 - Utilize workshops as a visioning concept building on the adopted plans.
 - Take concepts and consolidate into a document for discussion to share with Jacksonville Beach City Council.
 - Proceed to prepare appropriate amendments after completion of above tasks.
 - Assist in preparing Plan amendment language within ninety days.

The Southern Group's entire team will be available to advance the City of Jacksonville Beach and the Jacksonville Beach Redevelopment Agency's interests. You may wish to review in detail the

qualifications of the team at www.thesoutherngroup.com. However, in order to ensure that your needs are efficiently and fully addressed, I will be the primary contact for this representation. My contact information is reflected on an attached sheet.

In exchange for these services, the City of Jacksonville Beach and the Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency has agreed to pay The Southern Group \$6,500 per month beginning February 1, 2024, through December 11, 2024.

All invoicing, notices, cancellation of services, and further terms will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of The Southern Group and Jacksonville Transportation Authority contract.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Gilmore".

Jim Gilmore

Enclosures

For the City of Jacksonville Beach and the
Jacksonville Beach Community
Redevelopment Agency

Date