

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA; RELATING TO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 163, PART III, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACT; MAKING A LEGISLATIVE FINDING THAT CONDITIONS OF BLIGHT AS DEFINED IN THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACT EXIST IN THE CENTRAL TARPON SPRINGS STUDY AREA; REQUESTING THAT THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DELEGATE THE REDEVELOPMENT POWERS ENUMERATED IN THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACT TO THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTRAL TARPON SPRINGS COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA; REQUESTING AUTHORITY FROM THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ESTABLISH A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT AND A REDEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND WITHIN THE CENTRAL TARPON SPRINGS COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA; DECLARING A NEED FOR A COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH PREPARATION OF THE CENTRAL TARPON SPRINGS COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statutes, entitled the "Community Redevelopment Act" (the "Act") ,as amended, establishes the conditions and procedures for the establishment of community redevelopment areas and agencies; and finds that areas or portions thereof that are deteriorating or economically distressed could be revitalized and redeveloped in a manner that will improve the economic and social conditions of the community; and,

WHEREAS, in counties with home rule charters, all powers arising through the Community Redevelopment Act are conferred onto the county and the county is, in turn, authorized to delegate those powers to municipalities within its boundaries when such municipalities desire to undertake redevelopment projects within their municipal boundaries pursuant to § 163.410, Florida Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, Pinellas County has adopted a Home Rule Charter; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Tarpon Springs ("the City") desires to increase the tax base of all taxing authorities; and,

WHEREAS, the City finds that the delegation of the redevelopment powers and authority enumerated in the Community Redevelopment Act to the City is an appropriate vehicle through which to accomplish redevelopment projects in areas within the City's municipal boundaries that have experienced slum or blight as those terms are defined in the Community Redevelopment Act, and that such delegation of redevelopment powers and authority serves the interest of the public; and,

WHEREAS, the City must determine that the Central Tarpon Springs Redevelopment Area, as defined herein, is an area of slum or blight as those terms are defined in the Community Redevelopment Act in order for the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners to delegate the redevelopment powers and authority enumerated in the Act to the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City concurs with the Finding of Necessity Study and finds slum or blighted conditions, as defined in Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statutes, exist in the Central Tarpon Springs Study Area; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Tarpon Springs Board of Commissioners finds that there is a need to establish the Central Tarpon Springs Study Area as the Central Tarpon Springs Community Redevelopment Area, to establish a Central Tarpon Springs Community Redevelopment Agency, and, to prepare a Redevelopment Plan for the Central Tarpon Springs Community Redevelopment Area; and,

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Government; the Pinellas Planning Council; the Pinellas County School Board; the Southwest Florida Water Management District; the Juvenile Welfare Board; and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, which collectively are the appropriate taxing authorities that levy ad valorem taxes on taxable real property contained within the geographic boundaries of the Central Tarpon Springs Community Redevelopment Area, as defined herein, have been notified of this resolution by registered mail at least fifteen (15) days before the proposed action on the resolution pursuant to § 163.346, Florida Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held on the day noticed by said publication.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1.

That the real property inclusive of rights-of-way, described and shown graphically in the attached Exhibit "A" (herein referred to as the "Central Tarpon Springs Community Redevelopment Area") is within the municipal boundaries of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida; and,

That based on the foregoing findings, the City of Tarpon Springs finds that there is a need for a community redevelopment agency to function in the City to carry out the community redevelopment purposes of the Community Redevelopment Act in the Central Tarpon Springs Community Redevelopment Area; and,

To request that the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners delegate to the City of Tarpon Springs Board of Commissioners all authority and power conferred upon Pinellas County through the Community Redevelopment Act (Part III, Chapter 163, Florida Statutes) for the Central Tarpon Springs Community Redevelopment Area; and,

To request that the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners establish a tax increment financing district and a redevelopment trust fund within the Central Tarpon Springs Community Redevelopment Area to implement needed improvements that will remedy the stated blighted conditions pursuant to §§ 163.370 and 163.387, Florida Statutes; and,


The City Manager is hereby authorized to prepare a redevelopment plan for the Central Tarpon Springs Community Redevelopment Area pursuant to the requirements of the Act; and,

That a copy of the adopted Resolution shall be transmitted to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 2.

This Resolution shall become effective upon final passage and adoption, in **the** manner provided by law.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 18th day of June, 2024.


COSTA S. VATIKIOTIS, MAYOR


PANAGIOTIS KOULIAS, VICE MAYOR


MIKE EISNER, COMMISSIONER


JOHN M. KOULIANOS, COMMISSIONER

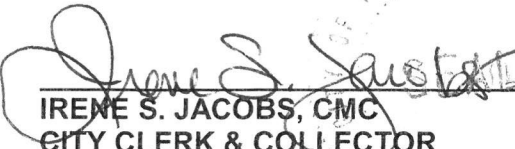

FRANK DIDONATO, COMMISSIONER

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER EISNER
SECOND BY: VICE MAYOR KOULIAS

VOTE ON MOTION

COMMISSIONER DIDONATO	<u>Yes</u>
COMMISSIONER KOULIANOS	<u>Yes</u>
COMMISSIONER EISNER	<u>Yes</u>
VICE MAYOR KOULIAS	<u>Yes</u>
MAYOR VATIKIOTIS	<u>Yes</u>

ATTEST:


IRENE S. JACOBS, CMC
CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


DANIEL P. LEWIS
CITY ATTORNEY