

Agenda Packet

Community Redevelopment Agency

**Tuesday, October 18, 2011
(Following Council Meeting)**



City of Gulfport Florida
Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 2011

To begin immediately following the City Council Meeting scheduled to convene at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order.

Roll Call.

Public Session.

1. Consider approval of the Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting minutes of September 20, 2011.
2. Discuss and consider the dissolution of the Economic Development Advisory Committee.
3. Discuss and consider the dissolution of the Waterfront Redevelopment Advisory Board.
4. Consider the request of the Gulfport Merchants Association to place two pieces of art within the District.
5. Any other business.
6. Adjournment.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the Community Redevelopment Agency with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purposes 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 law does not require the City Clerk to transcribe verbatim minutes; therefore, the applicant must make the necessary arrangements with a private reporter or private reporting firm and bear the resulting expense. Any person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should call (727) 893-1000 or fax a written request to (727) 893-1008. Posted: October 14, 2011

Agenda Item No. 1
Approval of Minutes

City of Gulfport Florida
Community Redevelopment Agency Minutes
Tuesday, September 20, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 2401 53rd Street South, Gulfport, Florida.

Michael J. Yakes, Mayor called the meeting to order immediately following the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting which convened at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present were Councilmembers Samuel Henderson, Barbara Banno and Jennifer Salmon; Vice Mayor David Hastings; Mayor Michael J. Yakes; City Manager James O'Reilly; Attorney Caitlin E. Sirico, and City Clerk Lesley DeMuth.

Public Session.

Mayor Yakes opened the Public Session. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone who wished to speak, Mayor Yakes closed the Public Session.

1. Consider approval of the Community Redevelopment Agency Minutes of September 21, 2010.

Motion by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Banno to approve the Minutes of September 21, 2010.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION

2. Resolution:

2011-01, A resolution of the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Gulfport, Florida approving the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency to approve Application #S11-01; a site plan to allow a restaurant use with an outdoor seating area at 2813 Beach Boulevard South, Gulfport, Florida; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk DeMuth read Resolution No. 2011-01 by title only.

Michael Taylor, Principle Planner, gave an overview of application, stating this is a site plan for the conversion of an existing laundromat to a restaurant use. He advised the applicant has purchased the property and wishes to open a pizzeria, and that the Planning and Zoning Board has recommended approval.

Councilmember Henderson commented on the concerns outlined by the neighbor at the Planning and Zoning Board meeting and asked if there had been further comments from him after his hearing the applicant responses to which Mr. Taylor said there were none.

In response to questions by council, Mr. Taylor responded to and explained codes involving handicap accessible bathrooms, improvements being made to the building and the parking areas. Fred Metcalf, Community Development Director, mentioned the applicant has brought forth new plans that may require an amended site plan.

Frank Castelleno, co-owner of the restaurant and resident of Town Shores, clarified that the restaurant will have one handicap accessible bathroom; they intend to limit seating to ten and will concentrate on take-out and pick-up orders to expedite start-up of the business. In addition, he stated the handicap ramp will be replaced with new wood, the concrete area will be refinished to be handicap accessible, the dryer cutouts have been filled in and it was his understanding the second bathroom does not have to be handicap accessible according to code guidelines; advising if he is incorrect he will follow the code guidelines.

Councilmember Banno said she is hoping to work on changing procedures in the city to make the opening of a business an easier process.

Mayor Yakes opened the public hearing.

Gina Burke, 5659 Shore Boulevard S., spoke in support of the new restaurant.

Bob Newcomb, Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of simplifying and shorting the processes for business to open within the city.

Neither hearing nor seeing anyone else who wished to speak, Mayor Yakes closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Banno to approve Resolution No. 2011-01.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILMEMBER BANNO	YES
	VICE-MAYOR HASTINGS	YES
	COUNCILMEMBER HENDERSON	YES
	COUNCILMEMBER SALMON	YES
	MAYOR YAKES	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Any Other Business. None

4. Adjournment.

Motion by Vice Mayor Hastings, second by Councilmember Henderson to adjourn.

Date Approved: _____

Michael J. Yakes, Mayor

Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk

**Agenda Item No. 2 & 3
Dissolution of EDAC
and WRAB**



GULFPORT CITY COUNCIL
Community Redevelopment Agency
AGENDA MEMORANDUM

FROM: James E. O'Reilly, City Manager

DATE: October 18, 2011

AGENDA ITEM: 2 & 3

SUBJECT: Discussion of dissolution of the City's Economic Development Advisory Committee and Waterfront District Advisory Board.

BACKGROUND:

Councilmember Henderson had requested City Council discuss the possibility of dissolving the City of Gulfport's Economic Development Advisory Committee. Additionally, City Council on August 25, 2011 asked that the Waterfront District Advisory Board and Senior Citizen Advisory Board and the creation of Public Art Committee also be discussed. The discussion of the Economic Development Advisory Committee and the Waterfront District Advisory Board may take place as the City Council sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency. As the other committees are of a different nature it is recommended that the discussion of the Senior Citizen Advisory Board and the creation of Public Art Committee be scheduled for the next available City Council workshop.

The City of Gulfport has two (2) redevelopment advisory committees, the Waterfront Redevelopment Advisory Board and the Economic Development Advisory Committee, respectively.

In 1998, the City Council adopted Resolution 1998-18 creating the Economic Development Advisory Committee. More recently, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2009-53 amending the appointment and terms of Committee Members. During the Work Session of May 28, 2009, City Council further discussed additional changes to Resolution 1998-18 to provide for the Committee to meet quarterly unless convened at the request of the City Council or City Manager, and the expansion of the Advisory Committee's purview to those other commercial areas within the City that are not located within the Waterfront Redevelopment District. Resolution No. 2009-64 adopted on June 16, 2009 combined the previous Resolutions and the additional changes proposed at the May 28, 2009 Work Session into one resolution. The initial term of the committee at that time was for a period of one (1) year. Subsequently, thirteen (13) years later the Committee is still in existence. The establishment of the Board at that time was seen as a method to facilitate community input that had been perceived as lacking in the past.

The Waterfront Redevelopment Advisory Board (WRAB) was re-established on March 19, 2002 by the City Council in its capacity as the Community Redevelopment Agency via Resolution 2002-01. Resolution 2002-01 authorized the (WRAB) to advise the Community Redevelopment Agency (City Council) and City staff as to interpretation of the needs and desires of the waterfront business community and as to programs, incentives, facilities and promotional

activities designed to encourage and facilitate development and redevelopment of the Waterfront Redevelopment District and to perform such other functions hereafter required by the Community Redevelopment Agency (City Council). CRA Resolution No. 2009-04 adopted on June 16, 2009 combined the previous Resolutions and the additional changes proposed at the May 28, 2009 Work Session into one Resolution.

ANALYSIS:

The establishment of the Boards as a method of soliciting community input has been overshadowed by the private sectors establishment of community or business groups that are in a position to lobby or bring forth ideas that provide a different perspective that may not coincide with general government activities.

In respect to the specific areas of interest, the ability to implement certain Board recommendations or ideas is dependent on duties reserved specifically for the City Council and City Manager.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

Agenda Item No. 4
Merchants Assoc. Request



**GULFPORT CITY COUNCIL
Community Redevelopment Agency
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

FROM: James E. O'Reilly, City Manager

DATE: October 18, 2011

AGENDA ITEM: 4

SUBJECT: Request from Gulfport Merchants Association (GMA) to place two (2) art pieces in City Right-of-Way.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that City Council authorize the installation of public art by the Gulfport Merchants Association (GMA). Provide for the City Manager the authority to approve location and installation methodology.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Gulfport has received a request from the Gulfport Merchants Association (GMA) to commission and install two (2) art pieces at the entry to the downtown area. The GMA is also requesting that the City install electrical service to facilitate up lighting of the art pieces as is the case with the existing tree lights.

ANALYSIS:

City Council must approve the placement of such public art on City Right-of-Way and determine the level of content approval it wishes to have. It will be necessary for the GMA to execute a hold harmless agreement with the City and allow City staff final placement approval, as to avoid line of sight issues or other potential utility or otherwise conflicts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The cost for the installation of the requested electrical service and up lighting would be borne by the waterfront district's TIF fund.

MOTION:

Approve the installation of two (2) art pieces by the Gulfport Merchants Association (GMA), pending city council final approval and granting the City Manager authority to facilitate such installation.



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To the City of Gulfport,

The Gulfport Merchants Association wishes to dedicate monies collected from our 2011 Gecko Fest for an art installation to be installed in the downtown Waterfront District. It is our intent to commission a local artist to design two art pieces that will beautify and celebrate the entrance to the downtown area. We would like the installations in the general location of Beach Blvd and 28th Ave South one for each side of the street.

This will be the work of a professional artist for the public to enjoy. It will bring attention to our lovely Waterfront District and allows our organization to give back to the community.

We appreciate your consideration and support of this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Leslie Gilchrist

President of the Gulfport Merchants Association

Agenda Item No. 5
Any Other Business

Agenda Item No. 6
Adjournment