



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

REGULAR CRA MEETING

JUNE 20, 2024, AT 6:30 PM

Cover Sheet

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ITEM TITLE: Approval of Reimbursement of Legal Fees (**Administration**)

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACTION:

CRA DECISION		Department: ADMINISTRATION
CONSENT AGENDA		Exhibits: <i>**Pending Documents, to be provided separate from the board package.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invoice• Ethics Complaint• Final Ruling
NEW BUSINESS		
ADMINISTRATIVE		
CRA DISCUSSION	YES	

REQUEST: The Request is for The TOECRA Board of Directors to Approve Reimbursement of Legal Fees

SUMMARY: In an ethics complaint filed by Councilwoman/Director Wanda Randolph, it was alleged that Mayor Angie Gardner, while serving as the Chair of the Town of Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency (TOECRA), corruptly misused her public position; thus, violating Section 215.425, Florida Statutes. On June 7, 2024, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics concluded that the complaint showed “no probable cause” and dismissed the case. As a result of this investigation, personal funds were spent to attain a lawyer to facilitate the matter on behalf of Mayor and then, TOECRA Chair Angie Gardner. Because there was no probable cause and the case was dismissed, reimbursement of the funds is being requested – as allowed by law.

RECOMMENDATION: Funds are paid by the complainant so that the taxpayers do not have to carry the burden of this cost; however, should the complainant choose not to pay the funds, then the TOECRA reimburses the costs.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: Invoices to be provided