



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

AGENDA (AMENDED)

Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Town Hall - 307 E Kennedy Blvd

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval CRA Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2023 (Clerk Office)

V. BOARD DISCUSSION

2. **Presentation** on The Help CDC Neighborhood Stabilization (Director Randolph)

3. Discuss Monthly Financial Report (Administration)

4. Discuss RFP for Investigation Results (Administration)

5. Discuss Special Investigation (Director Randolph)

6. Discuss Federal Funds from Omnibus (Director Randolph)

7. Discuss Property at 225 West Kennedy Boulevard, Eatonville (Director Randolph)

8. Discuss Lien on Property at 213 West Kennedy Boulevard, Eatonville (Director Randolph)

VI. STAFF REPORTS

VII. BOARD REPORTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

REGULAR CRA MEETING

MAY 18, 2023 AT 06:30 PM

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ITEM TITLE:

Approval CRA Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2023

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACTION:

CRA DECISION		Department: LEGISLATIVE (CLERK’S OFFICE)
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	Exhibits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRA Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2023
NEW BUSINESS		
ADMINISTRATIVE		
CRA DISCUSSION		

REQUEST: Approval of the CRA Meeting Minutes for the April 20, 2023 meeting.

SUMMARY: The CRA Meeting was held on the 3rd Thursday, April 20, 2023, 6:30 p.m. and minutes were transcribed from the audio archive for approval for the public records.

RECOMMENDATION: For Board of Directors to approve the April 20, 2023 CRA meeting minutes.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: N/A



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Town Hall (Council Chamber) - 307 E Kennedy Blvd. 32751

SPECIAL NOTICE: These meeting minutes are presented in an abbreviated format intended as a public record discussion of stated meeting according to the Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine law. Meetings are opened to the public, noticed within reasonable advance notice, and transcribed into minutes for public record. ***Audio Recording are available through the Town's website on the Council Agenda Page.*

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Quorum was established through roll call by the Town Clerk

PRESENT: (6) Chair Angie Gardner, Vice Chair Rodney Daniels, Director Wanda Randolph, Director Ruthie Critton, Director Theo Washington. Director Marlin Daniels **STAFF:** (3) Nicole Bonds, **CRA Executive Director**, Veronica King, **Town Clerk**, Patrick Brackins, **Attorney**, Joseph Jenkins, **Deputy Chief**. (**Not In Attendance:** Director Leviticus Henderson)

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Gardner led the invocation through a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - (The Three-minute rule was strictly enforced)

Angela Johnson – Inquired about the agenda item pertaining to the Paint, Plan, and Pave Program; Would like information on the amount allocated, date of implementation, advertisement efforts, and if opportunity will be available to residents who received prior funding or the eligible time a former recipient would have to wait for reapplication.

APPROVAL CONSENT AGENDA – Chair Gardner Motions to approve Consent Agenda for approval of TOECRA Meeting Minutes for 3-16-2023; Moved by Director Washington; Second by Director Randolph; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

BOARD DISCUSSION

To Discuss the Paint, Plant and Pave Program – Discussed budget allocations (Currently there are no funds allocated on current budget), seeking direction from the board for the possible budget transfer; need to look at unused budget line items as a possibility source for transfer). The former program had a \$30,000 budget: up to \$5,000 per applicant. Consider if there will be an income level eligibility criterion, ensure that every applicant benefit from the program (consider setting a cycle of funding with deadline for submission), In the description section, there is a discrepancy of \$2500; it should read up to \$5,000, the program is a reimbursable program, request to clearly define the term “priority basis” (can create a scale to determine priority); who determines the priority (the approving authority); In maintaining the improvements, consider adding a time period and determining an inspection team, consider adding a criteria for requesting for “forgiveness” to the board as there is a need, and provide clarity to judgments or encumbrances (whether a request for “forgiveness” will be allowed on a lien). Need to establish a clear vetting process to ensure a fair system (consider a lottery system). Ensure that contractors are vetted

(future legislation could lead to a felony if contractors are not certified and vetted), emphasized the need to established eligibility limits for former applicants who have received money (prevent double dipping), should not be investment and rental properties; need to be a homestead property not in risk of foreclosure (providing proof of good standing), will there be a requirement for insurance. Recommend establishing criteria for identifying a list of priority projects to consider and whether a former recipient can apply again if the maximum benefit of \$5,000 was not used. Consider the town vetting contractors through an RFP process and utilizing local town contractors. Consider the income average in the town when determining income eligibility criterion to prevent discriminatory actions towards qualifying/disqualifying factors. Consider the program being homeownership based rather income based. (Angela Thomas asked to podium by Mayor Gardner) Served as chair to the affordable housing program for three years; the minor rehab and a similar program being discussed today; suggest partnering with the affordable housing as a referral partner if applicant meet the eligibility requirements (there is lots of money that Eatonville does not use through the affordable housing.).

To Discuss the Residential Demolition Grant Program – Program will assist homeowners who do not have funds for a demolition of their home (Several possible homes were shown through PowerPoint); will address blighted areas and concerns related to health and crime. If the town pays for demolition, a lien should be placed on the property as a way of repayment to the town. (Historical Homes) Funding for historical restoration can be used towards historical homes; should not be demolished. Need to look at the purpose and function of Code Enforcement, demolishing homes can affect property value and appraisal. Consider a down payment assistance program. Request for list and research on the homes to see if there are existing liens; including any liens with the town for further action (town can foreclose on a lien after 3 months). Need address drug invested vacant homes; individuals have been escorted from the properties. Owners should be contacted to board the homes.

To Discuss Neighborhood Stabilization No Discussion; Presenter cancelled. Director Randolph will have Help CDC (Nicole Oriol) come to the next meeting to present their Help CDC program. Recommend coming to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program website to learn more about the eligible activities; there are funds available. HUDS Neighborhood Stabilization Program, no new funding had come in since 2010; need to determine what is actually available. Research also if there are available funds from the county for neighborhood stabilization.

BOARD DECISIONS - None

STAFF REPORTS

Nicole Bonds - Executive Director – (Investigation) – No current bids; bid is open to April 28th.

Attorney Brackins – No Report, sitting in for Attorney Jackson.

BOARD REPORTS

1. Director Wanda Randolph – (Concerns) emails are not being responded to; a support email for the CRA is being created. Inquired about the forensic audit (no open audit at this time), will be attending a CRA training on May 5th in Tampa. (Bylaws) Attorney Jackson will be contacted for a status update.
2. Director Theo Washington – No Report
3. Director Ruthie Critton – No Report
4. Director M. Daniels – Consider budget adjustment for the programs discussed, recommend seeking funding to improve the landscaping front/main street. Consider calling a meeting with the front/main street business owners to discuss a uniformed painting of commercial buildings, look at adding a different lighting appeal and uniformed signs, bring food trucks and live bands onto main street on

Fri/Sat to increase visitor to Eatonville. Recommend reaching out to Orange County for available funding. The state funding for the CBDG is held up due to a special session; the funding limit has been reached according to statute limits. They will be holding a special session. Requesting to establish an interlocal agreement with Orange County to receive funding for certain projects. Mr. Pressley is already in contact with companies pertaining to the irrigation.

5. **Vice Chair Rodney Daniels** – **No Report (Would like to meet with the Director)**
6. **Chair Angie Gardner** – The appropriate email for the RFP is updated; email contact for grants is also updated, representatives are already speaking with Ms. Bonds. CRA funds cannot cover the front/main street landscaping project.

ADJOURNMENT Chair Gardner Motions for Adjournment of Meeting (Moved by Director Washington; Second by Director Randolph; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned AT 7:23 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

APPROVED

Veronica L King, Town Clerk

Angie Gardner, Chair



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ITEM TITLE: Presentation on The Help CDC Neighborhood Stabilization
(Director Randolph)

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACTION:

CRA DECISION		Department: LEGISLATIVE
CONSENT AGENDA		Exhibits: N/A **Help CDC (Nicole Oriole) will conduct a presentation about their Neighborhood Stabilization Program
NEW BUSINESS		
ADMINISTRATIVE		
CRA DISCUSSION	YES	

REQUEST: To Discuss A Neighborhood Stabilization Program

SUMMARY: The Town of Eatonville CRA, Inc. in its efforts to assist the Eatonville Community with homeownership does not have funding for a program of the agency at this time. In order to better serve the community, Ms. Nicole Oriole is presenting the H.E.L.P. Community Development Corporation. H.E.L.P., a local nonprofit in the Town of Eatonville, provides assistance to residents and their families to maintain homeownership, reduce foreclosures, assist from losing properties to investors, and to reduce a rental community. Other services include Home Buyers Education workshop, reverse mortgage counseling, foreclosure assistance, community revitalization, and student loan debt action plans.

PRESENTER:

Nicole Oriole, Executive Director
H.E.L.P. Community Development Corporation
(Helping Everyone Live Prosperously)

RECOMMENDATION: Recommending that the Board of Directors hear Ms. Nicole Oriole presentation on the H.E.L.P. Community Development Corporation and consider its Neighborhood Stabilization Program as a partnering and informational agency to assist the Eatonville community.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: N/A



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ITEM TITLE: Discuss Monthly Financial Report (**Administration**)

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACTION:

CRA DECISION		Department: ADMINISTRATION Exhibits: CRA Financials (April/May 2023)
CONSENT AGENDA		
NEW BUSINESS		
ADMINISTRATIVE		
CRA DISCUSSION	YES	

REQUEST: To discuss Updates on the TOECRA Financials/Budget Investigation.

SUMMARY: The TOECRA Board of Directors of the TOECRA desires to have a full accounting of the financial actions taken by or on behalf of the TOECRA from month to month in order to make proper financial decisions for the Agency. On October 18, 2022, the TOECRA adopted Resolution CRA-R-2022-22 directing the Executive Director or appointed staff to provide financial statements, as well as checks and bank statements at each and every TOECRA regular meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff is recommending that the TOECRA Board discuss the Town of Eatonville CRA Financial Report.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: N/A

DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	FISCAL YR 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET	FISCAL YR 2023 APPROVED BUDGET	FISCAL YR 2023 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	FISCAL YR 2023 ACCOUNT BALANCES
CRA REVENUE					
AD VALOREM TAXES					
Ad Valorem Taxes - Orange County	303-311.1000	150,000.00	150,000.00	444,162.33	132,529.67
TIF - Town of Eatonville	303-319.0000	200,000.00	200,000.00	730,518.57	217,971.34
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES & USES					
Received from GF - Administration Svcs	303-341.9000				
DUE TO CRA FROM TOE GF		322,000.00			
CRA Balance Forward		600,000.00			593,180.72
Interest Earnings	303-361.0000				
CRA - 303-515					
EXPENDITURES					
PERSONAL SERVICES					
Salaries & Wages - Regular (FT)	303-0515-515.1200	141,343.00	92,000.00	0.00	
CRA Executive Director		81,343.00	56,000.00	0.00	56,000.00
CRA Admin Asst		40,000.00	18,000.00	2,145.20	15,854.80
CRA Fiscal Coordinator		20,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	18,000.00
TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES		141,343.00	92,000.00	2,145.20	89,854.80
FRINGE BENEFITS					
FICA Taxes - 7.65%	303-0515-515.2100	13,108.00	13,108.00	0.00	
Retirement 5% (ED 10% per contract 2022)	303-0515-515.2200	7,068.00	7,068.00	0.00	
Health/Life Insurance	303-0515-515.2300	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	
Unemployment Compensation	303-0515-515.2500				
Workers' Compensation	303-0515-515.2400				
TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS		36,176.00	36,176.00	0.00	0.00

OPERATING SERVICES							
Professional Services	303-0515-515.3100	200,000.00	50,000.00	1,400.00			48,600.00
Contractual Services	303-0515-515.3400	50,000.00	1,000.00	35,794.04			-34,794.04
Accounting & Auditing	303-0515-515.3200	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00			10,000.00
Rental Leases	303-0515-515.4400	20,000.00	10,000.00	10,886.60			-886.60
Gas & Oil	303-0515-515.5290	3,000.00	3,000.00	512.73			2,487.27
Travel & Per Diem	303-0515-515.4000	7,500.00	3,750.00	100.00			3,650.00
Communication Services	303-0515-515.4100	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,539.75			1,460.25
Mail & Freight	303-0515-515.4200	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00			2,000.00
Utility Services	303-0515-515.4300	7,340.00	3,670.00	1,088.79			2,581.21
Insurance	303-0515-515.4500	40,000.00	40,000.00	36,445.00			3,555.00
Bldg. Repair & Maintenance	303-0515-515.4611	10,000.00	10,000.00	990.00			9,010.00
Printing & Binding	303-0515-515.4700	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00			1,000.00
Promotional Activities	303-0515-515.4800	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00			2,500.00
Legal Ads	303-0515-515.4900	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00			1,000.00
Office Supplies	303-0515-515.5100	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00			3,000.00
Operating Supplies	303-0515-515.5210	1,000.00	1,000.00	40.00			960.00
Books, Publications, Subscriptions	303-0515-515.5400	7,000.00	1,000.00	945.49			54.51
Contingency	303-0515-515.5800	322,200.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Misc. Expenses	303-0515-515.5900	3,000.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		693,540.00	145,920.00	89,742.40			56,177.60
CAPITAL OUTLAYS							
BOD Project / Loan Reserves / Acquisitions	303-0515-515.6202	259,798.00					
Mainstreet Program	303-0515-515.6400						
Programming & Grants							
PEC							
Other							
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAYS		259,798.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
TOTALS		1,130,857.00	274,096.00	1,268,713.70			707,794.53



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ITEM TITLE: Discuss RFP for Investigation Results (**Administration**)

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACTION:

CRA DECISION		Department: ADMINISTRATION
CONSENT AGENDA		Exhibits: RFP for Investigation Demand Star Bid details
NEW BUSINESS		
ADMINISTRATIVE	YES	
CRA DISCUSSION		

REQUEST: To Discuss and determine if changes need to be made to the RFP FOR Special Investigation.

SUMMARY: The Town of Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency (“TOECRA”) is seeking professional legal services from a private law firm or firms to conduct a special investigation related to certain actions taken by or on behalf of TOECRA. Specifically, TOECRA seeks an investigation into the following: A review of all documentation and/or pertinent information related to the use of TOECRA funds paid to the former TOECRA Executive Director in the amount of \$71,677.69, after the former Executive Director was terminated by the agency for cause. The investigation will include a review of all documentation and other pertinent information related to the specific TOECRA financial transaction to determine, inter alia, the appropriateness of a single signer executing financial instruments on behalf of TOECRA. The investigation will also include a review of all documentation and/or pertinent information related to the TOECRA financial transaction to determine the appropriateness of allowing non-TOECRA Board Members to be listed as signers on the TOECRA accounts with any financial institution.

The board needs to decide if they are willing to increase the amount of \$15,000 for the investigation.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff request for the TOECRA Board to discuss and determine the RFP for Investigation establishing possibly a new budget perimeter.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: To be established by the TOECRA Board

TOWN OF EATONVILLE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY

Under Evaluation

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Planholders	Broadcast to	Supplemental Suppliers	Watchers	Post Bid Viewers

Bid Details

Agency Name	Town of Eatonville
Bid Writer	Katrina Gibson
Bid ID	RFP-RFP-TOECRA 2023-LEGAL SERVICES 01-2023/ KG-0-2023/KG
Bid Type	RFP - Request for Proposal
Broadcast Date	Apr 7, 2023 2:44pm (EDT)
Fiscal Year	2023
Due	Apr 28, 2023 2:00pm (EDT)
Bid Status Text	The Town of Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency ("TOECRA") is seeking to retain the professional legal services from a private law firm or firms to conduct a special investigation related to certain actions taken by or on behalf of the TOECRA. The TOECRA will accept sealed proposals on or by 1:00 p.m. on April 28, 2023 but reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals in its absolute discretion. All requests for further information and all proposals should be directed to Nichole Bonds, TOECRA Administrator, 370 East Kennedy Boulevard, Eatonville, Florida 32751, (407) 960-1361; nbonds@townofeatonville.org All sealed proposals that are timely received will be publicly opened in the meeting room or administrative offices at CRA Building. Proposals received after the cut-off date and time will not be considered.
Additional Registration (NEW)	NONE

Broadcast List Filtered

State	Florida
City	
Self Declaration	
Certifications	

Scope of Work

The following tasks are required:

A review of any and all documentation and/or pertinent information related to the use of TOECRA funds submitting compensation to the former TOECRA Executive Director in the amount of \$71,677.69 as severance

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Documents

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Filename	Type	File Type	File Size	Date Modified	Status
CRA RFP Leg...	Bid Document / Specifications	PDF	288.33 KB	Apr 7, 2023	Complete

Section V. Item #4.

Distribution Info

Bid Bond	N/A
Plan (blueprint)	None
eBidding	No
Distributed By	DemandStar
Distribution Method	Download
Distribution Options	Bid has no blueprints associated with it
Project Estimated Budget	\$15,000.00

Publications

Orlando Sentinel
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Pre-Bid Conference

① No Pre-Bid Conference Available

Statistics

Planholders	There are 4 Planholders for this bid.	
Filtered	Yes	
Broadcast List	73 Suppliers have been notified	Export
Post-Bid Viewers	There are 0 Post-Bid viewers	
Supplemental Suppliers	0 Supplemental Suppliers	

Commodity Code

[\[018-961-49\]](#) Legal Services, Attorneys

Planholders

Add Supplier

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Supplier (4)

Supplier 	Download Date
Hand Law	04/09/2023
John B. Webb & Associates, Inc.	04/13/2023
Onvia, Inc. - Content Department	04/07/2023
Pittman Law Group	04/11/2023

Add Supplier

Supplier Details

Supplier Name	Hand Law
Contact Name	Chris Hand
Address	301 W. Bay Street Suite 1454-1, Jacksonville, FL 32202
Email	chris@hand.law
Phone Number	904-274-4979

Documents

Filename	Type	Action
CRA_RFP_Legal_Services	Bid Document / Specifications	View History



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ITEM TITLE: Discuss Special Investigation (Director Randolph)

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACTION:

CRA DECISION		Department: LEGISLATIVE
CONSENT AGENDA		Exhibits: <ul style="list-style-type: none">RFP for Special Investigation <i>**Also see support documents for the Demand Star Bid Results provided by the Executive Director in the previous agenda item</i>
NEW BUSINESS		
ADMINISTRATIVE		
CRA DISCUSSION	YES	

REQUEST: To Discuss the Town of Eatonville CRA information pertaining to the Special Investigation.

SUMMARY: On December 6, 2022, a special CRA meeting from the majority Board of Directors by a 4/2 voted to request a special investigation pertaining to Resolution #CRA-R-2022-24 authorizing General Counsel to engage and retain outside legal counsel for special investigation and render opinions and guidance as the matters related to the former TOECRA Executive Director.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommending the Board of Trustees to further determine an outside legal counsel and/or law enforcement agency for a special investigation and render opinions and guidance as to matters related to the former TOECRA Executive Director.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: N/A

TOWN OF EATONVILLE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR LEGAL SERVICES

TO CONDUCT SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

The Town of Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency (“TOECRA”) is seeking to retain the professional legal services from a private law firm or firms to conduct a special investigation related to certain actions taken by or on behalf of the TOECRA. Specifically, the TOECRA seeking special investigation into the following:

A review of any and all documentation and/or pertinent information related to the use of TOECRA funds submitting compensation to the former TOECRA Executive Director in the amount of \$71,677.69 as severance pay, after the former Executive Director was terminated for cause. A review of any and all documentation and/or pertinent information related to the TOECRA financial transactions to determine the appropriateness of a single signer executing financial instruments on behalf of the TOECRA. A review of any and all documentation and/or pertinent information related to the TOECRA financial transactions to determine the appropriateness of allowing non-TOECRA Board Members to be listed as signers on the TOECRA accounts with any financial institution.

The TOECRA recognizes that the special investigation may result in other related areas being reviewed to complete a thorough special investigation. The TOECRA is thus requesting proposals for the possible establishment of a contract in this context.

Proposals should identify the firm’s experience with similar issues or cases; the individuals within the firm who would be authorized to work on the matter; whether those individuals are members of the Florida Bar; the firm’s experience with municipal and government matters, to include procurement policies and employment issues.

Proposals need not include specific proposed rates or fees, as the contract rate for the special investigation shall be FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO CENTS for the initial period of the investigation, which shall last for ninety (90) days. The period of time needed to complete the special investigation shall be extended based on request of the retained special counsel and TOECRA approval. The proposal should confirm that the retained special counsel shall not incur any expenses related to the investigation without the prior approval of the TOECRA. Finally, the proposal should include the names of and contact information for one (1) to three (3) references.

The TOECRA will accept proposals through the close of business on April 28, 2023 but reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals in its absolute discretion. All requests for further information and all proposals should be directed to Nichole Bonds, TOECRA Executive

Director, [370 East Kennedy Boulevard, Eatonville, Florida 32751](#), (407) 960-1361;
nbonds@townofeatonville.com.

RESOLUTION CRA-R-2022-24**Special Investigation of the Community Redevelopment Agency**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (TOECRA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING THE TOECRA GENERAL COUNSEL TO ENGAGE AND RETAIN OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO CONDUCT A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION AND RENDER OPINIONS AND GUIDANCE AS TO MATTERS RELATED: TO THE FORMER TOECRA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECEIVING A PAYMENT OF \$71,677.69, TO FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (I.E., CHECKS) HAVING A SINGLE SIGNER, AND NON-TOECRA BOARD MEMBERS REMAINING ON SIGNATURE CARDS FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS UTILIZED BY THE TOECRA, TO CEASE AND DESIST ANY AND ALL WORK ACTIVITY; TO INVESTIGATE COMPUTER FORENSICS, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

WHEREAS by the enactment of an Orange County Ordinance #97-M-14 in 1997, the Town Council of the Town of Eatonville, Florida, created a community redevelopment trust fund for the community redevelopment area as provided by section 163.387, Florida Statutes;

WHEREAS the Town Council initially adopted a community redevelopment plan on October 25, 1997, pursuant to a resolution of Town Council (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS the members of the governing body and one (1) additional member appointed by the respective taxing authorities serve as Directors of the Agency; and

WHEREAS such members of the governing body constitute the head of a legal entity, separate, distinct and independent from the governing board of the county and municipality; and

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the TOECRA terminated the Executive Director, Michael Johnson with cause by Resolution TOE-R-CRA - 2022-3 on April 19, 2022, decided by a 4-2 vote.

WHEREAS Florida Statute 215.425 - Section (4) 1., that the Chairman of the Board violated this section for payout (check #7514) of the amount of \$71,677.69 to the former Executive Director, Michael Johnson which he was not entitled but only a requirement that severance pay provided may not exceed an amount greater than 20 weeks of compensation.

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency (TOECRA) seeks accountability and enforcement of the law to restore and make whole back to the Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency its funds that the agency is entitled to be used to assist our community in blight areas.

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency (TOECRA) desires to have a special investigation conducted by outside legal counsel to determine any legal recourse and what actions should be taken to address concerns with the use of TOECRA funds in order to correct any acts or omission detrimental to the TOECRA.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (TOECRA) OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA:

SECTION ONE: DIRECTION TO THE TOECRA GENERAL COUNSEL.

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RESOLUTION CRA-R-2022-24

Special Investigation of the Community Redevelopment Agency

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RECITALS

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WHEREAS such members of the governing body constitute the head of a legal entity, separate, distinct and independent from the governing board of the county and municipality; and

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ATTEST:

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HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

REGULAR CRA MEETING

MAY 18, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

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ITEM TITLE: Discuss Federal Funds from Omnibus (Administration)

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACTION:

CRA DECISION		Department: LEGISLATIVE
CONSENT AGENDA		Exhibits: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Article (Content taken from Florida Daily, December 30, 2022, 10:00 am (Original Article) https://www.floridadaily.com/val-demings-announces-18-million-in-federal-funds-from-omnibus-for-central-florida-district/
NEW BUSINESS		
ADMINISTRATIVE		
CRA DISCUSSION	YES	

REQUEST: Request is for the Town of Eatonville Council to seek information pertaining to the Val Demings announcement of \$18 Million in Federal Funds from Omnibus (Central Florida District) available through appropriations of \$2,000,000; New Senior and Affordable Housing; \$1,000,000 for the Eatonville Community Policing Innovation Program.

SUMMARY: An announcement by Mayor Angela Gardner was stated on local news from about December 2022 - January 2023, that the Town of Eatonville was considering purchasing the Hotel-Motel in the Town of Eatonville. This was very shocking and unknown to The Town of Eatonville Council members and residents and the public; not discussed before the council. Then, on March 31, 2023, communication was sent from Lee Perry, Florida Rising to connect with community leaders from within Eatonville to submit a letter of support for the filing of the Omnibus Bill/Grant of \$2.5 million dollars for affordable housing apartments within the Town of Eatonville. According to Florida Rising, the project will be to buy vacant properties in Eatonville and grant them to the Town of Eatonville for affordable refurbished and rental housing. The Town of Eatonville will be in charge of refurbishing and renting the identified properties with federal oversight.

RECOMMENDATION: To discuss and provide all information to the Town Council regarding the Federal Funds from Omnibus through appropriations of \$2,000,000 available to the Town of Eatonville.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: N/A

Florida District

By [Florida Daily](#)
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December 30, 2022, 10:00 am



U.S. **Rep. Val Demings**, D-Fla., recently showcased her support for the federal omnibus which will send \$18 million for public safety, health care, and the economy to her Central Florida district.

- \$3,000,000 for OUC: Eight New High-Speed Charging Hubs for Electric Vehicles
- \$2,805,363 for LYNX: New Pine Hills Bus Transfer Center
- \$2,500,000 for Apopka: Replacing Asbestos Cement Pipes and Galvanized Water Pipes
- \$1,085,088 for Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts: Judson’s Community Music Room
- \$2,000,000 for Eatonville: New Senior and Affordable Housing
- \$2,000,000 for the Leonard & Marjorie Williams Family YMCA
- \$1,408,412 for the Ocoee: New Wastewater Collection and Treatment System
- \$1,000,000 for the Eatonville: Community Policing Innovation Program
- \$985,000 for the Orlando Police Department: New In-Car Camera Program
- \$500,000 for the Orange County Floating Solar Power Project
- \$395,500 for the Shepherd’s Hope Health Center: New Medical Equipment & Mobile Clinic Bus
- \$200,000 for the Hispanic Federation: Pathways College Prep Program
- \$184,500 for the Orange County Sheriff’s Office: Crisis Intervention Team Trainings
- \$100,000 for the Orlando Community & Youth Trust, Inc.: Youth & Police Relationship Programs
- \$48,972 for the Orange County Sheriff’s Office: Genetic Sequencing in Cold Murder Cases

“I am excited to announce that I have secured funding in the 2023 year-end omnibus bills for fifteen critical programs to keep Central Florida safe and prosperous. As chief of police in Orlando, I believed deeply in the power of community partnerships. That’s why I’m fighting this year for federal funding to support proven community projects that will support local law enforcement, ensure clean drinking water, expand access to healthcare, grow our economy,

and keep Central Florida moving. Safe and efficient infrastructure, public safety, health are at the heart of every great community, and I am excited for all that we will continue to accomplish in the year ahead,” Demings said.

Local officials praised Demings who was first elected to Congress in 2016. She is leaving the U.S. House after losing her challenge to U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., in November. Rubio took 57.7 percent in November with Demings in a distant second with 41.3 percent.

“The **City of Orlando** and the **Orlando Police Department** again want to recognize Congresswoman Demings for her consistent and steadfast support of our police officers. Having just secured more than \$1 million for OPD’s next-generation body-worn cameras in this year’s federal budget, we are thankful for her decision to seek an additional nearly \$1 million in next year’s budget to continue outfitting OPD’s fleet of patrol cars with new dashcams. Together, these initiatives will bring enhanced public transparency to the tough work of law enforcement while also gathering critical evidence in the prosecution of crime,” said Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer.

“It is critical that we support law enforcement in their efforts to keep our communities safe. I echo Mayor Dyer in thanking Congresswoman Demings and members of Congress who have demonstrated their support for law enforcement through action,” said **Orlando Police Chief Orlando Rolón**.

“We are extremely grateful to Congresswoman Demings for including these Orange County Sheriff’s Office initiatives in her funding requests. There has never been a more important time to equip deputies with Crisis Intervention Training. And any additional funding for technology to help solve cold cases can bring long-awaited closure to families and loved ones,” said Orange County Sheriff John Mina.

Projects Selected by Demings for federal funding are:

\$3,000,000 for the **Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC)** to deploy up to eight high-speed charging hubs for electric vehicles as OUC works to ensure that sufficient infrastructure is in place to give consumers confidence as U.S. automakers transition to electric vehicle fleets. The OUC’s Beneficial Electrification Strategy is designed to create win-win-win propositions for utilities, the environment, and individuals. Electric Vehicle Charging Hubs with renewable energy generation or energy storage connection are critical to providing the right infrastructure for both residential and light and medium duty fleet conversion, increasing consumer freedom on vehicle choice and improving air quality.

\$2,805,363 for the **Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (LYNX)** to construct the new Pine Hills Bus Transfer Center at the intersection of Belco Drive and Silver Star Road in Pine Hills. The Pine Hills Transfer Center is a critical upgrade for the LYNX network and will facilitate more efficient operation and transit access to the major job, education and health centers of the Orlando region. LYNX serves approximately 2,500 square miles with a residential population of 2.1 million people in Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties. The new center has been in the design phase for the last four years, with the input of Orange County, the **Florida Department of Transportation, Duke Energy**, and local residents and businesses. It will include a portion of the larger Pine Hills Trail, a building to house customer

service and security, drivers' restrooms, a driver lounge, eight bus bays for 40-buses, as well as bays for neighborhood circulators. LYNX will also be rebuilding the adjacent Belco Drive and installing a full access signal.

\$2,500,000 for the **City of Apopka** to replace 10.8 miles of asbestos cement pipes and 2.1 miles of galvanized water pipes. This is the entirety of Apopka's current asbestos cement and galvanized pipe infrastructure, which is aging and leaking and puts residents at risk of water quality and public health issues, as well as risk of total service loss during a natural disaster.

\$1,085,088 for the **Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts** to complete Judson's Community Music Room, which will host many local organizations, including groups focused on underserved youth, our senior population, veterans, and first responders. This project will benefit students of all ages to learn, emerging artists and organizations to implement their business and artistic ideas, and for community groups to convene. The space also offers increased opportunities to partner with local non-profits, as part of the Center's ongoing community giveback initiatives through underwriting costs, identifying sponsors and staffing support, and a space for their own events to be able to offer them a venue right in the heart of our community to serve their critical missions in the community.

\$2,000,000 for the **Town of Eatonville** for new senior housing and affordable housing rental units. The city will acquire and transform the blighted property at 421 & 429 E Kennedy Blvd, which is currently a hot spot for crime and drug trading, into new affordable housing which will support the economic development of the Town, reduce housing costs, and reduce crime.

\$2,000,000 for the **YMCA of Central Florida** to help fund construction of the new Leonard & Marjorie Williams Family YMCA, a 202 acre live-work-play development led by the Dr. Phillips Charities located in the Packing District, two miles from Downtown Orlando. The new Y is predicted to support over 100 new local jobs. Situated between the 32804 and 32808 zip codes, it will serve a combined population of over 70,000 residents within a 12-minute drive time surrounding the facility, 40% of whom live in poverty. The area is medically-underserved, and a food desert. The COVID-19 pandemic has severely reduced the YMCA of Central Florida's annual revenue – a drop of roughly 50 percent – and the Y is unable to finish the project gymnasium without federal support.

\$1,408,412 for the **City of Ocoee** to expand its wastewater collection and treatment system, which currently does not cover the southern section of downtown, forcing commercial and residential properties to maintain their own septic tank systems and prevents further development. This project will construct gravity wastewater collection sewers, allowing Ocoee to develop economically, grow their tax base. It will also provide upgraded potable water mains to provide capacity for water supply and firefighting.

\$1,000,000 for the **Town of Eatonville** to fund their Community Policing Innovation program and combat an increase drug trafficking and crime during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Eatonville Police Department will use this funding to support public partnership and outreach programs including the Citizens Police Academy, National Night Out, Coffee with a Cop, Youth Police Academy, Explorer Program, Vacation Watch, RU-OK? (a senior citizen welfare check program), and virtual neighborhood watch programs.

\$985,000 for the **City of Orlando Police Department** to improve department and community safety and accountability through the new in-car camera program. The program will record traffic stops, suspected DUI incidents, vehicle pursuits, and other activity, including the rear-seat of the patrol vehicle. The project objective is to outfit all Patrol vehicles with in-car camera systems, approximately 456 patrol vehicles. A 2019 federal police grant (the Byrne JAG program) funded the first 17 camera systems. This grant will fund an additional 100, bringing the total to 117, with the remainder funded by local funds.

\$500,000 for Orange County to expand solar power capacity through the new **Floating Solar PV Project**, which will protect Central Florida air quality, combat climate change, and benefit Orange County Utilities' customers by reducing operational expenses by 20 percent. By placing floating solar generation in existing stormwater ponds the county can move quickly to place the new solar panels, with plans to execute the Floating Solar PV project by January 2023.

\$395,500 for **Shepherd's Hope Health Center**, a free clinic in Winter Garden for underinsured and uninsured individuals in need of health services. Increased demand of services by the community due to the pandemic has caused the current operations and equipment of the facility to be overtaxed. This funding will support in-person and telehealth services through capital investments including: a new hydraulic chair for the dental unit; teledoc equipment to support telehealth; a mobile medical clinic bus (which will allow volunteer medical professionals to respond dynamically, as well as establishing second-location services as needed to expand geographic access); a colposcope for OB-GYN services; a new Automated External Defibrillator for emergency cardiac arrest; and an autoclave to sterilize medical equipment. The clinic also plans to acquire important equipment for telehealth and health record management, including a video conferencing system, laptops and digital devices, a security system, website development, and electronic health record software. Shepherd's Hope is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization and can acquire equipment practically and efficiently.

\$200,000 for **Hispanic Federation** to fund their **Pathways College Prep** program, which works with Latino parents to prepare their children for college through information on the importance of Advanced Placement (AP) classes, extracurricular activities, and college entrance exams; the critical nature of the junior year; and finding information on financial aid and scholarships.

\$184,500 for the **Orange County Sheriff's Office** (OCSO) to fund Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) trainings, which are a proven tool in the Office's goal to reduce the use of force, reduce the number of involuntary commitments to mental health facilities (Baker Act), and reduce the number of arrests of mentally ill citizens. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness approximately 1 in 4 fatal police shootings between 2015 and 2020 involved a person with a mental illness. OCSO currently has 1,633 sworn deputy sheriffs and 145 non-sworn personnel, of which Only 538 have attended CIT training. In 2021 the OCSO, in partnership with Aspire Health, created a 40-hour Memphis Model-approved course. CIT training includes intensive verbal de-escalation skills with consistent attention to officer safety. All participants are required to complete scenarios with trained role-players. Also in 2021, the Orange County Sheriff's Office started the Behavioral Response Unit (BRU). The BRU uses CIT-trained deputies teamed with Clinicians or Clinician Interns who are Clinical Social Workers and/or mental health therapists. Working as a team, the sworn deputy sheriff and BRU Clinician respond to high-risk, potentially dangerous, and suicidal individuals who may have a mental

illness, PTSD, and/or substance abuse problem and may be experiencing mental distress, with the goal of improving their quality of life, reducing their exposure to the criminal justice system, lessening the frequency of negative contact with law enforcement, and referring them to appropriate community services.

\$100,000 for **Orlando Community & Youth Trust, Inc.** to repair relationships between law enforcement officers and youth in underserved communities. The Dueling Dragons Program, in partnership with the Orlando Department of Families, Parks and Recreation and Orlando Police Department, pairs law enforcement officers with teens from Orlando's most underserved neighborhoods to become a year-round dragon boat team. The program works with youth from Orlando Kidz Zones – designated areas in the city with high rates of poverty and low educational attainment rates. To remain in the program, the teen participants must sign a Code of Conduct and pledge to stay in school, avoid truancy and behaviors in school that could result in suspension, and avoid any activity that could cause them to be arrested. Since it began, the Dueling Dragons has served 162 youth: 0 have been arrested while in the program, 100 percent have stayed in school, maintaining at least a 2.0 grade point average, and many have gone on to attend college – often earning scholarships.

\$48,972 for the Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) to solve cold murder cases through new genetic sequencing methods. The OCSO Homicide Cold Case Team has four full time cold case detectives currently investigating the murder of 12 unidentified murder victims. Of these 12 victims, three are in various stages of identification through genetic genealogy. The remaining nine victims require genetic genealogy for identification. New technology is available that may yield positive IDs. OCSO is currently working with the University of South Florida's "Left For Dead" project and the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System. The cold case process requires extensive knowledge and hours of detective work, which this funding will support.

Total Funding: \$18,212,835



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REGULAR CRA MEETING

MAY 18, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

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ITEM TITLE: Discuss Property at 225 West Kennedy Boulevard, Eatonville
(Director Randolph)

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACTION:

CRA DECISION		Department: LEGISLATIVE
CONSENT AGENDA		Exhibits: N/A
NEW BUSINESS		Refer to documents that were submitted at the December 20, 2022 CRA Board of Trustees meeting and January 19, 2023
ADMINISTRATIVE		<i>** May be referred to Legal Counsel</i>
CRA DISCUSSION	YES	

REQUEST: To discuss updates on the Tommy Dixon (deceased) property located at 225 West Kennedy Blvd. Eatonville, Florida, and unauthorized persons to vacate from the property Investigation.

SUMMARY: Tommy Dixon passed away on December 3, 2022. In the case involving Mr. Dixon at property at 225 West Kennedy Blvd. based upon the legal opinion of the current TOECRA General Counsel, the board members questioning the mental capacity during the TOECRA Meeting on or about November 4, 2020, there was clearly a concern that Mr. Dixon lacked the mental capacity to understand the contract for the purchase of his property. The former TOECRA General Counsel took on the representation of Mr. Dixon in an administrative matter to place Mr. Dixon on the property deed for the purpose of allowing Mr. Dixon to sell the subject property to the TOECRA per the vote of the 3-member independent board. Based upon the opinion of the current TOECRA General Counsel and applying the standard to determine incompetency, that Mr. Dixon was incompetent since he was “unable to understand in a reasonable manner the nature and consequences of the transaction.” This matter has been discussed several times among the board. With this understanding, the legality of ownership of the property can be returned to the estate of Mr. Dixon. Therefore, this matter is in the hands of family members under legal counsel for return of the property.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommendation is being made to discuss the appropriateness of Legal Counsel to finalize and take action to protect and secure the property from unauthorized persons to vacate without further delay until a decision is rendered of the property of Tommy Dixon, (Deceased) Life Estate and The Town of Eatonville.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: N/A



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(Director Randolph)

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACTION:

CRA DECISION		Department: LEGISLATIVE
CONSENT AGENDA		Exhibits: N/A <i>**Documents were already provided at the meeting on December 20, 2022</i>
NEW BUSINESS		
ADMINISTRATIVE		
CRA DISCUSSION	YES	

REQUEST: Lavonda Wilder, property owner of 213 West Kennedy Blvd, has requested a lien to be removed from her property placed by the Town of Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency by the former Executive Director Michael Johnson and Attorney Jaimon H. Perry, TOECRA Legal Counsel. An application was submitted for a Facade Grant. She had applied for improvements to her property for \$30,000.00. Ms. Wilder was awarded the funds, but she alleges she did not receive the funds. Therefore, Ms. Wilder is requesting a refund of \$30,000 for out-of-pocket expenses for damages and to complete the building. Michael Johnson appointed himself as the executor of the funds.

SUMMARY: Ms. Wilder contends that when property improvements began, it was inadequate due to unlicensed subcontractors and she did not receive the funds, therefore, requesting a refund for her out-of-pocket personal expenses for improvements to her property structure and property improvements. On May 4, 2021, a lien was filed in Orange County Public records, Doc# 20210268868 on property listed as 213 West Kennedy Blvd., Orlando, Florida 32810 - (Parcel ID 35-21-29-0000-00-086). A Notice of deferred payment loan lien in the amount of \$30,000 for a Facade Grant Performance Program to improve building structure improvements. The lien states that it shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years from the last disbursement date of the loan proceeds from TOECRA to Lavonda Wilder.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommendation To resolve and remove lien off property as listed and refund for out-of-pocket expenses.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: To be resolved by the TOECRA Board