

**Official Minutes of
MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

September 19, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners met as the Marion County Community Redevelopment Agency Board (MCCRAB) in a special session at 1:57 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at the Marion County Governmental Complex located in Ocala, Florida.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Upon roll call the following members were present: Chairman Craig Curry, District 1; Vice-Chairman Michelle Stone, District 5; Commissioner Kathy Bryant, District 2; Commissioner Matthew McClain, District 3; and Commissioner Carl Zalak, III, District 4. Also present were County Attorney Matthew G. Minter, County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes, Assistant County Administrator (ACA) Angel Roussel, and ACA Tracy Straub.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

Deputy Clerk Lewter advised that there are 2 Proofs of Publication to be presented for this afternoon's meeting.

The first Proof of Publication is a legal ad No. 9212707 entitled, "Notice of Revised 2023 Schedule of Meetings Marion County Community Redevelopment Agency", published in the Star Banner newspaper on August 30, 2023.

The second Proof of Publication is a legal ad No. 9212707 entitled, "Notice of Budget Hearing Marion County Community Redevelopment Board" published in the Star Banner newspaper on September 14, 2023. The Notice states the Board will consider adoption of the Silver Springs Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.

The Deputy Clerk was in receipt of a 16 page Agenda packet.

1. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: NONE

2. SCHEDULED ITEMS:

2.1. Request Approval of the Silver Springs Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Trust Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Senior Planner Chris Rison, Growth Services, presented the following recommendation:
Description/Background: The Marion County Property Appraiser has certified that the Silver Springs CRA's taxable values increased from the 2013 base year, resulting in a Silver Springs CRA Trust Fund contribution for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024. The projected increment revenue contribution, as estimated by the Marion County Clerk Finance Department, is \$377,490. The Agency Board must approve a final Silver Springs CRA FY 2023-2024 Budget, and may allocate unspent prior fiscal year funds to CRA Plan project tasks and project programs. The proposed budget is attached with the allocations of new funds, unspent funds, and total funds available for each line item. Staff recommends approval of the attached Silver Springs CRA Trust Fund Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Silver Springs CRA Trust Fund Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget and authorize staff to transmit the final budget to the Marion County Board of County Commissioners and Clerk of Court/Finance.

Senior Planner Christopher Rison, Growth Services, presented the annual budget for FY 2023-2024, noting the projected increment revenue contribution, based on the estimated taxable value increase and Marion County Board of County Commissioners projected gross millage rate as estimated by the Marion County Clerk Finance Department is \$377,490.00.

Mr. Rison advised that the primary initiatives include the Community Policing Services, which has increased over the prior years budget as the rates have increased. He stated funds are also allocated to Improvements Other Than Buildings, as well as Grants And Aid programs.

Chairman Curry opened the floor to public comment.

There being no public comment, Chairman Curry advised that public comment is now closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner McClain, to adopt Resolution 23-R-412 approving the Silver Springs CRA Trust Fund FY 23/24 Budget and authorize staff to transmit the final budget to the Marion County Board of County Commissioners and Clerk of Court/Finance. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Resolution 23-R-412 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MARION COUNTY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE THE SILVER SPRINGS COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET

- 2.2.** Request Direction and Approval of the Marion County Sheriff Special Detail Agreement for Community Policing Services for the Silver Springs Community Redevelopment Area for Fiscal Year 23/24 - (Budget Impact-Neutral)

Senior Planner Chris Rison, Growth Services, presented the following recommendation:

Description/Background: The Silver Springs Community Redevelopment Area (SSCRA) receives supplemental community policing as a special detail service (detail) from the Marion County Sheriff's Office. The detail initially started in FY 2018/19 and provides for a two-man detail in five-hour blocks up to five days per week.

The Sheriff's Office confirmed the detail's hourly rates will increase for the coming fiscal year to a base rate of \$65.00/hour, with an additional \$10.00/hour for legal holidays. Staff is seeking direction to maintain the current detail level of service or opt to reduce the level of service due to the increase in the detail's hourly rate.

For reference, the SSCRA FY 22/23 budget allocated \$135,000 for the detail, based on a projected cost of \$131,000. Renewing the Detail Agreement for the current two-man detail in five-hour blocks up to five (5) days per week results in a projected base annual cost of \$170,000; an increase of \$39,000 or 30% over the prior year. Adjusting the Detail Agreement to reduce the days of service to four (4) days per week results in a projected base annual cost of \$136,200; an increase of

\$5,200 or 4% over the prior year. The current and projected cost options are presented in the table below for comparison.

FY	Service Level	Total	Increase	Percent
FY22/23	2 Deputies, 5-hours/day, 5 days/week	\$131,000	-	-
FY23/24	2 Deputies, 5-hours/day, 5 days/week	\$170,000	\$39,000	30%
FY23/24	2 Deputies, 5-hours/day, 4 days/week	\$136,200	\$5,200	4%

The SSCRA's tax increment financing (TIF) revenue is projected to increase by \pm \$93,100 with FY 23/24. The increased cost to maintain the current detail level of service would utilize \pm 24% of that increase. As the funds will be available, staff recommends maintaining the current detail level of service at this time.

The SSCRA FY 23/24 Budget proposes a total of \$175,000 for the supplemental community policing detail; \$170,000 to maintain the current level of service plus \$5,000 to accommodate incidental overages.

Following Board discussion, the Board may provide direction and approve the Detail Agreement with or without modification, and authorize the chairman to execute the approved Detail Agreement.

Budget/Impact: None, within line item budgeted amount.

Recommended Action: Motion to Approve, with modification if any, the Fiscal Year 23/24 Sheriff Special Detail Agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute said Agreement.

Senior Planner Rison, Growth Services, stated this Item relates to the renewal of the annual agreement with the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) for the Community Policing Detail. He advised that the current level of service is 2 deputies for 5 hour shifts each for 5 days per week, noting the hourly rate is increasing by \$15 per hour for the regular and holiday rates. The projected cost overall maintaining the current level of service would be \$170,000.00. The Department has budgeted \$175,000.00 to account for the increase.

Chris Rison presented a 1 page handout entitled, "Silver Springs CRA – Marion County Sheriff Detail – Annual Summary of Activities – October 2022 – September 2023".

Commissioner Zalak expressed support for the current level of service.

Lieutenant Carlton Curtis, MCSO, advised that MCSO is willing to accommodate whatever level of service the Board requests.

Commissioner Bryant opined that the Special Detail is what is causing the improvement in the area and expressed support in increasing the budget to keep the current level of service.

Lieutenant Curtis commented on the benefits of the cameras installed in the area.

In response to Commissioner Zalak, Lieutenant Curtis advised that a lot of arrests are taking place within the CRA.

General discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Zalak, to approve the Sheriff Special Detail Agreement for Community Policing Services, with the increase, for the Silver Springs CRA for FY 23/24. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

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3. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the MCCRAB, the meeting thereupon adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Craig Curry, Chairman

Attest:

Gregory C. Harrell, Clerk

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