

**MINUTES
LAKE CLARKE SHORES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

Immediately following the First Public Hearing 2023/2024 Town Budget

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Gregory Freebold called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

The following members and officials were present:

Chairman Gregory Freebold
Vice Chairman Robert M. W. Shalhoub
Commissioner Valentin Rodriguez, Jr.
Commissioner Robert O. Gonzalez
Commissioner Jon Maples

2. Public Hearing

A. Presentation of CRA Budget – Mr. Joseph Lo Bello, Executive Director

Mr. Lo Bello noted that the Town Council is sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency Executive Board during this meeting. He noted that during this meeting the Executive Board will be approving the resolution for the Town Council to adopt the CRA budget as part of the Lake Clarke Shores 2023/2024 budget on September 27, 2023.

He noted the CRA budget. He noted that property values in the CRA have increased each year since the CRA was established. He noted the 2023/2024 CRA revenue consists of \$64,426 from Palm Beach County and \$85,808 from the Town. He noted the CRA budget has included funds for incentives for planning and property development to enhance taxes and the quality of life for the CRA and for the Town. He noted that the CRA Budget was the same as proposed in July.

It was noted that the money generated from the CRA can only be used within the CRA.

B. Audience Comments - None

C. Commission Comments -

Commissioner Gonzalez – noted that the CRA has done an incredible job of attracting business and restaurants within Forest Hill Plaza. He noted that Jeff Gordon owns Dunkin, and that he is a great guy, has a very nice family and runs a good business.

Chairman Freebold noted that the CRA is alive and well. He also noted there is a lot of value within the Forest Hill Boulevard corridor and a lot of area that can continue to improve for the betterment of the Town.

D. Adjournment of Public Hearing Portion of Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Gonzalez to adjourn the Public Hearing, seconded by Vice Chairman Shalhoub; Motion approved (5-0).

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Vice Chairman Shalhoub to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Valentin Rodriguez; Motion approved (5-0).

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the July 11, 2023 Community Redevelopment Agency.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Shalhoub to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez; Motion approved (5-0).

5. New Business

- A. Approval of Resolution 2023-01 – submitting 2023/2024 Fiscal Year CRA Budget to the Lake Clarke Shores Town Council for adoption as part of the Lake Clarke Shores 2023/2024 Town Budget on September 27, 2023.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Shalhoub to approve Resolution 2023-01, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez; Motion approved (5-0).

6. Audience Comments

- A. Emailed Questions/Comments – None
- B. Written Questions/Comments – None
- C. Verbal Questions/Comments – None

7. Commissioner Comments

No additional comments at this time

8. Adjournment

Vice Chairman Shalhoub made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez; Motion approved (5-0).

Gregory Freebold, Chairman

Mary Pinkerman, Clerk