AGENDA MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 501 W MEADOW STREET
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 5:10 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City of Leesburg Greater Leesburg Community Redevelopment Agency held a regular meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at Leesburg City Hall. Chairperson Pro Tem Connell called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. with the following members present:

Commissioner Allyson Berry
Commissioner Mike Pederson
Commissioner Alan Reisman
Commissioner John Sokol
Chairperson Pro Tem Jay Connell

Commissioner Samantha Ponder and Chairperson Jimmy Burry were absent. Also present, were City Manager (CM) Al Minner, City Clerk (CC) J. Andi Purvis, Deputy City Clerk (DCC) Anna Rottermond, the news media, and others.

INVOCATION

The invocation and the pledge of allegiance were previously held at the Carver Heights Montclair Area Community Redevelopment Agency meeting that was held immediately prior to this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2. APPROVE MINUTES:

A. Regular meeting held August 13, 2024

Commissioner Reisman made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 13, 2024, and Commissioner Pederson seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Berry	Yes
Commissioner Sokol	Yes
Commissioner Reisman	Yes
Commissioner Pederson	Yes
Chairperson Pro Tem Connell	Yes

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission approved the regular meeting minutes.

3. RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolutions amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 and adopting the budget for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 for the Greater Leesburg Community Redevelopment Agency.

1. Resolution of the Greater Leesburg Community Redevelopment Agency of Leesburg, Florida, approving the amended Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget; appropriating certain funds to specific redevelopment projects; and providing an effective date.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 60

Commissioner Reisman introduced the resolution to be read by title only. CC Purvis read the resolution by title only.

Commissioner Reisman made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Berry seconded the motion.

Chairperson Pro Tem Connell requested comments from the Commission and the audience.

Commissioner Sokol questioned the special events division being included in this budget. **CM Minner** agreed that was included in this budget.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Sokol	Yes
Commissioner Reisman	Yes
Commissioner Pederson	Yes
Commissioner Berry	Yes
Chairperson Pro Tem Connell	Yes

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the resolution.

2. Resolution of the Greater Leesburg Community Redevelopment Agency of Leesburg, Florida, approving the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget; appropriating certain funds to specific redevelopment projects; and providing an effective date.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 61

Commissioner Reisman introduced the resolution to be read by title only. CC Purvis read the resolution by title only.

Commissioner Reisman made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Berry seconded the motion.

Chairperson Pro Tem Connell requested comments from the Commission and the audience.

CM Minner said the Downtown/Greater Leesburg CRA has about $1.1 million dollars in revenue, which is an increase of 18%. All three CRAs have been growing reasonably well. The major expenses for this CRA are two-fold. The number one expense pursuant to the decree is that we have to give half the increment to the Leesburg CDC, and this year it is $499,357. The remainder of the funds will go to the new special events division. Remember, Bikefest was included in the general fund. The special events division covers the Fourth of July, Christmas and salaries. The remainder of the fund, which is about $100,000, covers the debt for the Main Street project. That debt will retire by 2027. We have a few more years for that. We then put $40,295 aside in reserves, and we have about $340,000 unallocated. This board felt that we should keep some of that money in the reserves for future projects. We could potentially go back to the Market Street Concept or the imminent parking project. We will also talk about the $1.2 million dollars DST money that was allocated for the parking and downtown improvements. **Commissioner Reisman** wanted to confirm that it would actually save money by moving the special events division over to the gas department, since we will not have to build a new facility. **CM Minner** agreed. They were worried about storage, so with special events moving to the gas facility, we would only have to bang out a garage door. Moving the special events division will save a couple of coins. **Commissioner Sokol** asked about facade grants not being included in the budget. **CM Minner** replied that those were not included in this year's budget. **Commissioner Pederson** asked about the million dollar grant that was to be used for downtown redevelopment. **CM Minner** said there is one grant left. That grant was split over a couple of different funds including electric, general and wastewater. Developers could receive up to $250,000 for downtown redevelopment improvements and three grants have been issued. The old bank building next to Two Old Hags has been allocated so we have $250,000 left. **Chairperson Pro Tem Connell** asked if there were any other questions or comments. There were none.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Reisman	Yes
Commissioner Pederson	Yes
Commissioner Berry	Yes
Commissioner Sokol	Yes
Chairperson Pro Tem Connell	Yes

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the resolution.

4. ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Berry had no comment.

Commissioner Sokol had no further comment.

Commissioner Reisman had no comment.

Commissioner Pederson had no further comment.

Chairperson Pro Tem Connell had no comment.

5. ADJOURN:
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES

DEPARTMENT, ADA COORDINATOR, AT 728-9740, 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

F.S.S. 286.0105 "If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose they 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." The City of Leesburg does not provide this verbatim record.

With a motion by Commissioner Reisman and a second by Commissioner Berry, the meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.