

**RESOLUTION #CRA-R-2024-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (TOECRA) APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH THE GAI CONSULTANTS' COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS GROUP (GAI) FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES FOR EATONVILLE CRA PLAN UPDATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS** the members of the Board of Directors are the governing body of the agency; and

**WHEREAS** such members constitute the head of a legal entity, separate, distinct, and independent from the governing body of the County or Municipality; and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors wishes to enter into a partnership with a valued community stakeholder from the Governing body of the County or Municipality; and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors acknowledges the Town's CRA Plan was adopted in 1997 in the Orange County Ordinance number 97-M-14. In 1997, the original redevelopment plan was intended to be a strategic plan for the subsequent fifteen years with the primary objective of building the infrastructure needed to support a themed community concept. The plan included four redevelopment goals: 1) to Develop guidelines for Eatonville's proposed themed development, 2) To create unified leadership and direction, 3) to Attract and accommodate new businesses, and 4) to Create an attractive and viable sense of place.

In 2015, building on the base of the 1997 plan, CSG created a CRA Plan Update Document, which was never approved or adopted. The 2015 Plan identified five themes/goals, which are: 1) Creating a quality sense of place, character, and image, 2) Developing high-performance infrastructure, 3) Reinforcing a place that embraces history, culture, and education, 4) A connected town, and 5) a place that is attractive to business and economic opportunity.

Because the 2015 plan was never approved and adopted, the timeframe was not extended, and the original 1997 (the current plan) will sunset on January 1st, 2027; therefore, as a first step, CSG recommends beginning discussions with Orange County about extending the CRA operational timeframe. These discussions are crucial to determine the County's willingness to extend the CRA. Maintaining this successful and mutually beneficial partnership is one of the key objectives before, during, and after the CRA Plan Update. This early coordination with the County may also influence whether and how the CRA proceeds with the Plan Update. Specifically, preliminary discussions with Orange County indicate an unwillingness to consider the potential extension of the CRA for approval. In that case, the subsequent activity of updating the CRA Plan is significantly impacted.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA**

**SECTION ONE: FINDINGS:** The recitals set forth above are hereby acknowledged and accepted by the Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency as findings made by the Board of Directors and does hereby incorporate such recitals as findings into this Resolution.

**SECTION TWO: AFFIRMATION:** The Board of Directors of the Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency does hereby affirm its findings in the CRA Plan and Chapter 163, Florida Statute as provided.

**SECTION THREE: SUMMARY:** The Board of Directors acknowledges the Town's CRA Plan was adopted in 1997 in the Orange County Ordinance number 97-M-14. In 1997, the original redevelopment plan was intended to be a strategic plan for the subsequent fifteen years with the primary objective of building the infrastructure needed to support a themed community concept. The plan included four redevelopment goals: 1) to Develop guidelines for Eatonville's proposed themed development, 2) To create unified leadership and direction, 3) to Attract and accommodate new businesses, and 4) to Create an attractive and viable sense of place.

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**SECTION FOUR: CONFLICTS:** All or part of any Resolution or parts of Resolutions in conflict with any other Resolution or any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

**SECTION FIVE: SEVERABILITY:** If any section or portion of a section of this Resolution is found to be invalid, unlawful or unconstitutional it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or part of this Resolution.

**SECTION SIX: EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.**

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**Wanda Randolph, Chair**

ATTEST:

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**Veronica L. King, Town Clerk**