The meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency was called to order by Chairman Steve Leary at 2:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 401 Park Avenue South, Winter Park, Florida.

Members present:  
Chairman Steve Leary  
Commissioner Greg Seidel  
Commissioner Sarah Sprinkel  
Commissioner Carolyn Cooper  
Commissioner Todd Weaver  
Orange County Rep. Hal George

Also present:  
City Manager Randy Knight  
City Clerk Cynthia Bonham

Approval of minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Sprinkel to approve the minutes of July 8, 2019, seconded by Hal George. There were no public comments made.

Commissioner Cooper asked that the work session minutes be amended to add comments she made regarding the post office property. Those minutes will have the additional comments added. The motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote to amend and approve the minutes.

Assistant Division Director of Economic Development/CRA Kyle Dudgeon outlined the proposed CRA budget for the next year. He also addressed an additional request from Women’s Club for a one-time contribution of $20,000 to help with improvements.

Questions were asked concerning the one time ask of the Women’s Club and the Housing Renovation Program budget. Commissioner Cooper asked about the consideration of using funds for the electrical drops to the houses on the Westside. There was a consensus that Mr. Moore further explore this for possible future funding. Commissioner Weaver asked about expanding the Comstock Avenue parking. Mr. Dudgeon clarified the addition of 65 spaces along Comstock. Mayor Leary addressed his support of the Women’s Club allocation.

Motion made by Commissioner Seidel to approve the budget as presented on page 4 of the packet; seconded by Commissioner Sprinkel.

AMENDMENT #1 Motion amended by Commissioner Seidel to add $20,000 for the one-time allocation to the Woman’s Club to renovate the eastside doors going out to the patio; seconded by Commissioner Cooper.
AMENDMENT #2 Motion made by Mr. George to include a budget placeholder for affordable housing of $100,000 in addition to the $40,000 allocated to allow staff to investigate if there are areas needed for additional rehabilitation; seconded by Mayor Leary.

AMENDMENT #3 Motion amended by Commissioner Sprinkel to allocate $150,000 in FY2020 to implement parking strategies but not necessarily from the Kimley Horn report and have the Transportation Advisory Board, the CRA Advisory Board and the Chamber provide comments and recommendations; seconded by Commissioner Seidel.

Motion amended by Commissioner Cooper to allocate $75,000 to initiate a planning effort in the Planning Department to provide safe, convenient routes between neighborhoods and the Central Business District, schools, parks and other points of popular destinations (starting the effort to look at connectivity and putting it in the Planning Department). Planning Director Stephenson stated if the current budget is passed it will contain a Transportation Planner in the budget and also has a small amount of contractual services to help with traffic counts. He added that their end goal is to have a transportation master plan. Mayor Leary stated this is something that can come back in the future and he cannot support this now. Motion failed for lack of a second.

AMENDMENT #4 Motion amended by Commissioner Cooper to allocate $1 million in FY 2020 to pursue acquisitions to facilitate stormwater and improve traffic flow at the intersection of Denning Avenue and West Fairbanks Avenue (northwest corner); it would facilitate park expansion, stormwater, environmental cleanup and getting turn lanes for Denning; seconded by Commissioner Weaver.

There was discussion by Commissioner Cooper to schedule a strategic planning session. There was a consensus to schedule this at the end of the year or the beginning of next year.

AMENDMENT #5 Motion amended by Mayor Leary to allocate $1 million towards the parking lot they are renovating for the Canopy project and any other parking needed there and to also make it percolation greenspace type parking and also include landscaping in and around the area as well; seconded by Commissioner Sprinkel. For clarification, Mayor Leary commented this is to go towards the parking plan to make it pervious to make sure the area is more ‘green’ so water is not piling up on blacktop.

Commissioner Cooper asked about her request for $100,000 to move forward with the post office property. Budget Manager Peter Moore explained the $200,000 is to accommodate all studies that is part of the contractual services line item. Mayor Leary explained there is currently funds in the budget and that further information will be brought forward at a later time.
Upon a roll call vote on amendment #1, the motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

Upon a roll call vote on amendment #2, the motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

Upon a roll call vote on amendment #3, the motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

Upon a roll call vote on amendment #4, the motion carried with a 5-1 vote with Commissioner Sprinkel voting no.

Upon a roll call vote on amendment #5, the motion carried with a 5-1 vote with Commissioner Weaver voting no.

Upon a roll call vote on the main motion with the amendments previously voted on, the motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

The CRA Agency meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

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Chairman Steve Leary

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Rene Cranis