

**Official Minutes of
MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

September 18, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners met as the Marion County Community Redevelopment Agency Board in a recessed session at 1:50 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at the Marion County Governmental Complex located in Ocala, Florida.

2. ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Upon roll call the following members were present: Chairman Kathy Bryant, District 2; Vice-Chair Michelle Stone, District 5; Commissioner Jeff Gold, District 3; and Commissioner Carl Zalak, District 4. Commissioner David Moore, District 1, was absent. Also present were County Attorney Matthew G. Minter and County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

Chairman Bryant advised that this is a continuation of the August 21, 2018 Marion County Community Redevelopment Agency Board (MCCRAB) public hearing.

The Deputy Clerk was in receipt of a 3 page Agenda packet.

3. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

A. None.

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS:

4A Update on Street Lighting for East Silver Springs Boulevard

Senior Planner Christopher D. Rison, AICP, Growth Services, presented the following recommendation:

Description/Background: Growth Services staff met with the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization staff and contact City of Ocala Electric Utility staff regarding street lighting for East Silver Springs Boulevard. The TPO will proceed with an enhancement request to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) which must initiate the request with the City of Ocala as the City is the utility provider. FDOT's typical practice is "cobra-head" street lights; however, the local community may request an alternative design (e.g., decorative poles/lights) subject to the local community funding the additional costs related to the design modifications. The City of Ocala Utilities staff will initiate the lighting design (lumens, spacing, etc.) and noted that once they receive the formal request from FDOT they can coordinate further on the lighting plan with County staff.

As noted in previous discussions, decorative pole and light configuration pricing varies depending on the design, and any pole attachments that increase costs as they require additional engineering and foundation work. Costs may range from \$2,000 up to \$7,000 per pole. To alleviate costs, staff recommends alternating pole types, with most being only pole/light, mixed with a few poles including banner

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mounts, and then a limited number wayfinding signs at key intersections. East Silver Springs Boulevard from the new Circle K-Store to the NE 55th Avenue (Hwy 35) intersection is approximately 2,400'. A ±80' spacing to meet pedestrian lighting needs, ±30 lights would be needed costing ±\$60,000 at \$2,000/light, as such phasing the street lighting may also be necessary.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: No action at this time, provide for informational purposes.

Mr. Rison advised that Growth Services staff met with Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) staff who will submit an enhancement project request to FDOT relating to street lighting along SR 40/Silver Springs Boulevard. FDOT must coordinate the request with the City of Ocala as the City is the utility provider. He stated once the City of Ocala receives the formal request from FDOT they can coordinate further on the lighting plan with FDOT, noting the City usually pays the electric bill for the lighting once construction is complete. In this instance, funding will come from the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA).

Commissioner Bryant referred to public comment received at the August 21, 2018 MCCRAB meeting relating to safety concerns within the CRA. She advised that she requested Sheriff Woods have a representative present at today's hearing, noting Captain Brian Spivey, Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), is present. She questioned whether there is any interest by the Board to possibly expend some of the CRA funds to provide additional deputies to address safety concerns. Chairman Bryant opined that it is prudent for the Board to have a discussion about the need for more law enforcement presence and how to get there.

Commissioner Stone questioned if the Board is allowed to expend funds on law enforcement services.

Mr. Rison advised that staff has determined that the county's CRA plan potentially allows for community policing activities, which can be utilized for supplemental law enforcement presence paid for with CRA funds. One of the requirements is that it does need to be done at the local government level first, for the community in general, and then the CRA can utilize Transportation Impact Fees (TIF) funds for that particular geographic area.

Commissioner Gold advised that the Board may want to consider a detail deputy during peak times, which is an hourly cost.

Captain Brian Spivey, MCSO, advised that the special detail rate is \$40 per hour, which will designate the deputy to stay in that area and perform specific duties, unless an extreme emergency arose where the deputy would need to respond; and would immediately return.

Commissioner Gold stated that option will alleviate the need for a full time deputy position. Chairman Bryant requested the Sheriff's Department bring back several options. She advised that she has not yet had the opportunity to speak with Ocala Police Chief Greg Graham; however, the City of Ocala limits are right there and opined that the Board should discuss the matter with the Ocala Police Department (OPD) to see what they can do to help address safety concerns. Chairman Bryant stated the Board is trying to invest in this corridor and encourage business to grow, noting citizens need to feel safe.

It was the general consensus of the Board to concur.

B. Request to Schedule and Advertise an Interlocal Agreement Hearing for a Silver Springs CRA Grant Program(s)

Senior Planner Rison, Growth Services, presented the following recommendation:

Description/Background: Growth Services staff confirmed with Community Development staff is authorized to review and authorize grant awards in conjunction with other agency programs subject to an agreement with the primary agency and compliance with established program policies and procedures that are also coordinated with the Procurement staff. Such programs also allow for some grant awards to receive only staff level approval rather than formal Board or agency approval. Staff has begun preparation of an interlocal agreement and other grant program standards and procedures to allow a similar delegation from the Agency to the County.

Staff will utilize the draft grant framework for preparation of the agreement and grant materials for consideration; however, the interlocal agreement requires public hearing notice. Staff anticipates including the consideration with the October Agency meet as that meeting must also be specially advertised as it will be the Agency budget consideration, which will also allow for allocating funds to the grant program(s). This item is intended to brief the Agency on the grant program activities and allow the Agency Board to schedule the agreement consideration.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Authorize staff to schedule and advertise a public hearing to consider an interlocal agreement with Marion County to operate and manage a CRA Grant Program(s) on October 16, 2018, with the currently scheduled quarterly CRA meeting.

In response to Chairman Bryant, Mr. Rison advised that the Marion County Board of County Commissioners (BCC), which functions as a separate agency has a public hearing on Thursday, September 20, 2018, wherein, it will set the county's millage rate that determines what the CRA's budget will be in the upcoming year. He noted the Board may want to defer staffs request to schedule and advertise a public hearing to consider an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) until the next MCCRAB meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. It was the general consensus of the Board to defer staffs request for an ILA until the next regularly scheduled MCCRAB meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

In response to Chairman Bryant, Mr. Rison advised that there are no other matters to address at this time.

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the MCCRAB, the meeting thereupon adjourned at 1:59 p.m.


Kathy Bryant, Chairman

Attest:


David R. Ellspermann, Clerk

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