

CITY OF PUNTA GORDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2719-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE 1990 DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN (“PLAN”) PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.361(1), FLORIDA STATUTES, EXTENDING THE TIME CERTAIN FOR COMPLETION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY OF THE “PLAN”; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, by Resolution No. 956-90, approved and adopted the 1990 Downtown Redevelopment Plan (“Plan”) for the City of Punta Gorda; and

WHEREAS, the Community Redevelopment Agency (“Agency”) of the City of Punta Gorda is a community redevelopment agency organized and existing as established by the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Resolution No. 955-89, and is vested with the responsibility for carrying out the Plan for the Community Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the “Agency” desires to extend the time limits on the establishment of loans, advances, and indebtedness, plan effectiveness and payment of indebtedness and receipt of tax increment to the maximum time limits allowed; and

WHEREAS, such extension of time limits modifies the “Plan’s” implementation strategy to go through December 31, 2019, as described in Exhibit “A”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA, THAT:

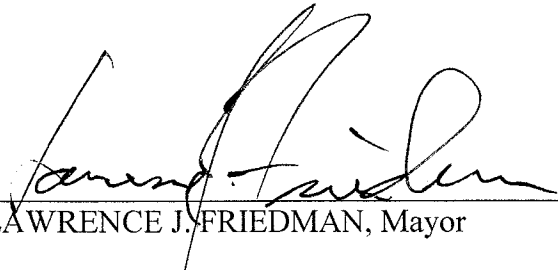
1. The “Agency”, acting as a Responsible Agency, has reviewed and considered the proposed modification to the “Plan” and recommends its approval to the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda; and.
2. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.3194(2), Florida Statutes, the Planning Commission serving as the Local Planning Agency for the City of Punta Gorda, Florida has reviewed the “Plan”, and has found said “Plan” to be consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida; and
and
3. A notice of public hearing was timely published in a newspaper of general circulation and notice to taxing authorities was timely mailed as provided in Section

163.346, Florida Statutes, and a public hearing has been held as required by Section 163.360(5), Florida Statutes.

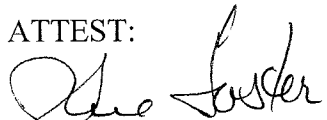
6. The City Council, pursuant to Section 163.361 (1), Florida Statutes, modifies the 1990 Downtown Redevelopment Plan to extend the time limits on the establishment of loans, advances, and indebtedness, plan effectiveness and payment of indebtedness and receipt of tax increment through December 31, 2019.

7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED in regular session of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, this 2nd day of July, 2008.

BY: 
LAWRENCE J. FRIEDMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:


SUE FOSTER, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


DAVID M. LEVIN, City Attorney

7/2/08
Date

Exhibit A - CRA Project Summary

CRA Projects	Physical Improvements						ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
	1990 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN	2000 EASTSIDE DOWNTOWN PLAN	2005 CHARRETTE	2005 CITIZENS MASTER PLAN	COMPLETE		
Auditorium/Courthouse Plans	X	X	X	X	X	X	The Charlotte County Events Center is currently under construction with an anticipated completion date of December 2008. The Charlotte County Courthouse renovation was completed in February 2008.
Brick Streets Program	X	X					On-going through lifecycle of CRA.
City Hall Expansion	X				X	X	Phase I (A. C. Freeman House) & Phase II (Parking) of the Government was completed in March 2008. Phase III which includes City Council Chamber expansion is currently on hold.
Community Entranceways	X	X	X			X	East of Marlympia on US 17, Carmalia Triangle and US 41 at Burnt Store Meadows.
CRA Land Acquisitions	X	X	X	X	X	X	Multiple parcels have been acquired for various CRA projects.
Develop Art Around Town		X				X	Through artist and private organization donations the City has developed a program to display art through the downtown area. The program has since moved to Sculpture Park which will be an integral connection to Linear Park.
District Markers	X		X				Design of wayfinding has been completed; Phase I construction is anticipated in FY 2008/2009
Downtown Redevelopment Incentives		X	X			X	Eight incentive awards have been made. The program remains intact however all funding has been obligated.
Drainage	X	X	X			X	Drainage study has been completed.
East Punta Gorda Revitalization	X	X	X	X	X		Multiple projects in varying stages of completion such as Trabue Woods Affordable Housing, Bernice Russell CDC mixed use development and various land purchases.
East-West Collectors	X						No progress to date.
Extension of Retta Esplanade	X	X	X	X	X		The CRA has purchased the needed ROW to extend Retta Esplanade through the City Marketplace site. With the proposed Hilton Garden Inn, work is anticipated to be completed within the next year.
Henry Street Extension	X						No progress to date.

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Herald Court Parking Garage	X	X	X			Project is currently under construction. Estimated date for completion 2009 w/debt service extended out to 2019.
Herald Courtyard Improvements		X			X	Improvements to Herald Courtyard, East and West, were completed in February 2008.
Historic Street Lighting	X					On-going through lifecycle of CRA.
Housing Redevelopment Fund	X		X		X	The City has partnered with 3 organizations in an effort to provide affordable/attainable housing in the City: Bernice Russell CDC, Trabue Woods Economic CDC and the Charlotte Housing Corporation.
Improvement to Cooper Street Recreation Center		X				HUD Disaster Recovery Funds have been allocated to this project. No current CRA funds slated for use.
Improvements to Oaktree Village		X			X	Streetscape, parking, front porches and new roofing.
Intersections	X	X	X			Typical intersection designs have been utilized in numerous locations throughout the City. Most notably along Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.
Linear Park	X	X				Currently in planning stage, project to begin in FY 2008/2009
Mangrove Park	X	X				Grant funds through the Florida Forever program are being pursued in order to purchase lands. Six parcels have already been purchased through the Trust for Public Lands.
MLK Improvements		X		X	X	Improvements to MLK were carried out in 5 phases and were completed in April 2008.
Public Boat Ramps	X	X		X	X	Public boat ramps that are located at Laisley Park have been expanded to accommodate more boats.
Riverwalk/Harborwalk	X	X	X			Phase I of this project is complete. Phase II is in design and is a part of the waterfront development project at/ka Laisley Park
Sidewalk Program	X			X		On-going through lifecycle of CRA.
Small Business Incubator	X	X	X	X		Development of the Bernice Russell Community Development Corporation's E. Virginia Avenue project provides the space for a small business incubator.
Street Tree Program	X					On-going through lifecycle of CRA.
Streetscape Program	X	X		X		The US 41 Master Streetscape Program is approximately 80% complete and is expected to be finalized in FY 2010/2011

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Surface Parking Program	X	X	X	X	X	2006 Parking Study for public surface parking improvements which includes: Government Center, Hector House Plaza, Laisley Park, On-street Parking, and Proposed 400+ Sapce Parking Garage
Temporary Parking Program	X	X	X	X	X	See Surface Parking
Urban Wayfinding		X	X	X		Phase 1 (City Center) is currently funded and signage is currently being manufactured. Estimated completion date for Phase 1 is January of 2009.
Waterfront Site Redevelopment	X	X	X	X		Phase I of the Waterfront Development a/k/a Laisley Park Project has been completed w/Marina and Dockmaster. Phase II is in planning and will include restaurant, retail, open air market, and an interactive fountain
Programs to Achieve GOPS of Plan						
Beautification Awards	X				X	Awards are given out by the Revitalization Committee to both residential and commercial properties on a quarterly basis.
Building Appearance and Maintenance	X	X		X	X	CRA Incentive Program provides funding assistance to homeowners in the downtown/eastside to assist with the aesthetics of their property.
Consumer Preference Study	X				X	Completed as part of original plan.
Downtown Database	X					Enterprise Punta Gorda
Historic Preservation	X	X		X	X	On-going for the lifecycle of CRA
Land Development Regulation Changes	X	X		X	X	Rewritten and adopted April 2005
Planning District Design Guidelines	X	X	X	X	X	Design Guidelines for the different planning districts were incorporated into the City's Land Development Regulations, adopted April 2005.
Public Lands Disposition Program	X				X	No active programs.
Punta Gorda Mall Study	X	X		X	X	Destroyed during the 2004 hurricane season this property was completely demolished. Hilton Gardens is in the process of developing 1+ acre of the property for a hotel site with the remaining land to be developed into mixed-use to include office, retail and condominium.
Special Transportation	X		X	X		On-going for the lifecycle of CRA
Street/Alley Use Program	X					On-going for the lifecycle of CRA
Vending Cart Program	X	X			X	On-going for the lifecycle of CRA