

RESOLUTION 2014-07-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY REQUESTING THE JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL TO (1) AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE BUSINESS INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE DIA PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 55, PART 3 (THE “PLAN”); AND (2) AUTHORIZING THE DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY STAFF AND THE CONSULTANTS TO CORRECT ANY SCRIVENER’S ERRORS IN THE PLAN PRIOR TO THE FILING OF LEGISLATION.

WHEREAS, the Downtown Investment Authority (“DIA”) has been designated by the City of Jacksonville as the Community Redevelopment Agency (“CRA”) for community redevelopment areas within the boundaries of Downtown pursuant to Ordinance 2012-364-E; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Jacksonville to create a vibrant and dynamic downtown and in doing so has, pursuant to the Act, charged the DIA to envision and formulate a community redevelopment area plan for downtown which among other things shall conform to the City’s comprehensive plan and be sufficiently complete so as to indicate any proposed land acquisition, demolition, affordable housing, redevelopment, improvements, and rehabilitation that is appropriate for the revitalization of downtown; and

WHEREAS, the DIA in its dual capacity as both a community redevelopment agency and as a business investment board for downtown seeks to encourage and stimulate growth within downtown and incentivize quality of life and quality of growth planned projects coupled with a well-planned and viable infrastructure system; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 55.308(a)(5) the DIA Board is authorized to develop and adopt a Business Investment and Development Plan for approval by Council, which plan includes a business investment strategy (the “BID”) and updated community redevelopment plans (the “CRA Plans”) for the Southside Community Redevelopment Area and Downtown Northbak Community Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the DIA employed professional consultants to assist in the development of the CRA Plan and the BID. The City awarded the professional services contract for the development of the CRA Plan and the BID on July 22, 2013 pursuant to a Request For Proposal No. P-20-13; and

WHEREAS, the DIA has evaluated the CRA Plans and BID in numerous public meetings from August of 2013 through July of 2014. There has been ample public input from stakeholders, as well as members of the Board, and the Administration; and

WHEREAS, the DIA approves the Business Investment and Development Plan approved by the DIA Board as of the date below.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Downtown Investment Authority:

Section 1. The DIA finds that the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The DIA respectfully submits and requests the City Council to authorize and approve the Plan. The DIA authorizes the DIA staff and consultant to correct any scrivener's errors in the Plan prior to the filing of the Plan legislation.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the DIA this 30th day of July, 2014.

WITNESS:

DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY

Oliver Barakat, Chairman

VOTE: In Favor: _____ Opposed: _____ Abstained: _____

FORM APPROVAL:

Office of General Counsel