

**Tupelo Redevelopment Agency**

**Minutes**

**March 28, 2024**

A meeting of the Tupelo Redevelopment Agency convened at 10:00 am on March 28, 2024 in Conference Room B, Tupelo City Hall. Agency Members participating were Reed Hillen, Chair, Cheryl Rainey, Bentley Nolan, and Shane Homan, Vice Chair, via phone. Ben Logan, City Attorney and Stephen Reed, Assistant City Attorney, COO, CFO Kim Hanna, and TRA Project Director, Debbie Brangenberg, were present representing the City of Tupelo.

Finding that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by Agency Chair, Reed Hillen.

**Review/Approve Minutes of November 16, 2023**

Upon a motion by Bentley Nolan and a second by Cheryl Rainey the Minutes of November 16, 2023 unanimously approved.

**Exhibit A**

**Ratify Approval of Sportsman Lawn and Landscape as lowest quote for 12 Month Maintenance Contract, Fairpark Residential in the amount of \$2,500 per month.**

Upon a motion by Cheryl Rainey and a second by Bentley Nolan, the Agency voted unanimously to ratify Sportsman Lawn and Landscape as lowest quote for 12 Month Maintenance Contract, Fairpark Residential in the amount of \$2,500 per month. Total Lawn Care submitted a quote for \$3,850 for 12 months.

**Exhibit B**

**Possible Executive Session in the Matter of Land Sales/Purchase**

Upon a motion by Reed Hillen and a second by Bentley Nolan the Agency voted unanimously to close the regular session to determine the need for Executive Session.

Project Director, Debbie Brangenberg reported to the Agency that there were items concerning the transaction of business and discussion regarding the prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands in Fairpark. (Miss. Code. Ann. § 25-41-7)

Having determined that this is an appropriate matter to discuss in Executive Session, and upon a motion by Cheryl Rainey and a second by Bentley Nolan, the Agency voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session.

After having discussed matters regarding the prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands, the Agency voted unanimously to return to Regular Session upon a motion by Bentley Nolan and a second by Cheryl Rainey.

**Action taken:**

The Chair Reed Hillen moved to recommend to the Tupelo City Council an amendment and restatement of the Urban Renewal Plan, which was originally adopted by the Tupelo City Council on December 1, 1998, and amended on March 16, 2004, by (i) expanding the boundaries of the existing urban renewal district to include approximately 17 acres, more or less, of blighted property currently owned by the City of Tupelo and lying North of Elizabeth Street, East of the Kansas City Southern railroad and West of the Burlington Northern Sante Fe railroad for the expansion of the Fairpark District for residential, commercial, and/or mixed use development, (ii) to recommend to the Tupelo Planning Commission that such amendment and restatement is in accordance with the general plan of the City, and (iii) for the issuance of urban renewal bonds if deemed necessary by the Tupelo City Council to assist with costs associated with the development. Such motion was seconded by Shane Homan, and upon the matter being put to a vote, such motion was approved unanimously by those members present.

Upon a motion by Cheryl Rainey and a second by Bentley Nolan, the Agency voted unanimously to grant until April 1, 2024 to show progress. If no progress was made, the Agency would buy back these lots.

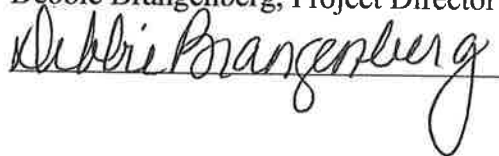
Being no further business, Chair Reed Hillen called for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion by Shane Homan and a second by Bentley Nolan the agency voted unanimously to adjourn.

Reed Hillen, Chair



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Debbie Brangenberg, Project Director



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