

RESOLUTION 2015-09-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY (“DIA”) APPROVING A SCOPE OF SERVICES, INCLUDED AS EXHIBIT ‘A’ TO THIS RESOLUTION, FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO DEVELOPING A LAVILLA NEIGHBORHOOD MASTER PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE DIA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCOPE OF SERVICES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Downtown Investment Authority (“DIA”) has been designated by the City of Jacksonville as the Community Redevelopment Agency for community redevelopment areas within the boundaries of Downtown pursuant to, Chapter 55, Part 3, *Ordinance Code*; and

WHEREAS, a Business Investment and Development Plan (“BID Plan”) has been adopted pursuant to Chapter 55, Part 3, *Ordinance Code*, which includes an update of the Community Redevelopment Area (“CRA”) Plans for Downtown consisting of the Southside CRA and the Northbank CRA, as well as a Business Investment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the LaVilla neighborhood is located within Downtown Jacksonville and within the boundaries of the BID, inclusive of the CRA Plans for Downtown Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS, during its height, the LaVilla neighborhood was considered "the mecca for African American culture and heritage" in Florida, and often referred to as the “Harlem of the South”; and

WHEREAS, the LaVilla neighborhood declined to such an extent that as part of the “1993 River City Renaissance Plan” much of LaVilla was razed, creating blocks of vacant parcels; and

WHEREAS, the City owns large amounts of the vacant lands that were created by the razing of structures in 1993; and

WHEREAS, there has been a resurgence in Downtown development, particularly in areas such as the adjacent Brooklyn neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the DIA desires to create a Master Plan for the LaVilla neighborhood in order to guide and facilitate redevelopment in a manner consistent with the BID and CRA Plans; and

WHEREAS, DIA finds it necessary to procure professional services for development of a LaVilla Neighborhood Master Plan, now, therefore,

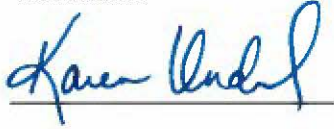
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Downtown Investment Authority:

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

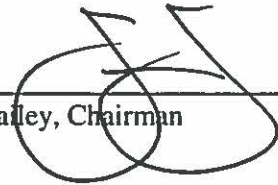
Section 2. The DIA approves the Scope of Services included as Exhibit ‘A’, and authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute contracts for professional services in accordance with the Scope of Services.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the DIA this 30th day of September, 2015.

WITNESS:



DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY



Jim Bailey, Chairman

VOTE: In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstained: _____