

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: 10-18-11

Lesley DeMuth
Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk

Michael J. Yakes
Michael J. Yakes, Mayor