

**CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, December 18, 2006**

Board Chair John Ruffin called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

Mr. Ruffin requested that Mr. Richardson call the roll of Board Members.

Board Members in attendance were: Wallace Dale, Board Member  
Bernie Moyle, Vice Chair  
Debbie Mulvihill, Board Member  
Bill Snyder, Board Member  
Brian Walsh, Board Member  
John Walsh, Board Member

The Board members and City staff rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also in attendance were: Claudette Bruck, City Commissioner  
(CRA Board Liaison)  
Erdal Donmez, Assistant City Manager  
Sam Goren, City Attorney  
Sue DeLegal, CRA Board Legal Counsel  
Susan Hess, Director of Community Development  
Peter Richardson, City Clerk

**1. Minutes of November 13, 2006 Board Meeting**

Mr. Wally Dale moved, seconded by Mr. Bernie Moyle, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2006 Board meeting as presented. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

**2. Citizen Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**3. Presentation Regarding Acquisition of Falcone Property**

Mr. Donmez provided a brief update on the status of the closing for the acquisition of the Falcone property. He noted that at their December 12, 2006 meeting, the City Commission had agreed to perfect a loan with the Community Redevelopment Agency in the amount of \$2,500,000, relative to the acquisition of the Falcone property. Ms. DeLegal noted that although the property closing was originally scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Falcone's legal counsel had requested that the closing take place on January 5, 2007.

Mr. Moyle moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder, to authorize City staff and the CRA Board's legal counsel to proceed with the acquisition of the Falcone property on January 5, 2007 or as soon thereafter as possible. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

**3. Awarding Contract for Auditing Services**

Mr. Donmez noted that a total of three proposals had been received from local auditing firms. He stated that City staff had met with all three of the proposing firms either in person or telephonically. Mr. Donmez stated that although all three firms were very capable, following an in-depth review of credentials and references, staff was recommending that the CRA Board award a two-year contract to the firm of Harvey Covington. Mr. Donmez noted that Rod Harvey, representing the firm of Harvey Covington, was in attendance this evening.

Mr. Moyle inquired about the composition of the staff's selection committee. Mr. Donmez said the committee consisted of Financial Services Director David Russek, City Controller William Ackerman, Purchasing Administrator Angelo Salomone and himself. Mr. Moyle said this was a very good committee. Mr. Harvey noted that his firm had been an auditor for the City of Miami CRA for the past three years and the City of Lauderdale Lakes CRA for the past three or four years.

Mr. Moyle moved, seconded by Mr. John Walsh, to accept staff's recommendation of hiring the firm of Harvey Covington for a two-year term as the Coral Springs CRA auditor, and to authorize Ms. DeLegal to prepare the applicable contractual agreement. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. Ruffin voting no.

Mr. Ruffin noted that although he had no negative feelings about the firm of Harvey Covington, he had worked extensively in the past with the two other proposing firms.

**4. FY 2006 Year-End Budget Resolution**

Ms. DeLegal noted that there was no need for the CRA Board to act on this matter this evening, since there were no funds to be returned or encumbered.

**5. Other Business**

Mr. Ruffin noted that he had received Ms. Mulvihill's letter of resignation from the CRA Board of Directors. He thanked Ms. Mulvihill for all of her dedicated service to the CRA Board and community, especially in her capacity as the Board's Vice Chairperson. Ms. Mulvihill said that it had been an honor and privilege to get to know each of the CRA Board members. Mr. Moyle also thanked Ms. Mulvihill for her service to the Board and community, and noted that he did not believe it was necessary for her to offer a resignation from the CRA Board. Ms. Mulvihill said she would be pleased to remain on the CRA Board until a new board member was appointed by the City Commission. Mr. Ruffin accepted Ms. Mulvihill's letter of resignation into the meeting record.

Mr. Moyle noted that he had attended the most recent meeting of the Council of Chief Executive Officers (CEO) most recent meeting with Mr. Donmez on Mr. Ruffin's behalf. He stated that the CEO group's mission was to serve as a think tank for issues such as the CRA, education, transportation, affordable housing and other matters. Mr. Moyle noted that the CEO group would have an informal liaison attending future CRA Board meetings.

Mr. Ruffin expressed appreciation to Mr. Moyle, Mr. Donmez and Ms. DeLegal for all of their efforts relative to the Falcone property acquisition. Mr. Ruffin also noted that he was enjoying his new capacity as the Chairperson of the Broward Alliance. He suggested the possibility of holding a joint meeting between the CEO Group, Coral Springs Economic Development Foundation and the CRA Board of Directors in the future.

Mr. George Rahael, Amera Urban Developers, said he would be pleased to hold a site tour of the One Charter Place facility for the CRA Board in the near future. Mr. Ruffin expressed his appreciation to Mr. Goren for his assistance in moving forward with the One Charter Place project. Mr. Ruffin also recognized and thanked Commissioner Claudette Bruck for her attendance at this evening's Board meeting. Commissioner Bruck expressed best holiday wishes to all.

Mr. Snyder moved, seconded by Ms. Mulvihill, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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DATE APPROVED/ACCEPTED

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JOHN W. RUFFIN, JR.  
CHAIRPERSON  
CRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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PETER RICHARDSON, CRM  
CITY CLERK  
CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS

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