



CITY OF PANAMA CITY  
AGENDA  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CITY COMMISSION MEETING

1. Roll Call And Approval Of Meeting Minutes For January 10, 2023

Documents:

[UNAPPROVED CRA MEETING MINUTES 10JAN23.PDF](#)

2. Consent Agenda

2.a. Consideration And Approval On The Resolution Of The STA CRA Letter Of Commitment For The City's RAISE Grant Application

Documents:

[AGENDA ITEM - RAISE RESOLUTION.PDF](#)  
[RESOLUTION-FOR-FUNDING-COMMITMENT - 02.09.2023C \(2\).PDF](#)  
[RAISE LETTER OF COMMITMENT \(1\).PDF](#)

3. Public Comment

4. Adjournment

Meeting Adjournment

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## MINUTES

### CITY OF PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA, CITY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REGULAR CRA MEETING

01/10/23 – Minutes

1. Roll Call And The Approval Of Meeting Minutes from 11/8/22

Chairman Brudnicki called the meeting to order at 9:37 AM.

Roll call was done by CRA Grants & Operations Coordinator, Kehle Shandley with the following members present: Mr. Radar, Mr. Street, Mrs. Haligas, Mr. Brown and Chairman Brudnicki. Also present: City Manager/CRA Executive Director Mark McQueen, and City Attorney Nevin Zimmerman.

Mr. Radar moved to approve the minutes for the November 8, 2022 CRA meeting. Mr. Radar, Mr. Street, Mrs. Haligas, Mr. Brown and Chairman Brudnicki voted "YEA". "NAYS" " – none. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

2. Update to Board Members
  - a. Emerald Coast Regional Council
  - b. Grants Update
  - c. Downtown Design Guidelines

Mr. McQueen presented summary of the written update included in the agenda packet provided to the Board.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Brudnicki adjourned the meeting at 9:47 AM.

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# Agenda Item Request Form

**ITEM:** Consideration and approval on the Resolution of the STA CRA Letter of Commitment for the City's RAISE Grant Application.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The City is seeking a \$19 Million grant from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program through the US Department of Transportation. The proposed project is located on US Highway 98 beginning at the East terminus of the Hathaway bridge flyover to the East side of the Jenks Ave and US Highway 98 intersection and will include enhancements up to 2 blocks North and South of US Highway 98. The City of Panama City will partner with the CRA, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida Power and Light (FPL), and the Tourist Development Council (TDC) to achieve the objectives of the grant. The major scope components of this project include safety, stormwater, quality of life, and accessibility.

St. Andrews CRA will provide TIF for two (2) fiscal years, FY24/25 and FY25/26, up to \$1.2 Million, in cost share or match for the RAISE Grant. The funds derived from this grant will assist with infrastructure, stormwater, safety, accessibility and encourage economic development for this commercial corridor that runs through the St. Andrews CRA district and links growing markets in Panama City Beach and other surrounding municipalities and markets within Panama City.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval.

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## Budget Impact

Budgeted? Yes:  No:  How Much budgeted?

If more, where do you suggest funds come from?

Cost Center Affected: 120-5512

Requested By: Grey Dodge

Date: 2/9/2023

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PANAMA CITY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AGREEING TO ASSIST IN FULFILLING THE MATCH FUNDS REQUIRED FOR THE REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Transportation has made \$1 billion in Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant funds available to eligible applicants for the 2021 funding cycle;

**WHEREAS**, RAISE Grants are highly competitive, merit based discretionary grants focused on surface transportation projects that will have a significant local or regional impact;

**WHEREAS**, RAISE applicants should state the extent to which a project will facilitate environmental stewardship and public health; will improve infrastructure conditions; will connect people of all ages, abilities, and races to economic opportunities by removing barriers to such opportunities in the long-term and by providing access to good-paying jobs in the short-term; will enhance community partnerships; and will provide access to efficient, reliable, safe, and affordable transportation options; among other outcomes;

**WHEREAS**, RAISE Grant applicants must demonstrate partnerships among a broad range of stakeholders for success, including partnerships with other local agencies and organizations;

**WHEREAS**, the Panama City Community Redevelopment Agency (“CRA”), the City of Panama City (“City”), the Florida Department of Transportation (“DOT”), Bay County, acting through its Tourism Development Council (“TDC”) (collectively the “Applicants”), are joint, eligible applicants in their request for funding for the Highway 98 Complete Streets project, hereinafter referred to as "the Project";

**WHEREAS**, RAISE Grants are intended to provide the funding necessary to complete projects of scales similar to the Project;

**WHEREAS**, the Applicants together request up to \$25,000,000 to fund a portion of the Project and distribute funds for the Project to enable the Applicants to complete the Project;

**WHEREAS**, RAISE Grants fund up to eighty percent (80%) of each awarded project in an urban area, and applicants must demonstrate an ability to obtain, at a minimum, the remaining matching funds;

**WHEREAS**, the CRA is committed to pledge its future revenues from the St. Andrews Community Redevelopment Area for fiscal years 2025-2026 to fulfill its obligated share of the Applicants’ match, such amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 (the “CRA Match Contribution”);

**WHEREAS**, the CRA Match Contribution combined with funds and projects from the other Applicants will enable the Applications to fulfill its match obligation of up to \$5,000,000;

**WHEREAS**, the Project implements the goals and objectives of the Applicants.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of the Community Redevelopment Agency as follows:

**SECTION 1.** If the Applicants are awarded the RAISE Grant, the CRA agrees to participate financially by contributing funds from the St. Andrews Community Redevelopment Area for fiscal years 2025-2026 up to \$1,200,000 in local funds to the match portion of the Grant.

**SECTION 2.** This Resolution will take effect upon adoption by the Commission.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Community Redevelopment Agency at its meeting this 14th day of February, 2023.

**PANAMA CITY COMMUNITY  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, FLORIDA**

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Greg Brudnicki, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:**

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Nevin J. Zimmerman, City Attorney



2/2/2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: City of Panama City RAISE Grant Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

This letter serves as the Letter of Commitment for up to \$1,200,000 in local match funds from the City of Panama City St. Andrews Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) for the US Highway 98 corridor project. The source of the match will be from anticipated CRA budget comprised of TIF dollars in the St. Andrews district for the 2025 and 2026 fiscal years.

The proposed project runs through the St. Andrews district and is located along US Highway 98, beginning at the East terminus of the Hathaway bridge flyover, which links to the growing market of Panama City Beach, and extending to the East side of Jenks Ave where US Highway 98 intersects and leads to other surrounding markets and municipalities. Enhancements two blocks North and South of US Highway 98 are included in the proposed project. A proven partnership between the City, the CRA, the Florida Department of Transportation, and Florida Power and Light ensures the objectives of this grant will be successfully achieved. The major scope components of this project include safety, stormwater, quality of life, and accessibility.

Funding for this project directly affects three historically disadvantaged census tract areas and is a key component to boosting economic recovery and increasing community resiliency. The transformation of US Highway 98 to a safe, modern, multi-modal corridor will have a catalytic effect on Panama City's goal of becoming the Premier City in the Florida Panhandle.

The CRA's successful and ongoing efforts to revitalize the St. Andrews district have allowed us the ability to provide this local match. With this letter of commitment, I urge you to fully fund the City of Panama City's US Highway 98 Corridor project.

Sincerely,

Mark McQueen  
City Manager/Executive Director, CRA