

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE APALACHICOLA CITY COMMISSION HELD
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021, 3:00 PM AT THE APALACHICOLA COMMUNITY CENTER.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Ash Travis Wade, City Manager
 Commissioner Anita Grove Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk
 Commissioner Despina George Leo Bebeau, Finance Director
 Commissioner Adriane Elliott Josh Pasqualone, Esq.

ABSENT: Mayor Kevin Begos

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Ash called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Franklin County Community Development & Land Trust Corporation (FCCD<C)
request for donation of 24 City-owned lots**

Gladys Cook from the Florida Housing Coalition gave a slide presentation on how the Community Land Trust utilizes properties and goes in partnership with Cities. Ms. Cook then reviewed the process of purchasing properties from municipalities and how it all falls into place.

Cliff Butler gave a brief review of the proposal for working with an ongoing partnership with the City, and the FCCD<C, and requests from the City, a commitment for 24 lots to be donated and used for affordable housing.

Commission discussion and concerns consisted of: 1) selling and donating of land to the Community Land Trust; 2) lease fees; 3) foreclosure or default process if payment not made – kept in land trust; 4) subsidies from other cities – options available varies; 5) method used to calculate price of home; 6) rental units; 7) water-sewer taps; 8) surplus land suitable for affordable housing; 9) eligibility qualifications for the affordable housing; 10) the deadline for this grant – June 4, 2021, so the City would have to give approval before this date; 11) and there has been no draft agreement or paperwork, brought to the Commission showing exactly what is being required of the City for these 24 lots.

Mr. Butler requested that the City draw up an Agreement, that the City will donate the 24 lots to the FCCD<C to qualify for the grant. This grant is for 12 families to each receive \$15,000 for down payment assistance, closing assistance and principal reduction to purchase a home through land trust.

Mr. Bebeau gave his financial opinion and concerns for the City on this matter.

Commissioner Grove requested that City staff, Attorney Hartman and Mr. Butler and his staff communicate and come up with a plan/resolution, and set a special meeting before the deadline of this grant.

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to request staff to form an agreement or resolution for the City to donate 24 lots to the FCLT. Commissioner Grove seconded and the motion carried 3-1. Commissioner George opposed.

Special Meeting scheduled for 4 pm on May 25th.

Commissioner George, after further clarification, stated her motion was made in error and should have been a yea.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brenda Ash, Mayor Pro-Tem

Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk

