



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 7:30 PM

Town Hall - 307 E Kennedy Blvd

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

IV. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (Three minutes strictly enforced)

V. PUBLIC HEARING

[A. Public Hearing](#) - The 2025 CRA Plan Update (**Administration**)

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes 7-1-25 (**Clerk Office**)

2. Approval of Public Works Utility Tech 1 – Reclassification of Position (**Administration**)

VII. COUNCIL DECISIONS

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MAYOR’S REPORT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 15, 2025, AT 7:30 PM

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ITEM TITLE: Public Hearing - The CRA Plan Update (Administration)

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS		Department: ADMINISTRATION
PUBLIC HEARING 1 ST / 2 ND READING	YES	Exhibits: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CRA Plan Update- Resolution 2025-12- Legal Notices
CONSENT AGENDA		
COUNCIL DECISION		
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REQUEST: The Board of Directors of the CRA request that the town council conduct a public hearing on the CRA Plan Update for consideration and adoption by Resolution 2025-12.

SUMMARY: The TOE CRA has conducted (1) informal community workshop and 2 public hearings on 05/29/2025 and 06/26/2025 to solicit public input and present the Town Eatonville Community Redevelopment Plan update process to the residents, business owners and operators, and general public. The public hearing offered citizens the opportunity to come before the agency BOD to give comments to updated plan.

- First public hearing was held on Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.
- Second public hearing was held on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.
- The CRA BOD approved the CRA Plan Update on Thursday, June 26, 2026, by Resolution CRA-2025-24; voting results consisted of a 6/0 favorable vote by all board members present during the vote. Director Rodney Daniels was not present during the vote due to an unexpected matter resulting in him leaving the meeting prior to the vote.

Town Council approval of the 2025 CRA Plan Update will allow for the next step of seeking Orange County adopting through Interlocal Agreement and Delegation of Authority.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommending a Public Hearing on the CRA Plan Update to be heard by the town council for consideration of approval by Resolution 2025-12.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: N/A

Resolution 2025 - 12

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA TOWN COUNCIL UPDATING THE TOWN EATONVILLE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN; AFFIRMING THE FINDING OF THE EXISTENCE OF BLIGHTED AREAS IN THE TOWN; ADOPTING THE 2025 CRA PLAN UPDATE AS APPROVED BY THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE CRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS; EXTENDING THE LIFE CYCLE FOR 20 YEARS TO END 2045; MAINTAINING THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA BOUNDARIES AS APPROVE IN 1997; PROVIDING FOR SEVERIBILITY; PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATION TO TAXING AUTHORITIES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS the Florida legislature enacted the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969 (Chapter 163), in order to provide certain redevelopment powers to eligible municipalities and counties; and

WHEREAS the Town Council on August 1995 formerly adopted the Findings and Necessity - Blight Study and today reaffirms that specific conditions of slum and blight existed in the Town of Eatonville corporate boundaries, and that the rehabilitation, conservation or redevelopment of such area would serve and protect public health, safety, morals and the welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS in 1997 by adoption of Orange County Ordinance number 97-M-14, the Town of Eatonville created the Community Redevelopment Agency whose charge was to prepare a redevelopment plan, implement planned projects and obtain the necessary funding; and

WHEREAS the Town Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency hosted an Open House CRA Plan Workshop on June 14, 2025, to solicit public input and present the Town Eatonville Community Redevelopment Plan update process to the residents, business owners and operators, and general public; and

WHEREAS the 2025 Town of Eatonville Community Redevelopment Plan Update was presented to the community at two public hearings held on June 26, 2025, respectfully, to solicit input and comment from the Community Redevelopment Agency and the residents and business owners of Town of Eatonville; and

WHEREAS on June 26, 2025, the Town Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency authorized an update to the 1997 Community Redevelopment Plan by adopting CRA Resolution 2025-24 to reflect the Community Redevelopment Area boundaries, existing CRA conditions, and additional capital projects and redevelopment programming through the CRA's operational timeframe through 2045; and

WHEREAS the Town Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency has developed the 2025 Town Eatonville Community Redevelopment Plan Update with input from all town department management members that identifies catalytic public investments, public improvements and strategies to address the aforementioned conditions of blight; and

WHEREAS the Town of Eatonville Planning and Zoning Director determined that the proposed 2025 Town of Eatonville Community Redevelopment Plan is consistent with the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Town's adopted Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS the Town of Eatonville Town Council approves the publishing of the public notice and notice to be mailed each taxing authority as required by Section 163.346, Florida Statutes, and by holding a public hearing as required by Section 163.361 (2), Florida Statutes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Finding Of Necessity. That there still exists a blighted area or areas in the Town Eatonville Community Redevelopment Area, and that the rehabilitation, conservation, or redevelopment, or a combination thereof of the area so defined is necessary in the interest of the public safety, morals, or welfare of the residents of the Town of Eatonville.

SECTION 2. Plan Update. The 2025 Town Eatonville Community Redevelopment Plan update identifies catalytic public investments, public improvements, and strategies to address the aforementioned conditions of blight and provides guidance and direction for the Town Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency activities and programs.

SECTION 3. Delegation of Authority. Upon adoption of the Delegation of Authority Resolution by Orange County Government, the implementation period for the 2025 Town Eatonville Community Redevelopment Plan update will extend through 2045.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provisions of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstances are held invalid, the remainder shall nevertheless be given full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared severable.

SECTION 5. Conflicts. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15 day of July 2025.

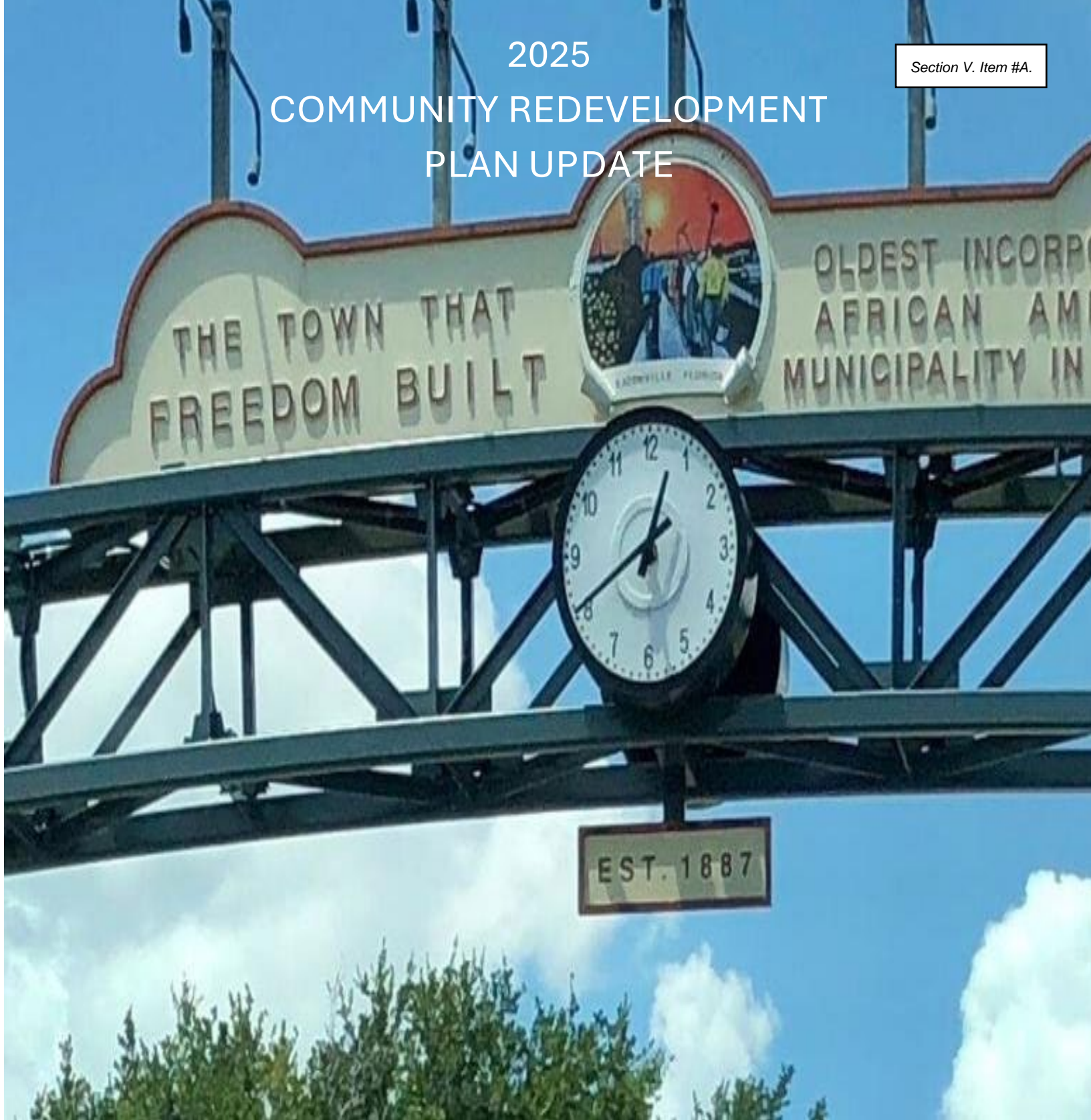
Angie Gardner, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Veronica King, Town Clerk

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Section V. Item #A.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE



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Executive Summary

Town of Eatonville, Florida History

In October 1997, the Town of Eatonville and Orange County approved the creation of a Community Redevelopment Agency and Community Redevelopment Plan. This redevelopment plan for the Town of Eatonville was intended to formulate and implement a strategy for the Community Redevelopment Agency which provided comprehensive and coordinated revitalization efforts throughout the redevelopment area boundaries. These boundaries make up the entire town boundaries. The Community Redevelopment Plan followed the adoption of the Finding of Necessity or Blight Study. The blight study identified various problems found within the Town of Eatonville.

Eatonville is situated in Orange County, and is named for Josiah C. Eaton, one of a small group of white landowners willing to sell sufficient land to African Americans to incorporate as a black town. A historically black town, it was first settled by a small group of African Americans as early as 1880. Strategically located just two miles north of the City of Orlando along the Interstate 4 corridor. The City of Maitland adjoins Eatonville to the north and east, and the City of Winter Park is located to the south. Kennedy Boulevard, which runs east and west, crosses the length of the town. Interstate 4 also bisects the town but does not provide access. The Town of Eatonville is made up of 665.8 acres and has a population of 2,299 based on 2013 Census data. The Town was founded in 1880 and incorporated in 1887. The all-black community was an outgrowth of the white municipality of Maitland which had incorporated just three years earlier. The all-white community of Maitland found the blacks and the area they inhabited to be somewhat “unsightly” and wanted them to move to another area. It was at that time that Josiah C. Eaton, who had helped to establish Maitland, offered to sell the blacks a large parcel of land one mile west of Maitland. The land was bought by Joseph Clarke, who became the first Mayor of Eatonville. In turn, Joseph Clarke sold the land to any blacks who wished to settle there.



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Town of Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is to aggressively pursue redevelopment and revitalization activities within the CRA District, with emphasis on providing more housing market rates and affordable, cultural arts opportunities, infrastructure improvements improving long-term transportation needs and encouraging retail development to include mixed use projects and Community Land Trust.

VISION STATEMENT

To create and sustain a viable community where citizens, stakeholders and visitors can live, work and play while enhancing the town’s tax base by eliminating slum and blighted areas, addressing affordable housing, and stimulating the economic development activities while being a catalyst for public/private investment.

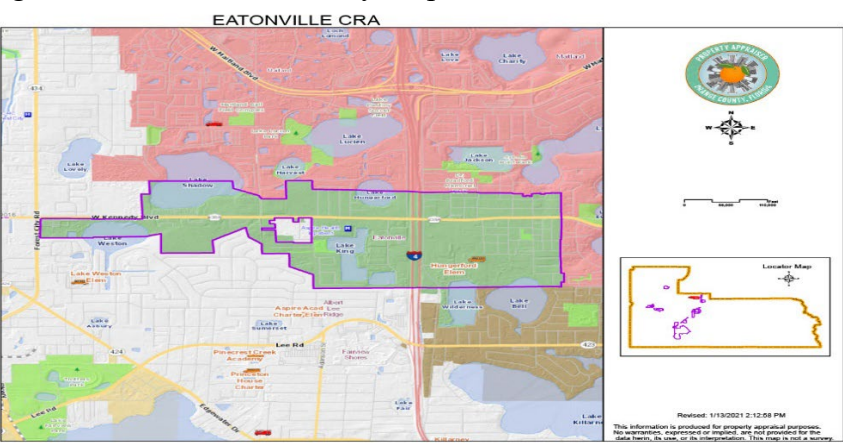


1.0 CRA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

Section 1.1 Defining the Area

Town of Eatonville is a town in Orange County, Florida, United States, six miles north of Orlando. It is part of Greater Orlando. Incorporated on August 15, 1887, it was one of the first self-governing all-black municipalities in the United States. (Brooklyn, Illinois, incorporated July 8, 1873, is the oldest incorporated Black town in the U.S.) The Eatonville Historic District and Moseley House Museum are in Eatonville. Author Zora Neale Hurston grew up in Eatonville and the area features in many of her stories. The Robert Hungerford Normal and Industrial School was founded in 1897 to provide education for black students in grades 6-12 and taught children for over 100 years. In 1990, the town founded the Zora Neale Hurston Museum of Fine Arts. Every winter the town stages the Zora Neale Hurston Festival of the Arts and Humanities. A library named for her opened in January 2004. The population was 2,349 at the 2020 census. The vast majority are Black or African American. Eatonville has no gas station, supermarket, or pharmacy, only a Family Dollar and several small businesses. The Interstate Park area represents its business corridor with companies like Telsa, Range Rover, Mini Coupe, Alfa Romeo, Puff n Stuff and others. Host Dime is currently constructing their corporate headquarters along Wymore Road. The Town of Eatonville has been negotiating with Orange County Public Schools for the acquisition of vacant parcels of land within the CRA District. The Town of Eatonville lacks a definitive downtown core.

Figure 1 CRA Boundary Map



1.2 Town of Eatonville CRA History

In 1997, by adoption of Orange County Ordinance number 97-M-14, the Town of Eatonville created the Community Redevelopment Agency whose charge was to prepare a redevelopment plan, implement planned projects and obtain the necessary funding. The redevelopment area continues to be the focal point of the community and the continued redevelopment of the 665.8 acres within the redevelopment area has been a continuing effort. New studies, projects and cooperation within the business and residential community within the redevelopment area are necessary to continue these efforts. The goals and objectives of the plan were kept broad enough to allow for flexibility in the projects which would be implemented, but also realistic to ensure that they could be accomplished. As with any plan, the redevelopment plan should be updated from time to time in order to take advantage of latest ideas and efforts to continue with redevelopment in the district. In 1997 the original redevelopment plan was intended to be a strategic plan for the subsequent fifteen years, with the primary objective of building the infrastructure needed to support a themed community concept. The intent was to concentrate on the “downtown business core,” which needed to be better defined to provide necessary guidelines for development. Having been primarily a residential community since inception, Eatonville’s commercial areas developed as an

accessory to the community, providing groceries and personal services to its residents. The improvements based on this initial plan have included the streetscaping of East Kennedy Boulevard and the gateway enhancements. Additional resources have been provided as grants to homeowners and businesses for physical improvements. The key elements of the original Finding of Necessity identified in the 1997 plan included: + Inadequate roadways and public transportation. Deterioration of site and other improvements. Diversity of ownership or defective or unusual conditions of title which prevent the free alienability of land within the deteriorated or hazardous area. Faulty lot layout in relation to size adequacy, accessibility, and usefulness. As quoted in the 1997 plan “these conditions as they exist in the Town of Eatonville, negatively affect the general welfare of the residents of the area, as well as impairing the progressive economic growth that the city need to prosper.” The redevelopment plan included four goals.

1. Develop guidelines for Eatonville’s proposed themed development
2. To create unified leadership and direction
3. Attract and accommodate new business
4. Create an attractive and viable sense of place

Projects identified in the plan included Kennedy Boulevard streetscaping, extension of South Lake Destiny to Lee Road, infrastructure and utility upgrades, parking improvements, gateway enhancements, design guidelines, planning and engineering support, incentive grants and loans, market analysis, and planning. This update of the 1997 plan is predicated on building on the original goals, understanding the changed economic environment, and building on new opportunities to accommodate new community input.

1.3 Community Redevelopment Act and Powers

The Town of Eatonville and Town of Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency acknowledges Florida Statute Chapter 163 Part III and specifically 163.370 Powers; counties and municipalities; community redevelopment agencies which defines powers of each taxing authority and Town of Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency as follows:

- (1) Counties and municipalities may not exercise the power of eminent domain for the purpose of preventing or eliminating a slum area or blighted area as defined in this part; however, counties and municipalities may acquire property by eminent domain within a community redevelopment area, subject to the limitations set forth in ss. 73.013 and 73.014 or other general law.
- (2) Every county and municipality shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this part, including the following powers in addition to others herein granted:
 - (a) To make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers under this part.
 - (b) To disseminate slum clearance and community redevelopment information.
 - (c) To undertake and carry out community redevelopment and related activities within the community redevelopment area, which may include:
 1. Acquisition of property within a slum area or a blighted area by purchase, lease, option, gift, grant, bequest, devise, or other voluntary method of acquisition.
 2. Demolition and removal of buildings and improvements.
 3. Installation, construction, or reconstruction of streets, utilities, parks, playgrounds, public areas of major hotels that are constructed in support of convention centers, including meeting

rooms, banquet facilities, parking garages, lobbies, and passageways, and other improvements necessary for carrying out in the community redevelopment area the community redevelopment objectives of this part in accordance with the community redevelopment plan.

4. Disposition of any property acquired in the community redevelopment area at its fair value as provided in s. 163.380 for uses in accordance with the community redevelopment plan.

5. Carrying out plans for a program of voluntary or compulsory repair and rehabilitation of buildings or other improvements in accordance with the community redevelopment plan.

6. Acquisition by purchase, lease, option, gift, grant, bequest, devise, or other voluntary method of acquisition of real property in the community redevelopment area which, under the community redevelopment plan, is to be repaired or rehabilitated for dwelling use or related facilities, repair or rehabilitation of the structures for guidance purposes, and resale of the property.

7. Acquisition by purchase, lease, option, gift, grant, bequest, devise, or other voluntary method of acquisition of any other real property in the community redevelopment area when necessary to eliminate unhealthful, unsanitary, or unsafe conditions; lessen density; eliminate obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare; or otherwise, to remove or prevent the spread of blight or deterioration or to provide land for needed public facilities.

8. Acquisition, without regard to any requirement that the area be a slum or blighted area, of air rights in an area consisting principally of land in highways, railway or subway tracks, bridge or tunnel entrances, or other similar facilities which have a blighting influence on the surrounding area and over which air rights sites are to be developed for the elimination of such blighting influences and for the provision of housing (and related facilities and uses) designed specifically for, and limited to, families and individuals of low or moderate income.

9. Acquisition by purchase, lease, option, gift, grant, bequest, devise, or other voluntary method of acquisition of property in unincorporated enclaves surrounded by the boundaries of a community redevelopment area when it is determined necessary by the agency to accomplish the community redevelopment plan.

10. Construction of foundations and platforms necessary for the provision of air rights sites of housing (and related facilities and uses) designed specifically for, and limited to, families and individuals of low or moderate income.

(d) To provide, or to arrange or contract for, the furnishing or repair by any person or agency, public or private, of services, privileges, works, streets, roads, public utilities, or other facilities for or in connection with a community redevelopment; to install, construct, and reconstruct streets, utilities, parks, playgrounds, and other public improvements; and to agree to any conditions that it deems reasonable and appropriate which are attached to federal financial assistance and imposed pursuant to federal law relating to the determination of prevailing salaries or wages or compliance with labor standards, in the undertaking or carrying out of a community redevelopment and related activities, and to include in any contract let in connection with such redevelopment and related activities provisions to fulfill such of the conditions as it deems reasonable and appropriate.

(e) Within the community redevelopment area:

1. To enter into any building or property in any community redevelopment area in order to make inspections, surveys, appraisals, soundings, or test borings and to obtain an order for this purpose from a court of competent jurisdiction in the event entry is denied or resisted.

2. To acquire by purchase, lease, option, gift, grant, bequest, devise, or other voluntary method of acquisition of any personal or real property, together with any improvements thereon.
 3. To hold, improve, clear, or prepare for redevelopment of any such property.
 4. To mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber or dispose of any real property.
 5. To insure or provide for the insurance of any real or personal property or operations of the county or municipality against any risks or hazards, including the power to pay premiums on any such insurance.
 6. To enter into any contracts necessary to effectuate the purposes of this part.
 7. To solicit requests for proposals for redevelopment of parcels of real property contemplated by a community redevelopment plan to be acquired for redevelopment purposes by a community redevelopment agency and, as a result of such requests for proposals, to advertise for the disposition of such real property to private persons pursuant to s. 163.380 prior to acquisition of such real property by the community redevelopment agency.
- (f) To invest any community redevelopment funds held in reserves or sinking funds or any such funds not required for immediate disbursement in property or securities in which savings banks may legally invest funds subject to their control and to redeem such bonds as have been issued pursuant to s. 163.385 at the redemption price established therein or to purchase such bonds at less than redemption price, all such bonds so redeemed or purchased to be canceled.
- (g) To borrow money and to apply for and accept advances, loans, grants, contributions, and any other form of financial assistance from the Federal Government or the state, county, or other public body or from any sources, public or private, for the purposes of this part and to give such security as may be required and to enter into and carry out contracts or agreements in connection therewith; and to include in any contract for financial assistance with the Federal Government for or with respect to community redevelopment and related activities such conditions imposed pursuant to federal laws as the county or municipality deems reasonable and appropriate which are not inconsistent with the purposes of this part.
- (h) To make or have made all surveys and plans necessary to the carrying out of the purposes of this part; to contract with any person, public or private, in making and *carrying out such plans; and to adopt or approve, modify, and amend such plans, which plans may include, but are not limited to:*
1. Plans for carrying out a program of voluntary or compulsory repair and rehabilitation of buildings and improvements.
 2. Plans for the enforcement of state and local laws, codes, and regulations relating to the use of land and the use and occupancy of buildings and improvements and to the compulsory repair, rehabilitation, demolition, or removal of buildings and improvements.
 3. Appraisals, title searches, surveys, studies, and other plans and work necessary to prepare for the undertaking of community redevelopment and related activities.
- (i) To develop, test, and report methods and techniques, and carry out demonstrations and other activities, for the prevention and the elimination of slums and urban blight and developing and demonstrating new or improved means of providing housing for families and persons of low income.
- (j) To apply for, accept, and utilize grants of funds from the Federal Government for such purposes.

- (k) To prepare plans for and assist in the relocation of persons (including individuals, families, business concerns, nonprofit organizations, and others) displaced from a community redevelopment area and to make relocation payments to or with respect to such persons for moving expenses and losses of property for which reimbursement or compensation is not otherwise made, including the making of such payments financed by the Federal Government.
- (l) To appropriate such funds and make such expenditures as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this part; to zone or rezone any part of the county or municipality or make exceptions from building regulations; and to enter into agreements with a housing authority, which agreements may extend over any period, notwithstanding any provision or rule of law to the contrary, respecting action to be taken by such county or municipality pursuant to any of the powers granted by this part.
- (m) To close, vacate, plan, or replan streets, roads, sidewalks, ways, or other places and to plan or replan any part of the county or municipality.
- (n) To organize, coordinate, and direct the administration of the provisions of this part, as they may apply to such county or municipality, in order that the objective of remedying slum and blighted areas and preventing the causes thereof within such county or municipality may be most effectively promoted and achieved and to establish such new office or offices of the county or municipality or to reorganize existing offices in order to carry out such purpose most effectively.
- (o) To develop and implement community policing innovations.
- (3) The following projects may not be paid for or financed by increment revenues:
 - (a) Construction or expansion of administrative buildings for public bodies or police and fire buildings, unless each taxing authority agrees to such method of financing for the construction or expansion, or unless the construction or expansion is contemplated as part of a community policing innovation.
 - (b) Installation, construction, reconstruction, repair, or alteration of any publicly owned capital improvements or projects if such projects or improvements were scheduled to be installed, constructed, reconstructed, repaired, or altered within 3 years of the approval of the community redevelopment plan by the governing body pursuant to a previously approved public capital improvement or project schedule or plan of the governing body which approved the community redevelopment plan unless and until such projects or improvements have been removed from such schedule or plan of the governing body and 3 years have elapsed since such removal or such projects or improvements were identified in such schedule or plan to be funded, in whole or in part, with funds on deposit within the community redevelopment trust fund.
 - (c) General government operating expenses unrelated to the planning and carrying out of a community redevelopment plan.
- (4) With the approval of the governing body, a community redevelopment agency may:
 - (a) Prior to approval of a community redevelopment plan or approval of any modifications of the plan, acquire real property in a community redevelopment area by purchase, lease, option, gift, grant, bequest, devise, or other voluntary method of acquisition; demolish and remove any structures on the property; and pay all costs related to the acquisition, demolition, or removal, including any administrative or relocation expenses.

(b) Assume the responsibility to bear any loss that may arise as the result of the exercise of authority under this subsection, in the event that the real property is not made part of the community redevelopment area.

(5) A community redevelopment agency shall procure all commodities and services under the same purchasing processes and requirements that apply to the county or municipality that created the agency.

1.4 Finding of Necessity – Conditions of Slum and Blight

Eliminate the conditions of blight identified in the Finding of Necessity and other such conditions as they may present themselves from time to time. The focus should address the higher priority blighting influences identified by the community and the Finding of Necessity study.

Objectives 1. The Agency will have the ability to regularly review its projects and programs to ensure that it is focused on eliminating the conditions identified in the Findings of Necessity as follows:

The street layout contributes to inefficient and unsafe traffic circulation.

Lots in some residential areas are smaller than the minimum required by Code, and some commercial lots are too small to be redeveloped using current land development regulations.

There is a general deterioration of housing stock and a number of commercial buildings exhibit deterioration of site or building conditions.

Diversity of land ownership makes redevelopment difficult.

There are land use conflicts between commercial and residential areas with minimal buffers.

There is a lack of pedestrian and vehicular connectivity in parts of the community.

A number of paved roads have no sidewalks, curbs, gutters and show deterioration of the underlying roadbed.

Objective 2. The Agency will have the ability to work toward the elimination of other blighting influences including:

Dilapidated and unsafe structures through land acquisition and the demolition and removal of derelict structures where it is deemed appropriate.

Existing substandard structures through enforcement of the Town's housing and building codes and the provision of financial incentives for rehabilitation.

Unsanitary and unsightly outside storage conditions through enforcement and revision of Town zoning codes.

Unsanitary and unsightly dumpsters are used for the storage and removal of solid waste through consolidation of service and the revision of contracts with solid waste service providers, which designate separate service areas.

Nonconforming uses that detract from the character of the community, hindering investment opportunities through negotiation, acquisition, exchange, transfer of development rights, or any other available means in cooperation with property owners.

Encouraging the development of vacant infill properties for residential and commercial investment opportunities.

Objective 3. Preventing the Future Occurrence of Slum and Blight

- The Agency will be proactive in identifying policies, actions, or developments that may contribute to preventing future blighting conditions.
- The Agency will have the ability to work with the Town departments, Planning and Zoning Board, residents of the area, and the Town Council to upgrade the zoning classifications within the Redevelopment Area to include architectural design standards for new construction and rehabilitation. The Agency will have the ability to work with area economic development organizations to formulate economic development strategies for the Redevelopment Area that will ensure future economic stability and job creation.
- The Agency will have the ability to eliminate conditions that decrease property values and reduce the tax base.
- The Agency will have the ability to create programs promoting development and rehabilitation of properties including financial or other economic incentives to facilitate new investment, both residential and commercial, in the Redevelopment Area, thereby increasing the tax base.
- The Agency will have the ability to support programming and invest in those programs designed to identify, mitigate, or correct conditions of contamination as identified by the Agency, Town, County, or third-party.

Objective 4. Land Assembly and Demolition

- Encourage the acquisition, demolition, and reuse of those properties, which, by virtue of their location, condition, or value no longer function at their highest potential economic use, are blighting influences or have a negative effect on revitalization efforts.
- The Agency will have the ability to work with public agencies and private organizations to facilitate redevelopment of the CRA Area including but not limited to holding events, concerts, farmers' markets, etc. on the land, renovating and reusing existing structures, and/or soliciting development partner(s) for the purpose of redeveloping all or part of the area.
- The Agency will have the ability to develop a land acquisition policy to ensure that future acquisitions provide the greatest impact on fulfilling the objectives of the redevelopment program.
- The Agency will have the ability to work with owners of properties located within redevelopment project areas to encourage their cooperative participation in Agency sponsored redevelopment projects.
- The Agency will have the ability to encourage partnerships among the property owners, the private sector, and the public sector in order to implement proposed redevelopment projects that will achieve public goals.
- The Agency will have the ability to formulate and adopt acquisition and relocation policies to address the needs of those whose properties will undergo reuse activities. This includes acquisition of commercial and residential properties, as well as relocation of the respective occupants.
- The Agency will have the ability to formulate and adopt policies and incentive programs to encourage the private sector to participate in redevelopment projects and programs.

1.5 Oversee Future Development Proposals

Establishing guidelines and standards that are consistently applied to all development and help ensure quality and protection of investments in the redevelopment area will be an Agency goal.

- **Objective 1.** The Agency will have the ability to encourage the Town to establish a Community Appearance Board for review of development proposals.
- **Objective 2.** The Agency will have the ability to encourage the Town to formulate and adopt development design or architectural standards to improve community appearance.

1.6 Overall Economic Development Approach

The Agency's goal is to establish a diverse, identifiable character for the Redevelopment Area while promoting economic vitality through private sector investment.

Objective 1. Supporting Existing Businesses and New Investment

Objective 2. Create a proactive environment supporting existing businesses and encouraging new business development and capital investment.

- The Agency will have the ability to establish partnerships between the public sector and private sector for the purpose of promoting the mutual benefits of proposed redevelopment projects with particular emphasis at the Hungerford site.
- The Agency will have the ability to continue to identify opportunities for all sectors of the economy and work toward successful implementation of projects and programs within the Redevelopment Area.
- The Agency will have the ability to improve the investment image of the Redevelopment Area and utilize selected public actions to stimulate private investment including streetscaping, landscaping, and gateway enhancements, as well as conducting and sponsoring area events and promotions.
- The Agency will have the ability to expand the economic base of the Redevelopment Area retaining existing jobs while creating new diverse employment opportunities by implementing improvements to and around the Hungerford site and along the Kennedy Boulevard corridor.
- The Agency will have the ability to create investment opportunities that will increase the tax base thereby generating additional revenues to finance actions that support public goals.
- The Agency will have the ability to work with the Town, County, Economic Development Council, and Tourist Development Council, and other organizations and agencies as appropriate to establish business retention, recruitment, and expansion programs including but not limited to creation of a business incubator, small business assistance program, and other programs that can help local entrepreneurs establish and grow businesses in the Redevelopment Area.
- Provide "brownfields" incentives including clean-up credits, investment credits, and incentive measures for developers.
- The Agency will have the ability to design and fund financial incentive initiatives to support business retention, formation, relocation, expansion, and job creation.

1.7 Revitalize Commercial Corridors

The Agency's goal is to invigorate the business community and revitalize existing commercial properties.

Objective 1. The Agency will have the ability to support the Town, County and Economic Development Council to encourage their integration into the redevelopment process, including the establishment of a Main Street Business Association, non-profit community development corporations, or other mechanisms as a conduit for sharing information and implementing appropriate redevelopment programs.

Objective 2. The Agency will have the ability to consider the creation of programs to assist properties to implement and develop strategies for public and private sector reinvestment in struggling commercial properties with high vacancy rates to receive the benefits of such programs that may be developed.

Objective 3. The Agency will have the ability to evaluate economic development and revitalization tools and work with members of the community to utilize these tools locally including but not necessarily limited to creation of:

- Small business incubator or innovation center
- Main Street program (or use of the Main Street approach)
- Community Development Corporation
- Community Development Finance Institutions
- State recognized Brownfield district.
- Other options and opportunities as available and appropriate

Objective 4. The Agency will have the ability to formulate a master plan for the revitalization of the Community Redevelopment Area including recruitment of employers and construction of infrastructure necessary to support revitalization.

1.8 Market the Redevelopment Area

The Agency will assist in marketing the CRA Area as a major destination point as the oldest incorporated black community in the country.

Objectives 1. The Agency will have the ability to work with the Orange County Tourist Development Council and Visitors & Convention Bureau (C&VB) to promote the Redevelopment Area and market its assets as related to the community's environmental and eco-tourism attributes and activities.

Objective 2. The Agency will have the ability to work with County and V&CB to ensure sufficient funding for marketing that includes local and regional promotional efforts.

Objective 3. The Agency will have the ability to maximize marketing opportunities in conjunction with other promotional organizations in the region.

Objective 4. The Agency will have the ability to project the image of the Redevelopment Area as a safe and exciting place to go while encouraging both business and family-oriented patronage by continuing to sponsor and hold community events, eco-tourism, and other promotional activities.

1.9 Consistency with Eatonville Comprehensive Plan

163.362 Contents of community redevelopment plan.

Every community redevelopment plan shall: Provide for the retention of controls and the establishment of any restrictions or covenants running with land sold or leased for private use for such periods of time and under such conditions as the governing body deems necessary to effectuate the purposes of this part.

163.360 Community redevelopment plans.

1. Community redevelopment in a community redevelopment area shall not be planned or initiated unless the governing body has, by resolution, determined such area to be a slum area, a blighted area, or an area in which there is a shortage of affordable housing to residents of low or moderate income, including the elderly, or a combination thereof, and designated such area as appropriate for community redevelopment.

2. The community redevelopment plan shall:

- Conform to the comprehensive plan for the county or municipality as prepared by the local planning agency under the Community Planning Act.
- Be sufficiently complete to indicate such land acquisition, demolition and removal of structures, redevelopment, improvements, and rehabilitation as may be proposed to be carried out in the community redevelopment area; zoning and planning changes, if any; land uses; maximum densities; and building requirements.
- Provide for the development of affordable housing in the area or state the reasons for not addressing in the plan the development of affordable housing in the area. The county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency shall coordinate with each housing authority or other affordable housing entities functioning within the geographic boundaries of the redevelopment area, concerning the development of affordable housing in the area.

2.0 REDEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND INITIATIVES

2.1 Creating a quality sense of place, character, and image.

Enhancement of the image of the CRA is encouraged to provide greater investment options, improve business recruitment and retention opportunities, enhance overall market brand, and create a greater sense of pride in the community.

2.1.1 Master plan

Preparation of an overall master plan is recommended, with specific attention to the Hungerford site. The plan will assist in guiding policies consistent with the town vision regarding development opportunities for new job generating employers, new for- sale and rental housing products, open space, cultural recreational and educational amenities consistent with sound infrastructure and circulation systems that enhance existing neighborhoods.

2.1.2 Modify land use regulations.

A thorough review of existing land use and zoning regulations and policies should be made for the area to determine its viability as it relates to mixed use developments and contemporary development patterns. This review should address such elements as floor area ratio (FAR), height, site permeability, setback, stormwater, and parking requirements.

2.1.3 Coordinate infrastructure sharing with proposed new elementary school.

A near term significant investment by the Orange County Public Schools will be the construction of a completely new, state-of-the-art, Hungerford Elementary School. The new facility will accommodate up to five hundred students, twice the current enrollment. Possibilities exist that joint use/expansion of the Boys & Girls Club will allow for opportunities for the student population to have additional innovative programs and activities all on the same campus. Joint use of stormwater facilities and roadway enhancements can add to the efficient use of site and add to the recreational opportunities for students and residents alike.

2.1.4 Create open space and recreational amenities.

Part of the master plan concept will be the incorporation of the various infrastructure needs such as stormwater accommodation and pedestrian movement into integrated amenities that all residents can enjoy, be they active or passive recreational areas.

2.1.5 Enhance landscaping along Kennedy Boulevard (east& west)

As indicated later in this plan, the improvements to West Kennedy Boulevard will be a significant opportunity to enhance the physical image of the town. Augmenting the County's landscaping investment in the median with enhanced foliage, signing, and related amenities is an important investment.

2.1.6 Design stormwater facilities as community amenities

Too often stormwater retention and detention facilities have been constructed as utilitarian facilities without consideration of its impact on surrounding properties. This plan recommends the adoption of development policies that encourage area-wide systems that are designed as amenities for the town and surrounding neighbors.

2.1.7 Adopt overall community development design guidelines.

Identified in the original plan as a priority was the creation and adoption of design guidelines for developments within the CRA. These guidelines would establish certain consistency in massing and scale and provide certainty to investors of a basic quality of development upon which all would adhere.

2.1.8 Enhance code enforcement program.

Often sound code regulations and policies fail to meet desired results simply due to lack of consistent enforcement. Additional resources should be allocated to enhance code enforcement as well as develop neighborhood educational workshops to review the benefits of a sound enforcement program.

2.1.9 Continue to invest in neighborhoods.

Support the development of infill housing opportunities through code enforcement, land acquisition, loans, and grants to encourage home ownership. Provide infrastructure support to stabilize residential areas including utilities, sidewalks, bike paths, and recreational amenities.

2.2 High performance infrastructure and environmental enhancements

Having quality infrastructure with capacity to support existing and future development is an essential element in creating a viable community for overall sustainability.

2.2.1 Develop area-wide stormwater system.

Creating an area-wide stormwater system would increase individual site development opportunities. Newer retention facilities should be developed to handle offsite storage to accommodate development for the foreseeable future.

2.2.2 Upgrade existing stormwater, sanitary sewer, and water systems

Assess all utilities for current capacity, maintenance issues, and future capacity needs and support upgrades as required.

2.2.3 Support low impact designed “green streets” and sidewalks.

Establish policies and guidelines that support the design of “environmentally friendly” streets, sidewalks, trails, and paths. All hardscapes such as roadways and sidewalks should be designed to incorporate the latest minimal impact techniques in accommodating stormwater cleansing.

2.2.4 Establish cost sharing policies for infrastructure improvements.

As part of creating area-wide stormwater and parking systems, as well as other infrastructure improvements consideration should be given to establishing cost sharing policies with private sector developments.

2.2.5 Incorporate environmentally designed parking facilities.

Establish policies and guidelines that support the design of “environmentally friendly” parking lots and facilities. As part of the overall assessment of the infrastructure improvements, all future parking lots should be designed to maximize the locations’ ability to collect, detain, retain and cleanse the stormwater.

2.3 Embracing history, culture and education.

Creating a quality sense of place should highlight Eatonville’s history and culture as the nation’s oldest incorporated black community.

2.3.1 Establish a specific cultural and arts area within master plan.

Within the overall Hungerford site master plan, a specific area should be designated for the development of cultural- and arts-related facilities and areas for public events.

2.3.2 Support development of cultural, art and educational facilities

Within the area designated for cultural/arts activities, support the development of specific facilities such as a museum, art education center, or multipurpose facility catering to complementary programs.

2.3.3 Support the promotion of the town’s cultural history.

Through the various town and regional organizations develop promotional messages to be used in print, electronic and social media to market the cultural heritage to the hospitality industry, tourists, visitors, and area residents.

2.3.4 Encourage partnerships to leverage local assets.

As part of the implementation of the master plan, begin to identify partners that would be supportive of capital and programmatic investments in Eatonville’s cultural history. This can be done through private or public resources as part of an economic development initiative to build facilities and/or sponsor programs furthering the town’s promotional message.

2.4 A connected town: access and mobility within the community.

The movement of pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles to and through the town in a safe manner is essential to the long-term viability of the community. Providing residents options, beyond the use of the automobile, to access shopping, work, get educated or recreation, encourages a healthier lifestyle.

2.4.1 Continue enhancements to Kennedy Boulevard corridor.

Support the County's initiative to widen Kennedy Boulevard from Wymore Road to Forrest City Road. The reconstruction should include four traffic lanes, two bike lanes, a raised, landscaped median, and sidewalks. Support should be provided to enhance landscaping and lighting to create a quality image for the corridor.

2.4.2 Support the connection of South Lake Destiny to Lee Road

A project highlighted as a priority in the original CRA Plan continues to be a key element to improving accessibility and mobility in the town. Linking South Lake Destiny Drive to Lee Road is a priority to provide relief to congestion on the west of the interstate.

2.4.3 Establish a district parking system to support businesses.

Future development of businesses on East Kennedy Boulevard is compromised by the significant amount of privately controlled parking that is used mostly on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Strong consideration should be given to developing a joint parking agreement to encourage investment in retail and related businesses along the corridor.

2.4.4 Develop a new east-west connector to Wymore Road

Current peak hour drive-time traffic has created major congestion issues at the intersection of Wymore Road and Kennedy Boulevard. Another east-west corridor can be developed to the south connecting US 17-92 to Wymore Road providing additional east west traffic capacity and access to Lee Road. It will also improve access and circulation to future developments on the Hungerford site as well as the enlarged, enlarged elementary school. Support of right-of-way acquisition and joint cost sharing for the development of the road is recommended.

2.4.5 Design and install way finding system and gateway enhancements.

Establishing a well-designed and appropriately installed signage system to enhance access to the area, improve the overall image, is recommended and should address all modes of transportation: pedestrian, cyclists, and automobile.

2.4.6 Incorporate pedestrian connections through sidewalks, trails, and paths in future development policies.

Accommodating the pedestrian along streets that connect residential areas to the business corridor, schools and future recreational and cultural facilities is a part of the economic and healthy environment being supported.

2.5 Attractive for business and economic development opportunities

This element of the plan addresses the establishment of a framework in which the physical, regulatory and administrative policies align to create an environment that encourages public and private investment for business retention, recruitment and job generating economic development opportunities.

2.5.1 Modify land use policies to encourage better utilization of (re)development opportunities.

A thorough review of exiting land use and zoning policies should be undertaken to determine its viability as it relates to mixed use developments. This review should address such elements as floor area

ratio (FAR), height restrictions, site permeability requirements, setback, stormwater, and parking requirements.

2.5.2 Establish cost sharing policies for infrastructure improvements.

As part of creating area-wide stormwater and parking systems, as well as other infrastructure improvements consideration should be given to establishing cost sharing policies with private sector developments.

2.5.3 Develop criteria to identify and support catalytic developments.

A key goal of the plan is to create an environment to enhance the development of key sites that are currently vacant or underutilized but are in strategic locations and would most likely leverage additional investments.

2.5.4 Support job training, education, and business development programs

An issue highlighted in the community workshops was recommending support for job training, technical support, and continuing education opportunities within the town. Possible renovation of existing, publicly- y owned buildings could be made available for these types of programs.

2.5.5 Support land assembly, code enforcement, and demolition, for redevelopment opportunities

Through strategic use of existing policies and regulations, the redevelopment/investment environment can be encouraged through code enforcement and purchase of available sites to support improvements.

2.5.6 Provide incentives for the retention and recruitment of businesses along Kennedy Boulevard corridor.

Review existing policies and continue to incorporate the various CRA grant programs addressing facades, code compliance, impact fees, and residential renovations.

2.5.7 Establish funding and development partnerships.

Acknowledging that increment resources alone will not be sufficient to implement all of the desired improvements, partnerships with the County, other public funding agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector should be sought to leverage CRA assets as part of the overall redevelopment strategy.

2.5.8 Develop a loan pool to support CRA district investment opportunities.

Identify local lending institutions willing to collaborate with CRA to develop criteria and policies to establish a loan pool for businesses and property owners.

Promote further investment in the area. Other assistance could be incorporated to include sidewalk use for outdoor cafés, meeting ADA and fire code upgrades, to assist in tenant recruitment, outdoor security cameras and lighting to leverage greater private investment.

3.0 FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

The cornerstone of an effective plan is the ability to match resources to the community goals and objectives. Toward that end, it should be understood that the CRA’s annual increment revenue is limited and should be used to leverage other types of internal and external funding. There are always more projects than there is money to fund them. It is the intent of the CRA to prioritize the projects and look for ways to fund or find funding for the high priority projects and programs that can be completed by 2039. Based on the projects and programs identified in Chapter 2.0, below is a chart that suggests allocation of types of resources recommended for the respective projects or programs. In describing resources that may be allocated, it should be noted that they do not necessarily need to be financial. In fact, the chart includes four distinct categories in which resource support for projects or programs can be used and are labeled administrative, regulatory, financial, and infrastructure.

1. Administrative resources would include such action as the creation of a one-stop permitting; reorganization of Town services to consolidate planning and project management, etc.
2. Regulatory resources would deal with the change in land use policies to allow for mixed use development areas, increasing the allowable density, signature signing ordinances, loosening parking requirements for certain uses, code enforcement, etc.
3. Financial resources would deal with the direct allocation of funds such as façade grants and loans, land assembly, business improvement grants, demolition of distressed properties, and incentives that may be required for transformational public/private partnerships.
4. Infrastructure resources would include the construction of an area-wide comprehensive stormwater management system that would serve multiple sites; construction of parking facilities, connection of trails and other features incorporating recreational infrastructure, signage, road improvements, sidewalk improvements, etc.

	<i>Resource Allocation Options</i>	<i>Regulatory</i>	<i>Administrative</i>	<i>Financial</i>	<i>Infrastructure</i>
<i>Develop Quality Sense of Place, Character & Image</i>					
3.1.1	- Development community Master Plan	X	X	X	
3.1.2	Modify land use regulations	X			
3.1.3	-Coordinate infrastructure sharing with elementary school			X	X
3.1.4	Create open space and recreational amenities	X		X	X
3.1.5	Enhance landscaping along Kennedy Boulevard corridor			X	
3.1.6	Design stormwater facilities as community amenities			X	X
3.1.7	Adopt overall community development design guidelines	X	X		
3.1.8	Enhance code enforcement program		X		
3.1.9	Continuing neighborhood investment	X	X	X	X
<i>High Performance Infrastructure</i>					
3.2.1	Develop area-wide stormwater system			X	X
3.2.2	Upgrade existing stormwater, sanitary sewer, and water systems			X	X
3.2.3	-Support low impact green streets and sidewalk designs	X		X	
3.2.4	-Establish cost-sharing policies for infrastructure improvements		X	X	
3.2.5	-Incorporate environmentally designed parking facilities	X			X
<i>Embracing History, Culture, & Education</i>					
3.3.1	-Establish cultural arts area within Master Plan		X	X	
3.3.2	-Support development of cultural, art, & educational facilities		X	X	
3.3.3	-Support promotion of cultural history		X	X	
3.3.4	-Encourage partnerships to leverage local assets		X	X	

	<i>Resource Allocation Options</i>	<i>Regulatory</i>	<i>Administrative</i>	<i>Financial</i>	<i>Infrastructure</i>
	<i>Develop Quality Sense of Place, Character & Image</i>				
3.1.1	- Development community Master Plan	X	X	X	
3.1.2	Modify land use regulations	X			
3.1.3	-Coordinate infrastructure sharing with elementary school			X	X
3.1.4	Create open space and recreational amenities	X		X	X
3.1.5	Enhance landscaping along Kennedy Boulevard corridor			X	
3.1.6	Design stormwater facilities as community amenities			X	X
3.1.7	Adopt overall community development design guidelines	X	X		
3.1.8	Enhance code enforcement program		X		
3.1.9	Continue neighborhood investment	X	X	X	X
	<i>High Performance Infrastructure</i>				
3.2.1	Develop area-wide stormwater system			X	X
3.2.2	Upgrade existing stormwater, sanitary sewer, and water systems			X	X
3.2.3	-Support low impact green streets and sidewalk designs	X		X	
3.2.4	-Establish cost-sharing policies for infrastructure improvements		X	X	
3.2.5	-Incorporate environmentally designed parking facilities	X			X
	<i>Embracing History, Culture, & Education</i>				
3.3.1	-Establish cultural arts area within Master Plan		X	X	
3.3.2	-Support development of cultural, art, & educational facilities		X	X	
3.3.3	-Support promotion of cultural history		X	X	
3.3.4	-Encourage partnerships to leverage local assets		X	X	

	Resource Allocation Options	Regulatory	Administrative	Financial	Infrastructure
<i>A Connected Town</i>					
3.4.1	<i>-Continue enhancements to Kennedy Boulevard</i>			X	X
3.4.2	<i>-Support connection of S. Lake Destiny to Lee Road</i>			X	X
3.4.3	<i>-Establish a district parking system</i>	x	X		
3.4.4	<i>-Develop and east-west connector to Wymore Road</i>			X	X
3.4.5	<i>Design/install way finding system and gateway enhancements</i>			X	X
3.4.6	<i>Incorporate pedestrian connections through sidewalks, trails, & paths in future development policies</i>	X		X	X
<i>Attractive for Business & Economic Development Opportunities</i>					
3.5.1	<i>Modifying land use policies to enhance development opportunities</i>	X			
3.5.2	<i>Establish cost sharing policies for infrastructure</i>		X	X	
3.5.3	<i>-Develop criteria to identify and support catalytic developments</i>		X	X	
3.5.4	<i>-Support job training, education, and business development programs</i>		X	X	
3.5.5	<i>-Support land assembly, code enforcement, and demolition for redevelopment opportunities</i>		X	X	
3.5.6	<i>Provide incentives for retention and recruitment of businesses along Kennedy Blvd.</i>		X	X	
3.5.7	<i>-Establish funding and development partnerships</i>		X	X	
3.5.8	<i>-Develop loan pool to support investment opportunities</i>		X	X	

The plan identifies a number of projects that are priorities and establishes a process to review funding priorities on an annual or bi-annual basis. A combination of funding strategies should be considered by the CRA Board to fund the key projects list as amended from time to time.

3.1 INCREMENT FUNDING

Community redevelopment will not be successful without funding through increment financing. Therefore, the ultimate goal of the redevelopment program is to increase the tax base to generate additional revenue for capital improvements and services through implementation of projects and programs, as described in this plan. Managed effectively, tax increment resources can be leveraged to enable the undertaking of a substantial portion of the public projects and also leverage private sector improvements.

With this in mind, the following finance and management practices should be employed.

1. Coordinate with the Town departments to strategically devise annual operating and capital improvements budgets to maximize the use of anticipated increment revenues.
2. Coordinate with appropriate Town, County, State and other public officials which may be sponsoring capital improvements in the area to maximize the leveraging of CRA resources. This may include the Florida Department of Transportation, the Florida Parks System, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Citrus County Transportation Planning Organization.
3. Work with the Town to augment capital budgets through the use of increment financing and other funding sources for infrastructure improvements such as water, sanitary sewer, electrical, telephone, cable, internet, and stormwater conveyance systems. These supplemental funds should be used for the design and construction of infrastructure improvements to ensure capacity to meet demand based on the future land use activities.
4. Leverage increment revenues through grants, short term commercial loans, or other financial mechanisms to expedite the completion of projects.
5. Work with area banks, the Town's finance consultants, and the Town Manager's office to research short term and long-term debt instruments for financing major public facilities.
6. Work with area financial institutions to develop favorable loan programs for private sector development and property rehabilitation projects.
7. Undertake individual project pro forma analysis on proposed development and redevelopment projects to determine projected revenues and devise strategies to maximize the use of these resources on a site-specific project or on an area wide programmatic basis.

While increment revenues are the base resource of the CRA, it should not be considered the sole source. The key to the successful implementation of the plan will ultimately be determined on the agency's ability to leverage other resources, whether they are private or other public funds. Below are other types of funding sources that may, over the course of the planning horizon, be tapped for one or more projects.

3.2 Special Assessment District

A Special Assessment District is a special district formed by a local government (County, Town, Water District, etc.) and includes property that will receive direct benefit from the construction of new public improvements or from the maintenance of existing public improvements. Special assessment districts often take Municipal Service Benefit Units (MSBU's) for capital improvements usually assessed on a linear front footage calculation on private property or Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU's) for services such as police or recreational services and are generally assessed district wide in areas where the additional

services are received. The most common types of public improvements financed include roads, sidewalks, street lighting and streetscape improvements, sewer facilities and water facilities. The local CRA that forms the assessment district sells bonds to raise the money to build or acquire the public improvement. The CRA then levies a special assessment against each parcel of land within the district, in proportion to its share of benefit from the improvement. The owners of the assessed land repay the bonds over a period of years through annual assessments, which are included on the County's general ad valorem property tax bill.

3.3 Local Financing

While increment financing is an essential component of any redevelopment project, the mechanism may not generate sufficient revenue to cover all redevelopment investment projects proposed. As discussed above, increment financing uses contributions to the Trust Fund based on increased valuations from new development and as property valuation increases to assist in paying for improvements that stimulate the development. The CRA should consider utilizing additional or alternative financing methods to fund the planned improvements that are either currently available or could be secured in the future. Some of these financing methods that are potential revenue sources for funding redevelopment at the local level include, but are not limited to:

1. General Fund Revenue Sources
2. Local Government Half-Cent Sales Tax
3. Local Option Sales Tax
4. Charges for Services
5. Establishment of a Special Assessment District or Special Improvement District
6. Issuance of General Obligation Bonds Tourist Development Taxes

3.4 Debt Financing

This method essentially requires a community to sell bonds or otherwise borrow money to be repaid from an annual automatic lien on the general fund. Or a community can pay for its infrastructure in the same way a person borrows money to purchase a home. In both instances, the capital need is immediate and high, the equity appreciation reasonably assured, and the monthly or annual principal and interest payments generally fixed. Like all forms of infrastructure financing, there are some disadvantages and risks. This strategy should be used wisely and with caution. One major risk is voter aversion to approving bond issues, which may mean a future increase in property taxes to ensure revenues are available to also properly provide coverage of debt service requirements.

3.5 Challenge Strategy

The challenge strategy involves the guaranteed construction of public improvements, but only after private revitalization actively reaches a certain point. This provides incentive for the developer while ensuring both parties, the Town and the developer, desired private development will take place along with public improvements. A recognizable schedule of funding can be determined with this strategy and can be selectively implemented, usually on a block-by-block or project-by-project basis.

3.6 Private Investment

Generally, this is the single most important source in revitalization. If successful revitalization is to occur, private investment typically must exceed public funding by three to fourfold. Such funding takes the form of equity investment and conventional real estate loans.

3.7 Project Equity Position

When the Redevelopment CRA takes an equity position in a project, the CRA contributes cash or land to the project with a return in the form of profit sharing. This CRA participation has the effect of reducing developer costs and can be used for projects such as redevelopment and parking structures.

3.8 Leasing

Town-owned land, buildings, equipment, etc. can be leased to developers for projects. For the developer, this eliminates the need for capital investment in land, buildings, etc. or debt service on money borrowed to finance the purchase of such things as land, building, and equipment. The Town receives lease payments which are deductible from the developer's income tax. The lease may also include a purchase option.

3.9 Key Incentives/Funding Sources

In addition to the above, there are numerous federal and state funding sources that, while competitive, may provide other opportunities for additional outside resources. The following is a list of some of the more programs that may be opportunities for solicitation.

3.9.1 Federal

1. Small Business Administration (SBA)
2. Economic Development Program (EDP)
3. Economic Development & Growth Enhancement Programs (EDGE)
4. Brownfields Incentives
5. New Market Tax Credits Program (NMTC)
6. Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)
7. Community Investment Program (CIP)
8. Affordable Housing Program (AHP)
9. HOME Investment Partnership Program
10. Community Block Grant Program (CDBG)
11. HUD Section 811/202 (Elderly Housing)
12. Good Neighbor Next Door (Law enforcement/teacher home ownership discounts)
13. HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program
14. Keep America Beautiful Grant
15. Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act Grants (ISTEA)
16. New Markets Tax Credits Program

3.9.2 State

1. Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program (QTI) – Requires participation by a targeted industry.
2. High Impact Performance Incentive Grant (HIPI) – Requires participation of a targeted industry.
3. Capital Investment Tax Credit (CITI) – Requires participation of a targeted industry.
4. Quick Response Training (QRT) – Direct benefit to employer
5. Brownfields Incentives
6. Urban Job Tax Credit
7. Housing Credits
8. State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP)

9. Florida Brownfield programming
10. FDOT Highway Beautification Grants
11. Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)
12. State New Markets Tax Credits Program

This list is not all inclusive but does provide an overview of possible funding sources for a variety of redevelopment and economic development related programs. It should be noted that availability of resources may be dependent on federal and state budget allocations, competitive applications, and availability of local matching funds.

3.9.3 Local

Support from local foundations or institutions should also be solicited as a source for capital or operational program costs, particularly as they pertain to cultural, historical, or educational initiatives.

3.9.4 Increment Revenue Projections

The following chart provides estimates of the increment revenues projected through 2027. The projections are based on a negotiated formula with Orange County relating to the increment that will be contributed to the Trust Fund. The current formula caps the total annual increment contribution to \$300,000 through 2022, increasing to \$350,000 through 2027. The extension of the plan for an additional time period will require the establishment of a new formula (currently around 65% of total TIF). The extension and new formula will require an amendment to the existing interlocal agreement with Orange County. It is the intent to formally request revisions to the interlocal agreement, to request an extension of time and modifications to the formula, no more than 24 months prior to current “sunset” date of 2027.

Table 1 Current Increment Revenue Projections

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<i>2016</i>	<i>\$300,000</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>\$300,000</i>	<i>2026</i>	<i>\$350,000</i>
<i>2017</i>	<i>\$300,000</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>\$300,000</i>	<i>2027</i>	<i>\$350,000</i>
<i>2018</i>	<i>\$300,000</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>\$350,000</i>		
<i>2019</i>	<i>\$300,000</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>\$350,000</i>		
<i>2020</i>	<i>\$300,000</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>\$350,000</i>		
	<i>\$1,500,000</i>		<i>\$1,650,000</i>		<i>\$700,000</i>

Table 2 Projected Increment Revenue Projections

See Appendix C

4.0 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Work with the County, FDOT, St. Johns Water Management District and other agencies as needed to ensure provision of the necessary public facilities at acceptable levels of service to accommodate existing needs as well as new demands as proposed development occurs within the Redevelopment Area. All references to “Agency” refer to the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) created as part of this overall plan.

4.1 Stormwater Management and Utility Improvements

The creation of a stormwater management system is a key element to the overall improvement of the area impacting the flooding issues, water quality, and development opportunities.

Objectives

1. In cooperation and coordination with the Town, County, other agencies, and property owners as needed, the Agency will formulate an inventory of capital improvement needs to support existing and future demands anticipated by redevelopment activities. It will also formulate a five-year capital improvement program in which projects are coordinated among all appropriate agencies and will annually incorporate funding into the budget and amended five-year capital program to coordinate with the Town and other agencies to provide the needed public facilities.
2. The Agency will continue to work with all appropriate government, private utilities and property owners to ensure the efficient provision of adequate services for future development including electricity, telecommunications, cable television, water, stormwater, sanitary sewer, gas, and solid waste.
3. The Agency will coordinate with the Town, County, St Johns River Water Management District, other public agencies, and private property owners as needed to formulate a regional approach to stormwater management. This includes working with regulatory agencies to develop creative solutions to problems that inhibit rehabilitation and development.
4. The Agency will work with the Town, County, St Johns River Water Management District and other public agencies and private organizations as needed to identify and implement alternative water supplies, re-use systems and other innovative and conservation techniques into public facilities and infrastructure planning.

Roadway and Transportation Improvements

Plan and support a safe efficient traffic circulation system that provides sufficient access for all modes of transportation between residential and commercial areas within the Redevelopment Area and the balance of the community.

Objectives

1. The Agency will continue to work with FDOT to implement improvements along Interstate 4.
2. The Agency will work with Orange County to employ access management strategies including reconfiguration of center medians, and driveway access points along Kennedy Boulevard and Wymore Road.
3. The Agency will work with the Town, County, and FDOT to assess existing traffic patterns and pursue any vehicular transportation improvements which may include access

control, vacating of rights of way, redistribution of traffic, roadway realignment, directional changes in traffic flow, and other measures which will improve traffic and traveling convenience.

4. The Agency will formulate a program of streetscape improvements to assist in implementing the Kennedy Boulevard improvements.
5. The Agency will coordinate with Orange County on the planning, funding and design of and as well as the South Lake Destiny connection to Lee Road.
6. The Agency will have the area-wide transit providers, including Lynx, to encourage the expansion of an efficient transportation system, construction of bus shelters and other physical improvements which will enhance the comfort and convenience of the system.
7. The Agency will work with the Town, County, FDOT and private property owners as needed to create a safe, secure, appealing, and efficient pedestrian system linking the residential, commercial, and public lands.
8. The Agency will encourage pedestrian and bicycle pathways through the redevelopment area, appropriately designed and separated from auto circulation for safety purposes, to be used as positive tools to improve the area's environment in conjunction with the use of landscaping and other visual treatments.
9. The Agency will work with the Town, County, FDOT and private property owners as needed to provide interconnection of uses and areas by connecting driveways and parking lots or constructing new roadway connections in appropriate areas.
10. The Agency will prevent the creation of negative impacts upon pedestrian movement within the CRA.
11. The Agency will implement the Complete Streets Approach for main arteries of transportation.

4.2 Government/Redevelopment Administration

Create an administrative framework and financial mechanisms necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of the Redevelopment Plan. Review existing Town policies and procedures to ensure timely and effective levels of service.

5.0 Agency Administration

Initially set up the management and administration framework necessary to initiate the implementation of the adopted Redevelopment Plan.

Objectives

1. An Executive Director will administer the Agency.
2. The Agency governing board shall be consistent with the Florida Statute Chapter 163 Part III 163.356 (2) or 163.357
3. The Agency will formulate and adopt by-laws to provide guidelines for the function of the governing board.
4. The Agency will formulate and adopt policies and procedures including, but not limited to:
 - Finance, debt, and budget policies that will include appropriate procedures for five-year capital planning and annual budgeting. It will also include guidance for the agency regarding the budgeting and expenditure of funds on operating, capital, and non-capital expenditures.
 - Policies for the expenditure of increment revenues on privately initiated development, redevelopment, and renovation projects.

- Policies for the acquisition and disposition of real property.
 - Policies for assisting residents and tenants with relocation in publicly funded acquisition projects.
5. The Agency will have the ability to leverage increment revenues with other funds by applying for grants, commercial loans, or other financial mechanisms to expedite the completion of capital projects.
 6. The Agency will annually evaluate its strategic objectives to be consistent with objectives contained in the Town's Comprehensive Plan.
 7. The Agency will have the ability to participate in the planning process, develop the appropriate administrative policies, and will coordinate with the Town to streamline the permitting process, as needed, to implement the Redevelopment Plan effectively.
 8. The Agency will have the ability to work with the Town to facilitate the expeditious approval of private development projects that further the goals and objectives of the Redevelopment Plan.
 9. The Agency will have the ability to work with the various public and private leaders.
 10. The Agency will utilize community leaders' talents to initiate desirable special events and activities to develop and implement sound marketing and promotional strategies.
 11. The Agency will have the ability to promote effective communication with the residents and businesses throughout the community to garner public input, understanding, and support.
 12. The Agency will have the ability to enhance public information services for all aspects of the redevelopment program via methods such as newspaper reporting, a more comprehensive Agency newsletter, advertisements, speaking engagements at neighborhood and civic organization meetings, internet web sites, other electronic media, etc.

6.0 Land Use and Development Regulations

Work with the Town, County, private property owners, and others as needed to implement future land use and zoning regulations and implement development of the Redevelopment Area.

Objectives

1. The Agency will have the ability to utilize available public and private resources through the redevelopment process, acquire land (if needed), master plan, design, and construct new development. The CRA may develop all or part of the Redevelopment Area independent of or in conjunction with the private sector, including hiring of design and construction professionals, and/or disposition of its interest in real property pursuant to the provisions of the Redevelopment Act.
2. The Agency will have the ability to implement land acquisition strategies to target sites for demolition and redevelopment to new improved land uses based on market opportunities ensuring consistency with objectives contained in the Redevelopment Plan pursuant to acquisition policies of the Agency.
3. The Agency will have the ability to promote and locate strategic land use activities of regional importance within the Redevelopment Area to capture additional market opportunities while reinforcing the unique character of the community.

6.1 Redevelopment Policy

Eliminate the conditions of blight identified in the Finding of Necessity and other such conditions as they may present themselves from time to time.

7.0 Focus on Existing Blighting Influences

The focus should address the higher priority blighting influences identified by the community and the Finding of Necessity study.

Objectives

The Agency will have the ability to regularly review its projects and programs to ensure that it is focused on eliminating the conditions identified in the Findings of Necessity as follows:

- The street layout contributes to inefficient and unsafe traffic circulation.
- Lots in some residential areas are smaller than the minimum required by Code, and some commercial lots are too small to be redeveloped using current land development regulations.
- There is a general deterioration of housing stock and a number of commercial buildings exhibit deterioration of site or building conditions.
- Diversity of land ownership makes redevelopment difficult.
- There are land use conflicts between commercial and residential areas with minimal buffers.
- There is a lack of pedestrian and vehicular connectivity in parts of the community.
- A number of paved roads have no sidewalks, curbs, gutters and show deterioration of the underlying roadbed.

The Agency will have the ability to work toward the elimination of other blighting influences including:

- Dilapidated and unsafe structures through land acquisition and the demolition and removal of derelict structures where it is deemed appropriate.
- Existing substandard structures through enforcement of the Town's housing and building codes and the provision of financial incentives for rehabilitation.
- Unsanitary and unsightly outside storage conditions through enforcement and revision of Town zoning codes.
- Unsanitary and unsightly dumpsters are used for the storage and removal of solid waste through consolidation of service and the revision of contracts with solid waste service providers, which designate separate service areas.
- Nonconforming uses that detract from the character of the community, hindering investment opportunities through negotiation, acquisition, exchange, transfer of development rights, or any other available means in cooperation with property owners.
- Encouraging the development of vacant infill properties for residential and commercial investment opportunities.

8.0 Prevent the Future Occurrence of Slum and Blight

The Agency will be initiative-taking in identifying policies, actions, or developments that may contribute to preventing future blighting conditions.

Objectives

1. The Agency will have the ability to work with the Town departments, Planning and Zoning Board, residents of the area, and the Town Council to upgrade the zoning classifications within the Redevelopment Area to include architectural design standards for new construction and rehabilitation.
2. The Agency will have the ability to work with area economic development organizations to formulate economic development strategies for the Redevelopment Area that will ensure future economic stability and job creation.
3. The Agency will have the ability to eliminate conditions that decrease property values and reduce the tax base.
4. The Agency will have the ability to create programs promoting development and rehabilitation of properties including financial or other economic incentives to facilitate new investment, both residential and commercial, in the Redevelopment Area thereby increasing the tax base.
5. The Agency will have the ability to support programming and invest in those programs designed to identify, mitigate, or correct conditions of contamination as identified by the Agency, Town, County, or third-party.

9.0 Land Assembly and Demolition

Encourage the acquisition, demolition, and reuse of those properties, which, by virtue of their location, condition, or value no longer function at their highest potential economic use, are blighting influences or have a negative effect on revitalization efforts.

Objectives

1. The Agency will have the ability to work with public agencies and private organizations to facilitate redevelopment of the CRA Area including but not limited to holding events, concerts, farmers' markets, etc. on the land, renovating and reusing existing structures, and/or soliciting development partner(s) for the purpose of redeveloping all or part of the area.
2. The Agency will have the ability to develop a land acquisition policy to ensure that future acquisitions provide the greatest impact on fulfilling the objectives of the redevelopment program.
3. The Agency will have the ability to work with owners of properties located within redevelopment project areas to encourage their cooperative participation in Agency sponsored redevelopment projects.
4. The Agency will have the ability to encourage partnerships among the property owners, the private sector, and the public sector in order to implement proposed redevelopment projects that will achieve public goals.
5. The Agency will have the ability to formulate and adopt acquisition and relocation policies to address the needs of those whose properties will undergo reuse activities. This includes acquisition of commercial and residential properties, as well as relocation of the respective occupants.
6. The Agency will have the ability to formulate and adopt policies and incentive programs to encourage the private sector to participate in redevelopment projects and programs.

10.0 Oversee Future Development Proposals

Establishing guidelines and standards that are consistently applied to all development and help ensure quality and protection of investments in the redevelopment area will be an Agency goal.

Objectives

1. The Agency will have the ability to encourage the Town to establish a Community Appearance Board for review of development proposals.
2. The Agency will have the ability to encourage the Town to formulate and adopt development design or architectural standards to improve community appearance.

10.1 Overall Economic Development Approach

The Agency's goal is to establish a diverse, identifiable character for the Redevelopment Area while promoting economic vitality through private sector investment.

11.0 Supporting Existing Businesses and New Investment Objectives

Create an initiative-taking environment supporting existing businesses and encouraging new business development and capital investment.

Objectives

1. The Agency will have the ability to establish partnerships between the public sector and private sector for the purpose of promoting the mutual benefits of proposed redevelopment projects with particular emphasis at the vacant Hungerford property site.
2. The Agency will have the ability to continue to identify opportunities for all sectors of the economy and work toward successful implementation of projects and programs within the Redevelopment Area.
3. The Agency will have the ability to improve the investment image of the Redevelopment Area and utilize selected public actions to stimulate private investment including streetscaping, landscaping, and gateway enhancements, as well as conducting and sponsoring area events and promotions.
4. The Agency will have the ability to expand the economic base of the Redevelopment Area retaining existing jobs while creating new diverse employment opportunities by implementing improvements to and around the Hungerford site and along the Kennedy Boulevard corridor.
5. The Agency will have the ability to create investment opportunities that will increase the tax base thereby generating additional revenues to finance actions that support public goals.
6. The Agency will have the ability to work with the Town, County, Economic Development Council, and Tourist Development Council, and other organizations and agencies as appropriate to establish business retention, recruitment, and expansion programs including but not limited to creation of a business incubator, small business assistance program, and other programs that can help local entrepreneurs establish and grow businesses in the Redevelopment Area.
7. Provide "brownfields" incentives including clean-up credits, investment credits, and incentive measures for developers.
8. The Agency will have the ability to design and fund financial incentive initiatives to support business retention, formation, relocation, expansion, and job creation.

12.0 Revitalize Commercial Corridors

The Agency's goal is to invigorate the business community and revitalize existing commercial properties.

Objectives

1. The Agency will have the ability to support the Town, County and Economic Development Council to encourage their integration into the redevelopment process, including the establishment of a Main Street Business Association, non-profit community development corporations, or other mechanisms as a conduit for sharing information and implementing appropriate redevelopment programs.
2. The Agency will have the ability to consider the creation of programs to assist properties to implement and develop strategies for public and private sector reinvestment in struggling commercial properties with high vacancy rates to receive the benefits of such programs that may be developed.
3. The Agency will have the ability to evaluate economic development and revitalization tools and work with members of the community to utilize these tools locally including but not necessarily limited to creation of:
 - a. Small business incubator or innovation center
 - b. Main Street program (or use of the Main Street approach)
 - c. Community development corporation
 - d. Community development finance institutions
 - e. State-recognized Brownfield district
 - f. Other options and opportunities as available and appropriate
4. The Agency will have the ability to formulate a master plan for the revitalization of the Community Redevelopment Area including recruitment of employers and construction of infrastructure necessary to support revitalization.

13.0 COMMUNITY POLICING INNOVATION

The community redevelopment plan may provide for the development and implementation of community policing innovations. The goal of community policing is to improve communication and collaboration between police officers and the community in order to identify and solve problems together. Community policing is, in essence, a collaboration between the police and the community that identifies and solves community problems.

Ten Principles of Community Policing

1. **Philosophy and Organizational Strategy** Community policing is both a philosophy (a way of thinking) and an organizational strategy (a way to carry out the philosophy) that allows the police and the community to work closely to get in creative ways to solve the problems of crime, illicit drugs, fear of crime, physical and social disorder (from graffiti to addiction), neighborhood decay, and the overall quality of life in the community. The philosophy rests on the belief that people deserve input into the police process, in exchange for their participation and support. It also rests on the belief that solutions to today's community problems demand freeing both people and the police to explore creative, new ways to address neighborhood concerns beyond a narrow focus on individual crime incidents.
2. **Commitment to Community Empowerment** Community policing's organizational

strategy first demands that everyone in the police department, including both civilian and sworn personnel, must investigate ways to translate the philosophy of power sharing into practice. These demands making a subtle but sophisticated shift so that everyone in the department understands the need to focus on solving community problems in creative, and often ways, which can include challenging and enlightening people in the process of policing themselves. Community policing implies a shift within the department that grants greater autonomy (freedom to make decisions) to line officers, which also implies enhanced respect for their judgment as police professionals. Within the community, citizens must share in the rights and responsibilities implicit in identifying, prioritizing, and solving problems, as full-fledged partners with the police.

3. **Decentralized and Personalized Policing** To implement true community policing, police departments must also create and develop a new breed of line officer who acts as a direct link between the police and the people in the community. As the department's community outreach specialists, community policing officers must be freed from the isolation of the patrol car and the demands of the police radio so that they can maintain daily, direct, face-to-face contact with the people they serve in a clearly defined beat area. Ultimately, all officers should practice the community policing approach.
4. **Immediate and Long-Term Proactive Problem Solving** The community policing officer's broad role demands continuous, sustained contact with the law-abiding people in the community, so that together they can explore creative new solutions to local concerns, with private citizens serving as supporters and as volunteers. As law enforcement officers, community policing officers respond to calls for service and make arrests, but they also go beyond this narrow focus to develop and monitor broad-based, long-term initiatives that can involve all elements of the community in efforts to improve the quality of life. As the community's ombudsman, the community policing officer also acts as a link to other public and private agencies that can help in a given situation.
5. **Ethics, Legality, Responsibility and Trust** Community policing implies a new contract between the police and the citizens they serve, one that offers hope of overcoming widespread apathy while restraining any impulse of vigilantism. This new relationship, based on mutual trust and respect, also suggests that the police can serve as a catalyst, challenging people to accept their share of responsibility for the overall quality of life in the community. Community policing means that citizens will be asked to handle more of their minor concerns themselves, but in exchange, this will free police to work with people on developing immediate as well as long term solutions for community concerns in ways that encourage mutual accountability and respect.
6. **Expanding the Police Mandate** Community policing adds a vital, proactive element to the traditional reactive role of the police, resulting in full-spectrum policing service. As the only agency of social control open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the police must maintain the ability to respond immediately to crises and crime incidents, but community policing broadens the police role so that they can make a greater impact on making changes today that hold the promise of making communities safer and more attractive places to live tomorrow.
7. **Helping Those with Special Needs** Community policing stresses exploring new ways to protect and enhance the lives of the most vulnerable: juveniles, the elderly, minorities, the poor, people with disabilities, and the homeless. It both assimilates and broadens the scope of previous outreach efforts, such as crime prevention and police-community relations.

8. Grass-Roots Creativity and Support Community policing promotes the judicious use of technology, but it also rests on the belief that nothing surpasses what dedicated human beings, talking and working together, can achieve. It invests trust in those who are on the frontlines together on the street, relying on their combined judgment, wisdom, and experience to fashion creative new approaches to contemporary community concerns.
9. Internal Change Community policing must be a fully integrated approach that involves everyone in the department, with community policing officers serving as generalists who bridge the gap between the police and the people they serve. The community policing approach plays a crucial role internally by providing information about and awareness of the community and its problems and by enlisting broad-based community support for the department's overall objectives. Once community policing is accepted as a long-term strategy, all officers should practice it. This could take as long as ten to fifteen years.
10. Building for the Future Community policing provides decentralized, personalized police service to the community. It recognizes that the police cannot impose order on the community from the outside, but that people must be encouraged to think of the police as a resource that they can use in helping to solve contemporary community concerns. It is not a tactic to be applied and then abandoned, but a new philosophy and organizational strategy that provides the flexibility to meet local needs and priorities as they change over time.

Objective 1. Crime prevention is an attempt to reduce and prevent crime and criminal activity. Many governments specifically apply it to their efforts to reduce crime, enforce the law, maintain criminal justice, and uphold overall stability.

Objective 2. Decreased crime; Identify the root cause of neighborhood crime; Increase trust in law enforcement.

Objective 3. Building trust requires law enforcement to be transparent, accountable, and responsive to the needs and concerns of the community.

Objective 4. Promotes accountability in policing. Community policing promotes accountability in police officers by establishing a strong foundation of transparency.

Objective 5. The ultimate goal for any law enforcement agency must be to improve the quality of life in its community for those who live, work, and play there.

Objective 6. Through community policing programs, law enforcement officers have the opportunity to learn about the culture of the communities in which they work.

Objective 7. Community policing is focused on addressing the needs and concerns of the community. This requires law enforcement to be responsive to community members and to take their concerns seriously.

14.0 Market the Redevelopment Area

The Agency will assist in marketing the CRA Area as a major destination point as the oldest incorporated black community in the country.

Objectives

1. The Agency will have the ability to work with the Orange County Tourist Development Council and Visitors & Convention Bureau (C&VB) to promote the Redevelopment Area and market its assets as related to the community’s environmental and eco-tourism attributes and activities.
2. The Agency will have the ability to work with County and V&CB to ensure sufficient funding for marketing that includes local and regional promotional efforts.
3. The Agency will have the ability to maximize marketing opportunities in conjunction with other promotional organizations in the region.
4. The Agency will have the ability to project the image of the Redevelopment Area as a safe and exciting place to go while encouraging both business and family-oriented patronage by continuing to sponsor and hold community events, eco-tourism, and other promotional activities.

15.0 STATUTORY PROVISIONS

15.1 The Trust Fund

Chapter 163.387 Redevelopment trust fund.

(1)(a) After approval of a community redevelopment plan, there may be established for each community redevelopment agency created under s. 163.356 a redevelopment trust fund. Funds allocated to and deposited into this fund shall be used by the agency to finance or refinance any community redevelopment it undertakes pursuant to the approved community redevelopment plan. No community redevelopment agency may receive or spend any increment revenues pursuant to this section unless and until the governing body has, by ordinance, created the trust fund and provided for the funding of the redevelopment trust fund until the time certain set forth in the community redevelopment plan as required by s. 163.362(10). Such ordinance may be adopted only after the governing body has approved a community redevelopment plan. The annual funding of the redevelopment trust fund shall be in an amount not less than that increment in the income, proceeds, revenues, and funds of each taxing authority derived from or held in connection with the undertaking and carrying out of community redevelopment under this part.

15.2 Redevelopment Powers

Upon a “Finding of Necessity” by the governing body and upon further finding that there is a need for a community redevelopment agency to function in the county or municipality to carry out community redevelopment purposes, any county or municipality may create a public body corporate and politic to be known as a “Community Redevelopment Agency.” The Agency shall be constituted as a public instrumentality and be afforded the authority to exercise the powers conferred by Florida Statute Chapter 163 Title XI.

Part I – Introduction, History & Background describes the redevelopment powers available to the Town of Eatonville as provided in the Act. However, these powers can only be employed by the Agency if authorized by the Plan. In that regard, the Eatonville Redevelopment Agency is vested with the following powers pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 163.370.

1. Cities and municipalities may not exercise the power of eminent domain for the

purpose of preventing or eliminating a slum area or blighted area as defined in this part; however, cities and municipalities may acquire property by eminent domain within a community redevelopment area, subject to the limitations set forth in ss. 73.013 and 73.014 or other general law.

2. Every Town and municipality shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this part, including the following powers in addition to others herein granted:
 - a. To make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers under this part.
 - b. To disseminate slum clearance and community redevelopment information.
 - c. To undertake and carry out community redevelopment and related activities within the community redevelopment area, which may include:
 - i. Acquisition of property within a slum area or a blighted area by purchase, lease, option, gift, grant, bequest, devise, or other voluntary method of acquisition.
 - ii. Demolition and removal of buildings and improvements.
 - iii. Installation, construction, or reconstruction of streets, utilities, parks, playgrounds, public areas of major hotels that are constructed in support of convention centers, including meeting rooms, banquet facilities, parking garages, lobbies, and passageways, and other improvements necessary for carrying out in the community redevelopment area the community redevelopment objectives of this part in accordance with the community redevelopment plan.
 - iv. Disposition of any property acquired in the community redevelopment area at its fair value as provided in s. 163.380 for uses in accordance with the community redevelopment plan.
 - v. Carrying out plans for a program of voluntary or compulsory repair and rehabilitation of buildings or other improvements in accordance with the community redevelopment plan.
 - vi. Acquisition by purchase, lease, option, gift, grant, bequest, devise, or other voluntary method of acquisition of real property in the community redevelopment area which, under the community redevelopment plan, is to be repaired or rehabilitated for dwelling use or related facilities, repair, or rehabilitation of the structures for guidance purposes, and resale of the property.
 - vii. Acquisition by purchase, lease, option, gift, grant, bequest, devise, or other voluntary method of acquisition of any other real property in the community redevelopment area when necessary to eliminate unhealthful, unsanitary, or unsafe conditions; lessen density; eliminate obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare; or otherwise, to remove or prevent the spread of blight or deterioration or to provide land for needed public facilities.
 - viii. Acquisition, without regard to any requirement that the area be a slum or blighted area, of air rights in an area consisting principally of land in highways, railway or subway tracks, bridge or tunnel entrances, or other similar facilities which have a blighting influence on the surrounding area and over which air rights sites are to be developed for the elimination of such blighting influences and for the provision of housing (and related

- facilities and uses) designed specifically for, and limited to, families and individuals of low or moderate income.
- ix. Acquisition by purchase, lease, option, gift, grant, bequest, devise, or other voluntary method of acquisition of property in unincorporated enclaves surrounded by the boundaries of a community redevelopment area when it is determined necessary by the agency to accomplish the community redevelopment plan.
 - x. Construction of foundations and platforms necessary for the provision of air rights sites of housing (and related facilities and uses) designed specifically for, and limited to, families and individuals of low or moderate income.
- d. To provide, or to arrange or contract for, the furnishing or repair by any person or agency, public or private, of services, privileges, works, streets, roads, public utilities, or other facilities for or in connection with a community redevelopment; to install, construct, and reconstruct streets, utilities, parks, playgrounds, and other public improvements; and to agree to any conditions that it deems reasonable and appropriate which are attached to federal financial assistance and imposed pursuant to federal law relating to the determination of prevailing salaries or wages or compliance with labor standards, in the undertaking or carrying out of a community redevelopment and related activities, and to include in any contract let in connection with such redevelopment and related activities provisions to fulfill such of the conditions as it deems reasonable and appropriate.
- e. Within the community redevelopment area:
- i. To enter into any building or property in any community redevelopment area in order to make inspections, surveys, appraisals, soundings, or test borings and to obtain an order for this purpose from a court of competent jurisdiction in the event entry is denied or resisted.
 - ii. To acquire by purchase, lease, option, gift, grant, bequest, devise, or other voluntary method of acquisition any personal or real property, together with any improvements thereon.
 - iii. To hold, improve, clear, or prepare for redevelopment of any such property.
 - iv. To mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber or dispose of any real property.
 - v. To insure or provide for the insurance of any real or personal property or operations of the county or municipality against any risks or hazards, including the power to pay premiums on any such insurance.
 - vi. To enter into any contracts necessary to effectuate the purposes of this part.
 - vii. To solicit requests for proposals for the redevelopment of parcels of real property contemplated by a community redevelopment plan to be acquired for redevelopment purposes by a community redevelopment agency and, as a result of such requests for proposals, to advertise for the disposition of such real property to private persons pursuant to s. 163.380 prior to the acquisition of such real property by the community redevelopment agency.
- f. To invest any community redevelopment funds held in reserves or sinking funds

or any such funds not required for immediate disbursement in property or securities in which savings banks may legally invest funds subject to their control and to redeem such bonds as have been issued pursuant to s. 163.385 at the redemption price established therein or to purchase such bonds at less than redemption price, all such bonds so redeemed or purchased to be canceled.

- g. To borrow money and to apply for and accept advances, loans, grants, contributions, and any other form of financial assistance from the Federal Government or the state, county, or other public body or from any sources, public or private, for the purposes of this part and to give such security as may be required and to enter into and carry out contracts or agreements in connection therewith; and to include in any contract for financial assistance with the Federal Government for or with respect to community redevelopment and related activities such conditions imposed pursuant to federal laws as the county or municipality deems reasonable and appropriate which are consistent with the purposes of this part.
- h. To make or have made all surveys and plans necessary to the carrying out of the purposes of this part; to contract with any person, public or private, in making and carrying out such plans; and to adopt or approve, modify, and amend such plans, which plans may include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Plans for carrying out a program of voluntary or compulsory repair and rehabilitation of buildings and improvements.
 - ii. Plans for the enforcement of state and local laws, codes, and regulations relating to the use of land and the use and occupancy of buildings and improvements and to the compulsory repair, rehabilitation, demolition, or removal of buildings and improvements.
 - iii. Appraisals, title searches, surveys, studies, and other plans and work necessary to prepare for the undertaking of community redevelopment and related activities.
- i. To develop, test, and report methods and techniques, and carry out demonstrations and other activities, for the prevention and the elimination of slums and urban blight and developing and demonstrating new or improved means of providing housing for families and people of low income.
- j. To apply for, accept, and utilize grants of funds from the Federal Government for such purposes.
- k. To prepare plans for and assist in the relocation of persons (including individuals, families, business concerns, nonprofit organizations, and others) displaced from a community redevelopment area and to make relocation payments to or with respect to such persons for moving expenses and losses of property for which reimbursement or compensation is not otherwise made, including the making of such payments financed by the Federal Government.
- l. To appropriate such funds and make such expenditures as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this part; to zone or rezone any part of the county or municipality or make exceptions from building regulations; and to enter into agreements with a housing authority, which agreements may extend over any period, notwithstanding any provision or rule of law to the contrary, respecting action to be taken by such county or municipality pursuant to any of the powers granted by this part.
- m. To close, vacate, plan, or replan streets, roads, sidewalks, ways, or other places

- and to plan or replan any part of the county or municipality.
- n. To organize, coordinate, and direct the administration of the provisions of this part, as they may apply to such county or municipality, in order that the objective of remedying slum and blighted areas and preventing the causes thereof within such county or municipality may be most effectively promoted and achieved and to establish such new office or offices of the county or municipality or to reorganize existing offices in order to carry out such purpose most effectively.
 - o. To develop and implement community policing innovations.
3. The following projects may not be paid for or financed by increment revenues:
- a. Construction or expansion of administrative buildings for public bodies or police and fire buildings, unless each taxing authority agrees to such method of financing for the construction or expansion, or unless the construction or expansion is contemplated as part of a community policing innovation.
 - b. Installation, construction, reconstruction, repair, or alteration of any publicly owned capital improvements or projects if such projects or improvements were scheduled to be installed, constructed, reconstructed, repaired, or altered within 3 years of the approval of the community redevelopment plan by the governing body pursuant to a previously approved public capital improvement or project schedule or plan of the governing body which approved the community redevelopment plan unless and until such projects or improvements have been removed from such schedule or plan of the governing body and 3 years have elapsed since such removal or such projects or improvements were identified in such schedule or plan to be funded, in whole or in part, with funds on deposit within the community redevelopment trust fund.
 - c. General government operating expenses unrelated to the planning and carrying out of a community redevelopment plan.
4. With the approval of the governing body, a community redevelopment agency may:
- d. Prior to approval of a community redevelopment plan or approval of any modifications of the plan, acquire real property in a community redevelopment area by purchase, lease, option, gift, grant, bequest, devise, or other voluntary method of acquisition; demolish and remove any structures on the property; and pay all costs related to the acquisition, demolition, or removal, including any administrative or relocation expenses.
 - e. Assume the responsibility to bear any loss that may arise as the result of the exercise of authority under this subsection, in the event that the real property is not made part of the community redevelopment area.

The following powers shall remain vested in the Eatonville Town Council:

- a. The power to determine an area to be a slum or blighted area, or combination thereof, to designate such area as appropriate for a Community Redevelopment Project, and to hold any public hearings required with respect thereto
- b. The power to grant final approval to Community Redevelopment Plans and modifications thereof
- c. The power to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds as set forth in Section 163.385

16.0 RELOCATION PROCEDURES

The Agency shall be constituted as a public instrumentality, and be afforded the authority to exercise the powers conferred by Florida Statute Chapter 163 Title XI including:

To prepare plans for and assist in the relocation of persons (including individuals, families, business concerns, nonprofit organizations, and others) displaced from a community redevelopment area and to make relocation payments to or with respect to such persons for moving expenses and losses of property for which reimbursement or compensation is not otherwise made, including the making of such payments financed by the Federal Government.

17.0 DURATION OF PLAN

From Florida Statute Chapter 163.362 Contents of community redevelopment plan.—Every community redevelopment plan shall:

- a. Provide a time certain for completing all redevelopment financed by increment revenues. Such time certain shall occur no later than 30 years after the fiscal year in which the plan is approved, adopted, or amended pursuant to s. 163.361(1). However, for any agency created after July 1, 2002, the time certain for completing all redevelopment financed by increment revenues must occur within 40 years after the fiscal year in which the plan is approved or adopted.

17.1 Plan Modification

163.361 Modification of community redevelopment plans.—

1. If at any time after the approval of a community redevelopment plan by the governing body it becomes necessary or desirable to amend or modify such plan, the governing body may amend such plan upon the recommendation of the agency. The agency recommendation to amend or modify a redevelopment plan may include a change in the boundaries of the redevelopment area to add land to or exclude land from the redevelopment area or may include the development and implementation of community policing innovations.
2. The governing body shall hold a public hearing on a proposed modification of any community redevelopment plan after public notice thereof by publication in a newspaper having a general circulation in the area of operation of the agency.
3. (a) In addition to the requirements of s. 163.346, and prior to the adoption of any modification to a community redevelopment plan that expands the boundaries of the community redevelopment area or extends the time certain set forth in the redevelopment plan as required by s. 163.362(10), the agency shall report such proposed modification to each taxing authority in writing or by an oral presentation, or both, regarding such proposed modification.
3. (b) For any community redevelopment agency that was not created pursuant to a delegation of authority under s. 163.410 by a county that has adopted a home rule charter and that modifies its adopted community redevelopment plan in a manner that expands the boundaries of the redevelopment area after October 1, 2006, the following additional procedures are required prior to adoption by the governing body of a modified community redevelopment plan:
 - i. Within 30 days after receipt of any report of a proposed modification that expands the boundaries of the redevelopment area, the county may provide notice by registered mail to the governing body of the

- municipality and the community redevelopment agency that the county has competing policy goals and plans for the public funds the county would be required to deposit to the community redevelopment trust fund under the proposed modification to the community redevelopment plan.
- ii. If the notice is required in subparagraph 1. is timely provided, the governing body of the county and the governing body of the municipality that created the community redevelopment agency shall schedule and hold a joint hearing co-chaired by the chair of the governing body of the county and the mayor of the municipality, with the agenda to be set by the chair of the governing body of the county, at which the competing policy goals for the public funds shall be discussed. For those community redevelopment agencies for which the board of commissioners of the community redevelopment agency are comprised as specified in s. 163.356(2), a designee of the community redevelopment agency shall participate in the joint meeting as a nonvoting member. Any such hearing shall be held within 90 days after receipt by the county of the recommended modification of the adopted community redevelopment plan.
 - iii. Prior to the joint public hearing, the county may propose an alternative modified community redevelopment plan that meets the requirements of s. 163.360 to address the conditions identified in the resolution making a finding of necessity required under s. 163.355. If such an alternative modified redevelopment plan is proposed by the county, such plan shall be delivered to the governing body of the municipality that created the community redevelopment agency and the executive director or other officer of the community redevelopment agency by registered mail at least 30 days prior to holding the joint meeting.
 - iv. If the notice is required in subparagraph 1. is timely provided, the municipality may not proceed with the adoption of a modified plan until 30 days after the joint hearing unless the governing body of the county has failed to schedule or a majority of the members of the governing body of the county have failed to attend the joint hearing within the required 90-day period.
 - v. Notwithstanding the time requirements established in subparagraphs 2. and 3., the county and the municipality may at any time voluntarily use the dispute resolution process established in chapter 164 to attempt to resolve any competing policy goals between the county and municipality related to the community redevelopment agency. Nothing in this subparagraph grants the county or the municipality the authority to require the other local government to participate in the dispute resolution process.
4. A modification to a community redevelopment plan that includes a change in the boundaries of the redevelopment area to add land must be supported by a resolution as provided in s. 163.355.
 5. If a community redevelopment plan is modified by the county or municipality after the lease or sale of real property in the community redevelopment area, such modification may be conditioned upon such approval of the owner, lessee, or successor in interest as the county or municipality may deem advisable and, in any event, shall be subject to

such rights at law or in equity as a lessee or purchaser, or his or her successor or successors in interest, may be entitled to assert.

18.0 SEVERABILITY

163.395 Property exempt from taxes and from levy and sale by virtue of an execution.—

1. All property of any county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency, including funds, owned or held by it for the purposes of this part are exempt from levy and sale by virtue of an execution; and no execution or other judicial process may issue against the same, nor shall judgment against the county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency be a charge or lien upon such property. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to or limit the right of obligees to pursue any remedies for the enforcement of any pledge or lien given pursuant to this part by the county or municipality on its rents, fees, grants, or revenues from community redevelopment.

The property of the county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency acquired or held for the purposes of this part is declared to be public property used for essential public and governmental purposes, and such property is exempt from all taxes of the municipality, the county, or the state or any political subdivision thereof. However, such tax exemption will term

19.0 SAFEGUARDS, CONTROLS, RESTRICTIONS, OR COVENANTS

163.410 Exercise of powers in counties with home rule charters.

In any county which has adopted a home rule charter, the powers conferred by this part shall be exercised exclusively by the governing body of such county. However, the governing body of any such county which has adopted a home rule charter may, in its discretion, by resolution delegate the exercise of the powers conferred upon the county by this part within the boundaries of a municipality to the governing body of such a municipality. Such a delegation to a municipality shall confer only such powers upon a municipality as shall be specifically enumerated in the delegating resolution. Any power not specifically delegated shall be reserved exclusively to the governing body of the county. This section does not affect any community redevelopment agency created by a municipality prior to the adoption of a county home rule charter. Unless otherwise provided by an existing ordinance, resolution, or interlocal agreement between any such county and a municipality, the governing body of the county that has adopted a home rule charter shall grant in whole or in part or deny any request from a municipality for a delegation of powers or a change in an existing delegation of powers within 120 days after the receipt of all required documentation, or such request shall be deemed granted unless this period is extended by mutual consent in writing by the municipality and county. Within 30 days after receipt of the request, the county shall notify the municipality by registered mail whether the request is complete or if additional information is required. Any request by the county for additional documentation shall specify the deficiencies in the submitted documentation, if any. The county shall notify the municipality by registered mail within 30 days after receiving the additional information whether such additional documentation is complete. If the meeting of the county commission at which the request for a delegation of powers or a change in an existing delegation of powers is unable to be held due to events beyond the control of the county, the request shall be acted upon at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the county commission without regard to the 120-day limitation. If the

county does not act upon the request at the next regularly scheduled meeting, the request shall be deemed granted.

163.415 Exercise of powers in counties without home rule charters.

The powers conferred by this part upon counties not having adopted a home rule charter shall not be exercised within the boundaries of a municipality within said county unless the governing body of the municipality expresses its consent by resolution. Such a resolution consenting to the exercise of the powers conferred upon counties by this part shall specifically enumerate the powers to be exercised by the county within the boundaries of the municipality. Any power not specifically enumerated in such a resolution of consent shall be exercised exclusively by the municipality within its boundaries.

20.0 CONSISTENCY WITH EATONVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

163.362 Contents of the community redevelopment plan.

Every community redevelopment plan shall:

Provide for the retention of controls and the establishment of any restrictions or covenants running with land sold or leased for private use for such periods of time and under such conditions as the governing body deems necessary to effectuate the purposes of this part.

163.360 Community redevelopment plans.

1. Community redevelopment in a community redevelopment area shall not be planned or initiated unless the governing body has, by resolution, determined such area to be a slum area, a blighted area, or an area in which there is a shortage of housing affordable to residents of low or moderate income, including the elderly, or a combination thereof, and designated such area as appropriate for community redevelopment.
2. The community redevelopment plan shall:
 - a. Conform to the comprehensive plan for the county or municipality as prepared by the local planning agency under the Community Planning Act.
 - b. Be sufficiently complete to indicate such land acquisition, demolition and removal of structures, redevelopment, improvements, and rehabilitation as may be proposed to be carried out in the community redevelopment area; zoning and planning changes, if any; land uses; maximum densities; and building requirements.
 - c. Provide for the development of affordable housing in the area or state the reasons for not addressing in the plan the development of affordable housing in the area. The county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency shall coordinate with each housing authority or other affordable housing entities functioning within the geographic boundaries of the redevelopment area, concerning the development of affordable housing in the area.
3. The community redevelopment plan may provide for the development and implementation of community policing innovations.
4. The city, municipality, or community redevelopment agency may itself prepare or cause to be prepared a community redevelopment plan, or any person or agency, public or private, may submit such a plan to a community redevelopment agency. Prior to its consideration of a community redevelopment plan, the community redevelopment agency shall submit such plan to the local planning agency of the county or municipality

for review and recommendations as to its conformity with the comprehensive plan for the development of the county or municipality as a whole. The local planning agency shall submit its written recommendations with respect to the conformity of the proposed community redevelopment plan to the community redevelopment agency within 60 days after receipt of the plan for review. Upon receipt of the recommendations of the local planning agency, or, if no recommendations are received within such 60 days, then without such recommendations, the community redevelopment agency may proceed with its consideration of the proposed community redevelopment plan.

5. The community redevelopment agency shall submit any community redevelopment plan it recommends for approval, together with its written recommendations, to the governing body and to each taxing authority that levies ad valorem taxes on taxable real property contained within the geographic boundaries of the redevelopment area. The governing body shall then proceed with the hearing on the proposed community redevelopment plan as prescribed by subsection (6).
6. (a) The governing body shall hold a public hearing on a community redevelopment plan after public notice thereof by publication in a newspaper having a general circulation in the area of operation of the county or municipality. The notice shall describe the time, date, place, and purpose of the hearing, identify generally the community redevelopment area covered by the plan, and outline the general scope of the community redevelopment plan under consideration.
6. (b) For any governing body that has not authorized by June 5, 2006, a study to consider whether a finding of necessity resolution pursuant to s. 163.355 should be adopted, has not adopted a finding of necessity resolution pursuant to s. 163.355 by March 31, 2007, has not adopted a community redevelopment plan by June 7, 2007, and was not authorized to exercise community redevelopment powers pursuant to a delegation of authority under s. 163.410 by a county that has adopted a home rule charter, the following additional procedures are required prior to adoption by the governing body of a community redevelopment plan under subsection (7):
 - a. Within 30 days after receipt of any community redevelopment plan recommended by a community redevelopment agency under subsection (5), the county may provide written notice by registered mail to the governing body of the municipality and to the community redevelopment agency that the county has competing policy goals and plans for the public funds the county would be required to deposit to the community redevelopment trust fund under the proposed community redevelopment plan. If the notice is required in subparagraph 1. is timely provided, the governing body of the county and the governing body of the municipality that created the community redevelopment agency shall schedule and hold a joint hearing co-chaired by the chair of the governing body of the county and the mayor of the municipality, with the agenda to be set by the chair of the governing body of the county, at which the competing policy goals for the public funds shall be discussed. For those community redevelopment agencies for which the board of commissioners of the community redevelopment agency are comprised as specified in s. 163.356(2), a designee of the community redevelopment agency shall participate in the joint meeting as a nonvoting member. Any such hearing must be held within 90 days after receipt by the county of the recommended community redevelopment plan. Prior to the joint public hearing, the county may propose an alternative redevelopment plan that meets the requirements of this section to

- address the conditions identified in the resolution making a finding of necessity required by s. 163.355. If such an alternative redevelopment plan is proposed by the county, such plan shall be delivered to the governing body of the municipality that created the community redevelopment agency and to the executive director or other officer of the community redevelopment agency by registered mail at least 30 days prior to holding the joint meeting.
- b. If the notice is required in subparagraph 1. is timely provided, the municipality may not proceed with the adoption of the plan under subsection (7) until 30 days after the joint hearing unless the governing body of the county has failed to schedule or a majority of the members of the governing body of the county have failed to attend the joint hearing within the required 90-day period.
 - c. Notwithstanding the time requirements established in subparagraphs 2. and 3., the county and the municipality may at any time voluntarily use the dispute resolution process established in chapter 164 to attempt to resolve any competing policy goals between the county and municipality related to the community redevelopment agency. Nothing in this subparagraph grants the county or the municipality the authority to require the other local government to participate in the dispute resolution process.
7. Following such hearing, the governing body may approve the community redevelopment and the plan therefore if it finds that:
- a. A feasible method exists for the location of families who will be displaced from the community redevelopment area in decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling accommodations within their means and without undue hardship to such families.
 - b. The community redevelopment plan conforms to the general plan of the county or municipality as a whole.
 - c. The community redevelopment plan considers the utilization of community policing innovations, and to the provision of adequate park and recreational areas and facilities that may be desirable for neighborhood improvement, with special consideration for the health, safety, and welfare of children residing in the general vicinity of the site covered by the plans.
 - d. The community redevelopment plan will afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the county or municipality as a whole, for the rehabilitation or redevelopment of the community redevelopment area by private enterprise; and
 - e. The community redevelopment plan and resulting revitalization and redevelopment for a coastal tourist area that is deteriorating and economically distressed will reduce or maintain evacuation time, as appropriate, and ensure protection for property against exposure to natural disasters.
8. If the community redevelopment area consists of an area of open land to be acquired by the Town or the municipality, such area may not be so acquired unless:
- a. In the event the area is to be developed in whole or in part for residential uses, the governing body determines:
 - i. That a shortage of housing of sound standards and design which is decent, safe, affordable to residents of low or moderate income, including the elderly, and sanitary exists in the county or municipality.
 - ii. That the need for housing accommodation has increased in the area.
 - iii. That the conditions of blight in the area or the shortage of decent, safe,

affordable, and sanitary housing cause or contribute to an increase in and spread of disease and crime or constitute a menace to the public health, safety, morals, or welfare; and

- iv. That the acquisition of the area for residential uses is an integral part of and is essential to the program of the county or municipality.

- b. In the event that the area is to be developed in whole or in part for nonresidential uses, the governing body determines that:

- Such nonresidential uses are necessary and appropriate to facilitate the proper growth and development of the community in accordance with sound planning standards and local community objectives.
- Acquisition may require the exercise of governmental action, as provided in this part, because of:
 - a) Defective, or unusual conditions of title or diversity of ownership which prevents the free alienability of such land.
 - b) Tax delinquency.
 - c) Improper subdivisions.
 - d) Outmoded street patterns.
 - e) Deterioration of site.
 - f) Economic disuse.
 - g) Unsuitable topography or faulty lot layouts.
 - h) Lack of correlation of the area with other areas of a county or municipality by streets and modern traffic requirements; or
 - i) Any combination of such factors or other conditions which retard development of the area.
- Conditions of blight in the area contribute to an increase in and spread of disease and crime or constitute a menace to public health, safety, morals, or welfare.

- 9. Upon the approval by the governing body of a community redevelopment plan or of any modification thereof, such plan or modification shall be deemed to be in full force and effect for the respective community redevelopment area, and the county or municipality may then cause the community redevelopment agency to carry out such plan or modification in accordance with its terms.

- 10. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this part, when the governing body certifies that an area needs redevelopment or rehabilitation as a result of an emergency under s.252.34(3), with respect to which the Governor has certified the need for emergency assistance under federal law, that area may be certified as a “blighted area,” and the governing body may approve a community redevelopment plan and community redevelopment with respect to such area without regard to the provisions of this section requiring a general plan for the county or municipality and a public hearing on the community redevelopment

APPENDIX A

Town of Eatonville Legal Description

Beginning nine hundred and ninety-one and eleven hundredths (991.11) feet north of the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Twenty-one (21) South Range Twenty-nine (29) East; run thence south a distance of 1,924.51 feet; thence run west a distance of 466.70 feet; thence run north a distance of 20.00 feet; thence run west a distance of 421.48 feet; thence run north 2 degrees 5' 40" west, a distance of 438.32 feet to the SE corner of Ben Hill Property; thence run west a distance of 320.77 feet to the west line of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34 Township 21 South, Range 29 East; thence run South 2 degrees 14'40" east a distance of 438.41 feet to the NW corner of Catalina Park Subdivision; thence run South 1 degrees 48' 14" east a distance of 373.60 feet; thence run south 89 degrees 39' 16" east a distance of 1,196.78 feet to the southeast corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said section 34; thence run South 0 degrees 01'57" east a distance of 1,289.6 feet to the southeast corner of said Section 34, Township 21 South, Range 29 east thence run east along the south line of Section 35; thence east a distance of 660 feet along the south line of Section 36, Township 21 South, Range 29 East; thence run north a distance of 3,631.11 feet to a point 662 feet east of the east line of said section 35; thence run west to the point of beginning.

Also: The north 247.8 feet of the west 200 feet of the northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ (less north 40 feet for road) Section 34, Township 21 South, Range 29 East.

Also: Begin 200 feet east of the NW corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 21 south, Range 29 east, and run south on the east line of tract of land conveyed by grantors to Henry S Crosby, single, on June 13, 1956, as shown on Public Records of Orange County, Florida, in Official records Book 110, page 358,—130 feet to a stake; thence east parallel with the north line of said Section, 120 feet to a stake; thence north, parallel with the east line of said tract conveyed to Henry S. Crosby, single, 130 feet to a stake in the north line of said SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 34; thence west 120 feet to the NE corner of said tract conveyed to Henry S. Crosby and the point of beginning. Less the north 30 feet for road.

Also: Begin 4 degrees 85.48 feet north of the SE corner of Section 34, Township 21 south, Range 29 east; run North 62 degrees west, 642.13 feet; North 498.14 feet; East to the East line of Section 34; South along said east line of section 34 to point of beginning. Also: The NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying south of the road and the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of vacated road on the north (less Kingswood Manor 7 th add.) Section 34, Township 21 south, Range 29 east.

Also: The NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ north of the road (less the North 40 feet) Section 34, Township 21 south, Range 29 east.

Also: Begin 543 feet south of the NE corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 21 south, Range 29 east; run thence south 725.34 feet; thence N. 87 degrees 50'30" W. 577.97 feet; thence N 01 degrees 52'04", 990.36 feet; thence S. 64 degrees 51'17"e., 673.70 feet to the point of beginning, less right-of-way for County Road on the east.

Also: Beginning at the southeast corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 21 south, Range 29 east; thence north 957 feet; thence west 1320 feet; thence north 363 feet; thence west 1320 feet; thence south 1320 feet; thence ease to the point of beginning, Less a tract described as follows; beginning at the SW corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Section 34, Township 21 south, Range 29 east; thence east 1,635 feet, thence north 01 30' east, 695 feet; thence south 75 31' west, 342 feet; thence west to the west line of said section 34, thence south to the point of beginning.

Also: The South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the West $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 21 south, Range 29 east, less road right-of-way on the west and south.

Also: The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 21 south, Range 29 east and begin at the NE corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 34, run west 1320 feet, south 363 feet, thence east 1320 feet, thence north 363 feet to the point of beginning.

Also: Begin at SE corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said section 34, run thence north 834.84 feet; thence west 208.71 feet, thence south 834.84 feet to the point of beginning less road right-of way.

Also: From the SE corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 21 south, Range 29 east, run N04 degrees 01' 15"W along the east line of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 34, a distance of 40.10 feet to a point on the north right-of-way line of Lake Avenue form a point of beginning; continue N04 Degrees 01'15"W, a distance of 800 feet; thence N89 degrees 54'39"W, a distance of 1263.91 feet; thence south a distance of 800 feet to a point of said right-of-way line; thence south a distance of 1320 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 23.697 acres of land and lake bottom.

Also: The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ (less S 834 feet of E 208.71 feet and less S 40 feet for R/W) of Section 34-21-29 3291/2615 and 5477/1304 (Merger) and 5477/1315 (Merger) and 5477/1322 (Merger)
(Ord. No. 2004-3, § 1, exh. B, 3-2-2004)

APPENDIX B**Projects and Programs**

Projects and Programs	2025-2030	2030-2035	2035-2040	2040-2045
Affordable/Market / Rehab Housing	X	X	X	X
Recreation Facilities Improvements	X	X	X	X
Street Lighting Upgrades	X		X	
Eatonville Town Shoppe	X	X		
Incentive Grant/Loan Pool	X	X	X	X
System Utility Improvements	X	X	X	X
Kennedy Blvd Streetscape Upgrades	X		X	
Complete Street Approach	X	X		
Lk Destiny Rd/Lee Rd Connection	X	X	X	X
Parking Structure/ Facility	X	X	X	X
Gateway Improvements	X		X	
Way finding Signage	X	X		
Park Improvements/New & Existing	X	X	X	X
Community Policing	X	X	X	X
Hungerford Property	X	X	X	
Infill Land Acquisition Residential /Commercial	X	X	X	X
Façade /Community Improvement/ Community Development Grants	X	X	X	X
Special Events / Programs	X	X	X	X
Roadway Improvements	X	X	X	X
Sidewalk Improvements	X	X	X	X
Cultural Heritage Tourism	X	X	X	X
Historic Preservation	X		X	
Cultural Facilities	X	X	X	X
Underground Utilities Residential/Commercial	X	X	X	X
Eaton Walk @Zora Park Food & Entertainment Incubator	X	X	X	
The “Circuit” Performing Arts and Entertainment Center	X	X	X	X
Business Recruitment Opportunities	X	X	X	X
Real Estate Acquisitions	X	X	X	X
Community Land Trust	X			

APPENDIX C*TIF Projections*

YEAR	TAXABLE VALUE	INCREMENT VALUE	TAX INCREMENT
2025	\$284,004,621	\$234,148,995	\$ 350,500*
2026	\$298,200,652	\$248,345,026	\$ 350,500*
2027	\$313,110,685	\$263,255,059	\$ 350,500*
2028	\$328,766,219	\$278,910,593	\$1,553,821
2029	\$345,204,530	\$295,348,904	\$1,645,400
2030	\$362,464,756	\$312,609,130	\$1,741,557
2031	\$380,587,994	\$330,732,368	\$1,842,522
2032	\$399,617,394	\$349,761,768	\$1,948,536
2033	\$419,598,264	\$369,742,638	\$2,059,850
2034	\$440,578,177	\$390,722,551	\$2,176,730
2035	\$462,607,086	\$412,751,460	\$2,299,454
2036	\$485,737,440	\$435,881,814	\$2,428,314
2037	\$510,024,312	\$460,168,686	\$2,563,617
2038	\$535,525,527	\$485,669,901	\$2,705,685
2039	\$562,301,804	\$512,446,178	\$2,854,857
2040	\$590,416,894	\$540,561,268	\$3,001,487
2041	\$619,937,739	\$570,082,113	\$3,175,949
2042	\$650,934,626	\$601,079,000	\$3,348,634
2043	\$683,481,357	\$633,625,731	\$3,529,953
2044	\$717,655,425	\$667,799,799	\$3,720,338
2045	\$753,538,196	\$703,682,570	\$3,920,242

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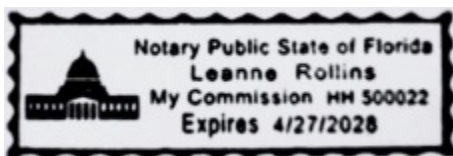
Rose Williams

Name of Affiant

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

AFFIRMING THE FINDING OF THE EXISTENCE OF BLIGHTED AREAS IN THE TOWN; ADOPTING THE 2025 CRA PLAN UPDATE AS APPROVED BY THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE CRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS; EXTENDING THE LIFE CYCLE FOR 20 YEARS TO END 2045. MAINTAINING THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA BOUNDARIES AS APPROVE IN 1997.

BY THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE TOWN COUNCIL, EATONVILLE, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to hear the proposed Update of the Town of Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency (TOECRA) Plan Affirming the Finding of The Existence of Blighted Areas In The Town of Eatonville; Adopting The 2025 CRA Plan Update As Approved By The Town of Eatonville CRA Board of Directors scheduled by the Town Council of the Town of Eatonville, Eatonville, Florida, on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be heard, at the Town of Eatonville Town Hall, located at 307 E. Kennedy Blvd., FL 32751.

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HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 15, 2025, AT 7:30 PM

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ITEM TITLE: Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes 7-1-25 (Clerk Office)

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS		Department: LEGISLATIVE (CLERK OFFICE)
PUBLIC HEARING 1 ST / 2 ND READING		Exhibits: - Council Meeting Minutes, 7-1-25, 7:30 p.m.
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	
COUNCIL DECISION		
ADMINISTRATIVE		

REQUEST: Approval of meeting minutes for the Town Council Meeting held on the below dates:

- Council Meeting Minutes, July 1, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

SUMMARY: The Town Council Meeting was held on the 1st Tuesday in July. Meeting Minutes were transcribed from the audio archive for approval for the public records.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of meeting minutes for the Town Council Meeting held on, July 1, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: N/A



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 7:30 PM
Town Hall – 307 E. Kennedy Blvd.

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 AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM:

Mayor Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and a quorum was established by Mrs. King

PRESENT: (5), Mayor Angie Gardner, Vice Mayor Theo Washington, Councilman Tarus Mack, Councilwoman Wanda Randolph, Councilman Rodney Daniels

STAFF: (6) Demetris Pressley, **Chief Administrative Officer**; Veronica King, **Town Clerk**, Holli New, **Town Attorney**, Katrina Gibson, **Finance Director**, Valerie Mundy, **Public Work Director**, Stanley Murray, **EPD Police Chief**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Gardner led the Invocation in a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mayor Gardner Motions to **APPROVE** agenda with amendment moving item #3 (Approval of Amended Resolution 2025-10 Utility Rate Clarification) to Council Decisions; **Moved by** Councilman Mack; **Second by** Councilwoman Randolph; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION:

Proclamation - Mayor Gardner presented a reading of the Proclamation in recognition of Florida Water Professional Month.

Presentation (Dr. Jim Moyer – presenter) – Gave a presentation entitled “Understand Soil and Water Conservation Districts/Lake King.”

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – (12)

The Juneteenth Committee (Group of four-Candace Finley, Tiffany Simmons, Ruthi Critton, Shana Mount) updated the council on the recent event and presented a video. Tiffany Simmons – There is something special and sacred about growing up in Eatonville—a place where legacy is not taught, it is lived. As girls, as women, we have witnessed what it means to build something meaningful for the community, where we shape the spirit of celebration, service, and pride. And now we stand here as women, reading, organizing, and hosting a festival of our own. It is a full circle blessing that we do not take for granted. The Juneteenth celebration was crafted from a place of deep love of community, history, and the town we call home.

After the committee presented their video, they donated \$1000 for the Town to be used for water bill relief. Pictures with the town council and the Juneteenth Committee was done.

Cathy Mills – (Resident) Son is now a homeowner and still on septic; there are citizens in Eatonville who are elderly, and the council needs to be more giving (considerate) of the citizens (regarding water bills). Elderly people who are on a fixed income have an issue with the raised water rates.

Bradley Mac – Owner of a plumbing company (Drain Daddy) on the West side at 997 West Kennedy Boulevard and is enrolled in the Mayor's Business Development Program for the infrastructure projects. I know a lot of funds will be allocated towards minority and women-owned businesses, but there are more things that could be done to guarantee that those resources will be allocated to small business owners within the town. Suggested to the council to do an ordinance that allow a percentage of those funds to be allocated to or directed to those small businesses. Although some of those funds are allocated towards minorities, and women owned businesses that does not exclusively mean that those businesses have to come from within Eatonville.

Angela Thomas – (Resident) I had to get an additional meter for the sprinkler system. I have to fill out a new application and pay a fee, but I have been here since 2007. Thomas is confused because she is not getting a new system, just an additional meter, have to Pay \$170 deposit in which a deposit was already paid, total meter cost is \$496, not giving reclaimed water, inquired about an additional bill, and taxes on the bill. Thomas would also like an update on the non-ad valorem study, start date of study and implementation, will change the price of the water bill.

Joyce Irby – I was in conversation with the Mayor for a while regarding the National Trust Grant and study for historical buildings. Irby wanted to confirm that it went through (yes).

Michael Mills – (Resident) Since I been in Eatonville, I have not had a water bill like I do today. We need to change the water rates; sewer bill alone was \$80 more. I would like to see the council help the citizens who are old, do not have money, or live on fixed income. Everyone might not be as fortunate to pay their water bills.

Eddie Cole – (Resident) Wanted clarification on the water ordinances, with the repeal of both of ordinances, which one is the town under now (request a copy), hoping that it is being looked into as to if there is money that has to go back to the residents, is too costly to refund the funds all at once.

Anthony Grant – (Resident) Acknowledge and appreciate the presentation on soil and water and public comments from (Bradley Mac) and acknowledged Ms. Critton (Juneteenth Committee); wanted to reiterate his concerns of the resolution passed on December 3, 2024 (water rates). If you adopted a resolution that established rates at a flat rate but are billing residents per thousand, and the document states it is a flat rate. How are you billing the residents per thousand? My understanding is that the attorney stated that was the interpretation, need to go back and do it the right way; it is disturbing when we come to you for answers, you as elected leaders elected do not have answers, the policy needs to be rethought, if you cannot talk to us, then who do we talk to?

Angela Johnson – (Resident) What the council adopted was a rate that did not include a reference to give you the authority to bill at per thousand gallons. In regard to the motion set tonight, if the resolution gave you the authority to bill per thousand gallons, why do you have an item on your agenda to make a correction? So, if we are making a correction tonight, that would lead me to believe that what I have been charged since these rates were implemented was inaccurate, and therefore I am making a formal request for a refund of the amount that was charged. I respectfully request that a motion be put on the floor tonight to refund the overcharge to all residents as a credit over 6 months. I would also like information that could be provided to residents about water bill relief, and would like a detailed list of residents that have received a water bill relief, what is the policy to ensure that those credits are not given to the same individuals over again?

Additional comments: Mayor Gardner clarified her statement of not addressing public comments with a back and forth dialogue but follow up will be provided if needed; Vice Mayor Washington stated it is a public period. Where every question cannot be answered, having dialogues will not allow us to get through the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Gardner Motions to **APPROVE** Consent Agenda Item #1 (Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes 6-17-25) and Item #2 (Approval of Resolution 2025-11 Reappointment to the Planning and Zoning Board); **Moved by** Vice Mayor Washington; **Second by** Councilwoman Randolph, **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

COUNCIL DECISIONS:

(Moved from Consent Agenda) Approval of the Amended Resolution 2025-10 Utility Rate Clarification– (Preamble Read). **Mayor Gardner Motions** to **APPROVE** the Amended Resolution 2025-10. Utility Rate Clarification; **Moved by** Vice Mayor Washington; **Second by** Councilman Mack with questions. **Discussions:** Councilman Mack wanted to motion for reimbursements to residents (for water utility bill) before approval of Resolution 2010-10 (*rescinded his second for approval of Resolution 2025-10*); [**Councilman Mack Motions** to reimburse residents on their water utility bill, there is already an open motion on the floor. **Further Discussions of Resolution 2025-10:** Councilman Daniels – The former mayor Cole had good questions on the ordinance, as well as Mrs. [Angela] Johnson (To Mr. Pressley) What do you recommend? Recommends doing the study first then addressing water rates? Is there a deadline tonight? Demetrius Pressley – The request that is being talked about is separate from what is happening here with resolution 2025-10, working with the County Commissioners accounting and speaking with their attorneys and to get their legal opinion on whether our route was correct or should there be some modifications, do not recommend that the council make a decision regarding a refund until information comes back from the county. Vice Mayor Washington asked Finance Director Mrs. Gibson to answer what the audit stated for the years that we had to do a water study. Mrs. Gibson – For twenty years the town has been getting a finding in the audit report because of our water rates, an increase in water rates is needed to get grants, bring in revenue, fix roads, and to pay staff. The auditor took all of the revenue of where the town should be in order to pay for expenditures, the longer we wait to pass the ordinance or resolution, the higher the refund. Vice Mayor Washington - agree with giving a credit back on residents' accounts monthly, was the per thousand being charged before the resolution was passed? Yes confirmed by Mrs. Gibson; Councilwoman Randolph – This issue is complicated and need to do the right thing done. We need to establish the refund period from the beginning [start date] up until now. Then we should focus on the water rate, would like clarity on the utility tax on the rates. Mrs. Gibson – We have an ordinance to charge a utility tax; Mrs. Gibson will send the ordinance in the morning. **Mayor Angie Gardner seconds the approval** of the Amended Resolution 2025-10 Utility Rate Clarification, **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Further Discussions:** Mayor Gardner asks Mrs. Gibson to clarify the previous rebate. Mrs. Gibson stated that it was for garbage, not water. Demetrius Pressley clarifies that Attorney New is trying to make sure the wording is proper in regard to Councilman Mack's motion to reimburse residents, it is not a matter of not knowing what to say, it is making sure that when we come back and workshop it, we are saying a motion to credit contingency based off the findings. We are questioning if the ordinance that we have established is sufficient. We also need to conduct a study to identify the time period for the reimbursement. What Councilman Mack is suggesting is without checks and balances. Councilman Mack – Attorney New, did you have an opportunity to review the documents that was provided on the ordinance that was approved in terms of the water rates. Attorney New – I have not reviewed them since December but have the documents for reference. Are you asking about the resolution with the utility schedule? The ordinance was repealing the previous ordinances allowing utility rates to set by resolution. The resolution then set the utility rates. Councilman Mack wants the Attorney's opinion on the asterisk which has been clarified by administration. Councilwoman Randolph – Do we have a motion on the floor? (No) We will be here all night on this issue, and I would like to put a motion on the floor to table this. Mayor Gardner clarified that the council is just discussing. Attorney New – Did the council ever formally adopt the Florida Rural Water Association findings and suggestions. Mayor Gardner is unsure and will follow up. The proposed motion [by Councilman Mack-for reimbursement to residents] has been rescinded, and no action has been taken.

REPORTS:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, Demetris Pressley: We are working with the CRA regarding their event. We are pursuing additional funding for water and sewer infrastructure; will have a community meeting for the policing facility on July 8th; working with recreation on summer programs and the pool; followed up with the county on the sidewalk issue from the last meeting also working with public works to address sidewalk issues;

will reach out to the appropriate person regarding the septic tank, will research and follow back up, regarding irrigation, there is no reclaim water.

TOWN CLERK, Veronica King: Reminded council that today (July 1, 2025) was the deadline to submit the 2024 Form of Financial Interests, still have time to submit before there is a fee assessed after September 2nd. In addition, there have been some questions on the upcoming 2026 election, based on the new charter. The first day of qualifying should be any time after noon of the 50th day prior to the general town election, but no later than noon of the 46th day prior to the day of election, will translate this to calendar form.

TOWN ATTORNEY: No Report

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Vice Mayor Theo Washington – We are not perfect; we can have errors.

Councilwoman Wanda Randolph – I do not think most residents are aware of the separate meters. We should send awareness to everyone; requested an explanation for the work from home policy for employees, there is no procedure/policy per Mr. Pressley; requesting that a work from home policy is implemented; would like to say the Juneteenth celebration and committee did a great job; the Eatonville Senior Citizens are having a 4th of July event on Saturday [July 5] you do not want to miss it; there will be a breast cancer screening event on September 6th by local health workers; inquired about the incident on the water, Ms. Mundy clarified the internet outage impacted service and that public works are working on the situation.

Councilman Rodney Daniels – Agrees with Councilwoman Randolph in regard to sending alerts and robo calls about water; enjoyed the Juneteenth event and thanked the committee for a great job done, want the town to benefit from these events from a publicity and monetary standpoint. I agree that we need to find a way to take care of citizens when we make a mistake. I appreciate everyone who comes to the meetings to voice their concerns.

Councilman Tarus Mack – Thanks to those who attended tonight’s meeting. Condolences to the Bradshaw family; the community cleanup event is on July 19th from 8-12pm. Any volunteers who want to get involved call town hall; be sure to come out to the 1887 Farmers Market set up by Julian Johnson; there is a life cycle bike ride with free bike rentals. Vice Mayor Washington did a great job on his recent event. Thank you to the Juneteenth committee for their great event and giving back. Thank you for the presentations tonight. In regard to the Catalina Park police facility, we need to have community engagement, and I have reiterated that multiple times, before approving anything.

MAYOR’S REPORT, Mayor Angie Gardner: We will miss out on millions if we do not increase the water rates. I know people are concerned about different bills. If you are going to want a refund from an account that is in the negative by over a million dollars—that is negligent. It has to be done now so that future leaders do not have to worry about it. All of the narratives, you know it is political, are not complaining about asterisks, they are complaining about the rates. I am looking forward to unity. I am proposing that we discuss creating brochures that will introduce you as a council person, highlight things you have done, a headshot, and some facts. This matters because it is an outreach tool for public awareness of your role, long term community engagement aspect, and also having a historical piece for the town.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Gardner **Motions** for Adjournment of Meeting; **Moved by** Councilman Mack; **Second by** Councilwoman Randolph; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned at 9:47 p.m.**

Meeting Handouts: Community Clean-up Day (July 19, 2025); Councilman Rodney Daniel’s Form 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal, and Other Local Public Officers

Respectfully Submitted by:

APPROVED

Veronica L King, Town Clerk

Angie Gardner, Mayor



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 15, 2025, AT 7:30 PM

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ITEM TITLE: Approval of Public Works Utility Tech 1 – Reclassification of Position (Administration)

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS		Department: Human Resources / Public Works
PUBLIC HEARING 1ST / 2ND READING		Exhibits: - Refer to support documents provided in workshop
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	
COUNCIL DECISION		
ADMINISTRATIVE		

REQUEST: Respectfully requests approval to reclassify a position with compensation adjustment in Public Works & Utilities (Public Works Utility Tech 1)

SUMMARY: The Town of Eatonville Public Works Department respectfully submits this request for the reclassification of the Service Worker II position to reflect operation needs for Utility Technician I role. This change recognizes the evolving scope of duties and responsibilities assigned to this position and seeks to align the title, function, and compensation accordingly. The reclassification of the position to Utility Technician I –is necessary to align job duties with current and future operational needs, recognize the value of this role to the department’s success, and ensure equitable compensation.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend the town council approve the reclassification of position with compensation adjustment in Public Works & Utilities (Public Works Utility Tech 1).

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: The funds will come from the water/sewer fund 400-0536-536-1200



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 15, 2025, AT 7:30 PM

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ITEM TITLE: Approval of Town Council Meeting AMENDED Minutes 6-3-25 (Clerk Office)

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS		Department: LEGISLATIVE (CLERK OFFICE)
PUBLIC HEARING 1ST / 2ND READING		Exhibits: - Council Meeting AMENDED Minutes, June 3, 2025, 7:30 p.m.
CONSENT AGENDA		
COUNCIL DECISION	YES	
ADMINISTRATIVE		

REQUEST: Approval of meeting AMENDED minutes for the Town Council Meeting held on the below dates:

- Council Meeting Minutes, June 3, 2025, 7:30 p.m. (Amended)

SUMMARY: The Town Council Meeting was held on the 1st Tuesday in June. Meeting Minutes were transcribed from the audio archive for approval for the public records. Meeting Minutes for the June 3, 2025, meeting is being brought back to the town council for amending. During the June 3, 2025, council meeting Councilman Rodney Daniels had a voting conflict and had to recuse himself from voting on the approval of the Architectural and Engineering Design Services for Frances Jerry Community Building/Police Substation, **The 8B Form was submitted to the clerk on July 1, 2025, and a copy is being provided to each council member. The amendment to the meeting minutes includes inclusion of the 8B form into the amended minutes for the 6-3-2025 meeting; to include a reading of the form into the record.

The voting results for the Architectural and Engineering Design Services for Frances Jerry Community Building/Police Substation consisted of a 4/0 favorable vote by Councilman Mack, Councilwoman Randolph, Vice Mayor Washington, and Mayor Gardner.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of meeting amended minutes for the Town Council Meeting held on, June 3, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: N/A



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 7:30 PM

Town Hall – 307 E. Kennedy Blvd.

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CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM:

Mayor Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and a quorum was established by Mrs. King

PRESENT: (5), Mayor Angie Gardner, Vice Mayor Theo Washington, Councilwoman Wanda Randolph, Councilman Tarus Mack; Councilman Rodney Daniels

STAFF: (7) Demetris Pressley, **Chief Administrative Officer**; Veronica King, **Town Clerk**, Ryan Knight, **Town Attorney**, Katrina Gibson, **Finance Director**, Valerie Mundy, **Public Work Director**, Chief Murray/Lt. Fletcher Boone, **EPD**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Gardner led the Invocation in a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mayor Gardner Motions to **APPROVE** the meeting agenda with amendment (correcting the name “Arby” to “Irby” in all areas in the meeting minutes for May 20, 2025; **Moved by** Councilman Mack; **Second by** Councilwoman Randolph; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. 5/0 Discussion:** Gardner identified a correction needed in the meeting minutes.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – (5)

Kelvan Franklin – (133 Thomas Avenue, Maitland, Florida.) Provided information from the Chamber of Commerce as one of the ambassadors; Mayor's Business Development Academy: aimed at empowering local businesses and preparing them for participation in Eatonville's infrastructure and economic revitalization projects, over the next eight weeks, Eatonville small business owners will engage in a rigorous training program designed to build technical knowledge, business acumen, and readiness to compete effectively in the regional marketplace. The Eatonville Chamber is excited to partner and to be a part of this valuable training opportunity for our community, thank you Mayor, the turnout was very well attended.

Angela Johnson – (Resident) it is understood that the grant funds for the community room has to be spent by January, 2026 (request for clarity and accuracy), if correct, what is the timeframe for the community engagement for the design, construction and will there be any penalties if the timeframe is not met; there was a shooting and the ring cameras did not record everything, hearing the concerns about people's rights, there is a right for safety, talking about the cameras in the school zones, may want to address cameras throughout our community; love hearing that Eatonville has the lowest crime rate, is the crime rate per capita in the area; there are a number of cars that come through the community bypassing the right hand side when trying to turn into Catalina Park creating a safety hazard, with the flashing lights, individuals are still going through the walk zones, whatever can be done to have a safe walkable community should be considered most; inquired about the dates for the budget meetings; expressed concerns about the air conditioner at the Denton Johnson Center, asked that the issue be addressed.

Ryan Novak – (Resident) traffic control devices do not deter nor help public safety, have nothing to do with public safety, studies have shown that it is more about revenue generation than public safety, throughout Orange County, the installation of red light cameras has seen an increase of 10% in rear end collisions, the net reduction in pedestrian fatalities in 2024 were zero, 10% increase in rear end collisions, no deterrent of fatalities to pedestrians, it is about revenue, Winter Park alone collected \$4 million in red light camera violations in 2024, they kept roughly 60% to pay the companies that want to generate the money.

Joyce Irby – (Resident) want to thank the mayor for the one-on-one conversation about historic preservation, there are some things coming up with an available grant, there were some issues involved, have to look at what is good for the town, feel very hopeful; thanks to the council, the administration who deals with crazy stuff, especially the officers who get cursed out and called names; thanks to the citizens that show up, Ms. Johnson is appreciated for the information/data she provides; inquired about the Pickleball (the town has Pickleball); it is an honor to be a part of this community have an incredible history

Ruthi Crittin – (Resident) Encouraged the council, residents, and personnel to participate in the “Let’s Talk Eatonville” sessions held on the 2nd Saturdays, 10:30am – 12pm located at the Eatonville Library (next June 14); to discuss Historic Preservation, if preservation is important and it should be in a historic town, then we need to be active, tell your neighbors, bring a friend, it is free and usually have donuts and coffee.

PUBLIC HEARING

Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-4 for School Zone Speed Enforcement within the Town of Eatonville: (Preamble Read) Chief Murray reiterated the opportunity to be in Eatonville and thanked the council for reviewing this item, it is a necessary item, do understand Mr. Novak's concerns, rear accidents are not due to an electronic device, is due to someone not paying attention, whether at a stop sign, stoplight, if someone hits another vehicle, it is because they are not looking forward in a timely manner to hit their brakes, prepared to still move forward, will review with more companies and bring back to the council for approval.

Citizen Comments: Ryan Novak - against speed control devices on Kennedy Blvd during school zone hours, the company that previous did a presentation stated that the moment the cameras stopped generating revenue, they uninstall the cameras (not about public safety), suggest looking at another option, for an example in Orange County on Orange Blossom Trail around 39th Avenue and Holden, the large long speed humps were installed, fatalities have dropped 80%, speed infractions have dropped 70%, this is an ongoing deterrent to speeding and improves to public safety, The speed humps carry over outside of the 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM window to catch someone potentially speeding in a reduced speed zone, providing public safety 24 hours a day; suggested doing a proper assessment, a proper survey and study of the intersections and crossings to determine what is the best approach, digital devices is not the best approach; the cross walks need more lighting, improving public lighting increases public safety, not traffic control devices, have no problem putting cameras up, it helps with crime in general when on all the time, but to take money for the sake of taking money and not looking at the surveys for public safety, I am vehemently against. Ruthie Critton - a parent of children that go to Hungerford, there are a lot of things to help, having more manpower could potentially mitigate some of Mr. Novak's claims about public safety, would rather have an Eatonville officer but will take whatever can help, in favor of whatever will help whether increasing the budget for more officers, investing in more reserve officers, whether it is the west side where the children are coming under the overpass or whether it is on college street and coming off of lime, lemon, orange streets, and walking down college, need to find something to help address this matter; addressed putting signage in specific areas, since the school is tucked off into the neighborhood, need some deterrents on College street and Ruffle street coming westbound from West Street to the school; Angela Johnson - in favor of the town implementing a program, cameras, or whatever will best serve as an opportunity to deter and reduce the speed along Kennedy, the cars are not stopping for the children (the town is a thruway, transient street), requested for Chief to address if the cameras will be uninstalled after certain period of time, appreciate the comments that were made on the news media today, parents are concerned about the safety of their children, the islands on OBT (Orange Blossom Trail) are not high enough to stop cars from speeding, needs to do

whatever to mitigate the risk of injury to the children that are walking to school, if it generates revenue for the historic Town of Eatonville, the town needs revenue, if you get a ticket, there is money that comes back to the municipality to help cover operating costs; implore public works and administration to look at all of the signage throughout the community to ensure clear visibility, agree to move forward with the ordinance, hoping more residents especially parents to speak in favor of this for the second reading; Bradley McWithy - (Owner of Drain Daddy, new local plumbing company) it is enlightening being in this room, if the Chief is understaffed, that could be a really good way to generate revenue, people seeing those cameras and having the flashing lights would act as a deterrent, however, it will not make you hit the brakes, having speed tables and other deterrents will force people to hit the brakes, generating additional revenue for the town of Eatonville is not a bad idea, use of flashing lights and crosswalks should be standard, mentioned speed tables and other things that do not become digitally invasive in people's lives, understand that things (digital detection devices) can be easily manipulated and used for nefarious purposes (potential Liability), a speed table will not and 90% of people will most likely hit the brakes, if they see the camera and there is no one nearby to hold them accountable, they are willing to risk it; it is discouraging to know that tree branches are blocking the school zone signs and cannot be read accurately; if understaffed, whether it is having crossing guards or people to walk kids to and from school, it may be enough people in this community and in this room that would be willing to step up and help, just ask the questions, if there is any opportunity that I can step up and help, be on call for a crossing guard, would love to step up and help; Joyce Irby - do appreciate speed bumps, live behind Family Dollar and after eight o'clock at night individuals are having a race going 70 miles an hour for two block and then slamming on the brakes when getting to Kennedy, would like to revisit having speed bump in the future; want cameras and revenue because the town need the money; Bradley McWithy inquired about doing a speed survey to determine the areas in the community with the most amount of speeding, this could be a viable option to determine where those speed bumps would be most effective. Ryan Novak - if it is about the money, just say that but doing it under the guise of public safety is disrespectful; the removal of the speed bumps was because the humps mountainous and damaging vehicles, we absolutely need public safety using larger humps throughout Eatonville, other areas, and side streets where people are speeding, the humps will go a longer way to public safety. **Council Comments:** Mayor Gardner – This hearing is only for the school zones, although I definitely understood your comment; when this was first done we did have a study that did count the number of vehicles and average speed which is about a year old now so it needs to be updated; my other thing is that when we talk about safety, it is okay to have multi-levels. The Chief and I talked about volunteers, traffic callers, but if putting these cameras will help change behavior, and they start seeing our strip of town just as they see their own then perhaps it's worth trying; then after we get the data and analyze it then we can see it doesn't work, and I don't think it's going to be a big money maker, but if it is going to be there and hitting someone's pockets then that is where the money comes in. Vice Mayor Washington – Does not support the speeding camera being active for 24 hours. Councilman Daniels – I think the safety of our citizens, especially kids in particular, is very important; I commend you [Chief Murray] for implementing this item and I appreciate the other citizens who gave their opinion. I think this proponent will add value. I am for having the system set up during school hours. Councilman Mack – Are we able to extend to the whole Kennedy [Boulevard]? Chief Murray answers stating that it is not what was designed; it is designed for school zones. Councilman Mack suggests that with more officers, it would be good to have a 24-hour speed deterrent. Chief Murray said if that were the case then there would be no school zone title.

Mayor Gardner Motions to APPROVE the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-4 for School Zone Speed Enforcement within the Town of Eatonville; Moved by Councilman Mack; Second by Councilwoman Randolph; AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.

APPROVAL CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Gardner Motions to APPROVE the Consent Agenda approving Town Council Meeting Minutes 5-20-25; approving the Architectural and Engineering Design Services for Frances Jerry Community Building/Police Substation; **Moved by Councilman Mack; Second by Councilwoman Randolph; AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES 4/0. Comments/Notes:** Councilman Daniels was

recused from voting due to voting conflict (voting conflict due to relative) towards item #2 (Approval of the Architectural and Engineering Design Services for Frances Jerry Community Building/Police Substation)

COUNCIL DECISIONS: (No Action Items under Council Decisions)

REPORTS:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Demetrius Pressley – The 4th Master Plan workshop is coming up on June 11th. This will have a draft of what is been projected from the community, met with several community members along with the planner, Tara, and staff members. It is important for the community to continue to voice their opinions on what they would like to see in the Master Plan. The State of the Town is this upcoming Thursday. On June 14th, we have the hurricane preparedness expo at the Boys and Girls Club. Vendors will be talking about the different measures and discussing hurricane preparations. It will be hosted by the Police department and Public Works. With the approval of the first reading of ordinance No. 2025-4, Mr. Pressley had two reminders: first, we have the safe routes to schools project that will bring in flashing beacons that will be placed along Kennedy and we are in the final stages of getting that to happen. There was a small survey done during the speed hub analysis and we can bring the company back to look at the overall assessment and come up with where those zones are and work with the County. Congratulations to the Town for another 8.3 million that is now helping with our stormwater mitigation. Regarding the DOJ community project, there was an extension that was given so we have until March 2026. Miss Johnson has further details on the time frame.

Valerie Mundy – Cormier group knows that they must get this done rapidly. We are hoping to get the design done by late July to put it out on the street and get rapid construction. So, we are working on getting it done by the end of the year. Mr. Pressley – Once the final scope is given, we will give it to everyone to know. Lastly, I am a proud father, I had my daughter graduate last week. Budget meetings will be the third week of July. Councilwoman [Randolph], you did ask for an updated fiscal statement and it is in your box to pick up on your way out.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Ryan Knight – No Report

TOWN CLERK: Veronica King – Reminder that early voting starts June 14 through June 22nd; we have a new records coordinator, Marissa Bellenger. She is very good for the town, has a heart for the town, and has worked in the town. So, we look forward to working with her, and that you have an opportunity to meet her.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Angie Gardner – Condolences to the Spencer family who just buried a loved one. Congratulations to the graduates. Encouraged everyone to come out for the State of the Town. The Life Cycle Club is this Saturday. Congratulations to the Town for the CDBG. When I first came onto the board, I knew that Catalina needed engineering to stop flooding and then this money came along, so thank you.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS -

Vice Mayor Theo Washington – Wanted to confirm next meeting will be at the Denton Johnson Center due to early voting. Denton Johnson does not have A/C; it is embarrassing that we still have this building up, years ago we should have made a new building. We need to use these funds to get buildings up—it does not take long. I need to talk to the chief about cameras in neighborhoods. Congrats to all the graduates and condolences to all the families who lost loved ones.

Councilman Rodney Daniels – Great ideas and observations. We can use all of this to help deter speeding and figure out a way to make our city safe. My condolences to the Spencer family. Suggests citizens become volunteer deputies to get them involved. Where are we on changing the moment of silence, it does not necessarily have to be named prayer. I keep saying that we can say words of encouragement. Mr. Pressley – Met with county commissions today, and they are still working on the process. I will formally bring it back [to the council], just waiting on information on the county on the process they use.

Councilwoman Wanda Randolph – Asked for the status of the swimming pool. Mr. Pressley said the pool is open. We have a couple of residents in disagreement with their water bill. Mr. Pressley met with staff to go over the commercial, but has not seen many residential, so we went over the extension of those. We still have a parking issue on Bethune with parking at Mrs. Kim’s restaurant, if a fire truck tries to get through, they would not be able to, would like to try and get one-side parking on that street. Mr. Pressley will follow up on this with the chief, who stepped out. Also suggested a street sweeper. Residents have been complaining about potholes on Clark street. Concurs with Vice Mayor Washington on the Denton Johnson Center as far as needed improvements. Asked if donations collected by the Boys and Girls Club had anything to do with the town. Mr. Pressley said that the town has their own separate programs running, so those donations are for the Boys and Girls Club. Asked for the status of the historic preservation grant for \$125,000. Mr. Pressley stated that town planner, Tara Salmieri, is generating ideas including a historic survey of the town which has not been done in 30 years. The survey would give us information to add to the Master Plan. Councilwoman Randolph worried about the timeline for applying for the grant. Mr. Pressley said they are assessing options. Councilwoman Randolph would like the issues being brought up to be presented to the council so they can analyze whether or not they should pursue a survey. Mayor Gardner said this is strictly administrative. Councilwoman Randolph says that she has looked at the grant, but other council members may have not so she would like Mr. Pressley to make justification. Another issue, after the last meeting, Randolph checked if the town had an ongoing lawsuit against them, and found that they did, but the council was not notified.

Councilman Tarus Mack – Condolences to the community and congratulations to recent graduates. 1887 Farmers Market this weekend, run by Julian Johnson. There will also be a cleanup day in Eatonville on June 14th. Asks residents to have things on the curbside ready for pickup. Looking forward to the State of the Town and encouraging anyone who wants to know what is going on in the town to attend; would like to see community engagement between officers and residents in Catalina before moving forward with anything in terms of new construction of a building. Juneteenth celebrations are something we should be a part of. We need to be more engaged in these types of events including the “Let’s Talk Eatonville” series by the P.E.C. Thankful for the presentations and participation tonight. Congrats to the town for receiving \$8.3 million in grants. Thanks to Ms. Monday for adding aspiration and gratitude to this community. Police calling in the community has gone down tremendously which tells you how significant things are going in the community from a safety perspective.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Gardner Motions for Adjournment of Meeting; **Moved by Councilman Mack;**

Second by Councilwoman Randolph; AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned at 8:44pm.

Meeting Handouts: Flyer about the State of the Town; Eatonville Police Department Call for Service Report; Automatic School Zone Enforcement Program Capabilities Overview Document.

AMENDMENT: Councilman Rodney Daniels had a voting conflict and had to recuse himself from voting on the approval of the Architectural and Engineering Design Services for Frances Jerry Community Building/Police Substation, **The 8B Form was submitted to the clerk on July 1, 2025, and a copy has been provided to each council member. Voting Conflict: Inured to the special gain or loss of a relative.

Respectfully Submitted by:

APPROVED

Veronica L King, Town Clerk

Angie Gardner, Mayor

FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME DANIEL ROONEY MAURICE		NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE TOWN OF EATONVILLE	
MAILING ADDRESS 307 E KENNEDY BLVD		THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:	
CITY EATONVILLE	COUNTY ORANGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY	
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED JUNE 17		NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:	
		MY POSITION IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE	

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies equally to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing the reverse side and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which inures to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also is prohibited from knowingly voting on a measure which inures to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

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ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you otherwise may participate in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on other side)

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, RODNEY DANIEL, hereby disclose that on JUNE 17, 20 25:

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one)

- ☐ inured to my special private gain or loss;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____;
- ☒ inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, BRITTANY NORWOOD _____;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of _____, by whom I am retained; or
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which is the parent organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

Date Filed

Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 15, 2025, AT 7:30 PM

Cover Sheet

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ITEM TITLE: Approval of Resolution 2025-12 – Town of Eatonville 2025 CRA Plan Update - **Administration**

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS		Department: ADMINISTRATION
PUBLIC HEARING 1ST / 2ND READING		Exhibits: <i>**Refer to the documents provided as part of the Public Hearing**</i> - CRA Plan Update - Resolution 2025-12 - Legal Notices
CONSENT AGENDA		
COUNCIL DECISION	YES	
ADMINISTRATIVE		

REQUEST: The Board of Directors of the CRA is requesting that the Town Council formally adopt the 2025 CRA Plan Update by Resolution 2025-12.

SUMMARY: The TOE CRA has conducted one (1) community workshop and two (2) public hearings to solicit public input and present the Town Eatonville Community Redevelopment Plan update process to the residents, business owners and operators, and general public. Town Council approval of the 2025 CRA Plan Update will allow for the next step of seeking Orange County adoption through Interlocal Agreement and Delegation of Authority.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Resolution 2025-12 approving the 2025 CRA Plan Update

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: Extension of the CRA lifecycle from 2027 to 2045.