

**MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
MARCH 2, 2026
ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

The Community Redevelopment Agency met in a regular session with the following members and staff present:

Destin Community Redevelopment Agency

Board Chair Sandy Trammell
Boardmember Jim Bagby
Boardmember Dewey Destin
Boardmember Torey Geile

Boardmember Rodney Braden
Boardmember Terésa Hebert
Boardmember Kevin Schmidt

City of Destin Staff

CRA Executive Director Larry Jones
Public Works Director Michael Burgess
Grants/Project Manager Jeff Cozadd
Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Firth
Principal Planner Daniel Butler
HR Director Jayme Haynes
City Attorney Kimberly Kopp

City Clerk Rey Bailey
IT Director Andy Peters
Finance Director Krystal Strickland
Public Info Director Tamara Young
Building Official Noell Bell
City Engineer Robert Tomasek

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

Request for CRA Board Resolution for CRA committees to be added under New Business.

Motion by Boardmember Bagby, seconded by Boardmember Hebert, to approve the agenda, as amended, passed 7-0.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2025 CRA Audited Financial Statements

The Finance Director presented the 2025 financial statements for the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), which includes the Town Center and Harbor districts. The Town Center CRA reported a positive fund balance for the second consecutive year, marking continued improvement since 2012 and placing it in a strong position to advance its master plan and consider future capital projects. In contrast, the Harbor CRA is in a more constrained financial position, with most of its funds committed to debt service for approximately the next four years. As a result, it was recommended that the Harbor CRA pause new capital projects funded through

CRA resources until around 2031, while exploring alternative funding opportunities to support its master plan in the interim.

Boardmember Bagby made a motion to accept the 2025 CRA financial audit and statements, seconded by Boardmember Hebert. Motion passed 7-0.

B. Proposed CRA Resolution

Board Chair Sandy Trammell introduced a discussion regarding a potential resolution that would allow CRA committees to retain and use funds they independently raise for their intended purposes, rather than having those funds automatically directed toward debt service. She explained that this would apply only to funds generated through committee-led efforts, such as events or fundraisers, and not to grant or city-allocated funds.

Board members generally expressed support for the concept but noted the need to review a formal resolution before taking action. Concerns were raised about ensuring compliance with state law and avoiding any improper delegation of legislative authority.

Boardmember Hebert made a motion to direct staff to draft and bring back a resolution for CRA Board consideration and potential city council approval. The motion was seconded by Boardmember Bagby and passed 7-0.

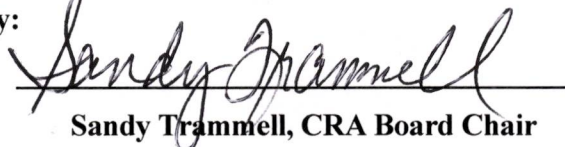
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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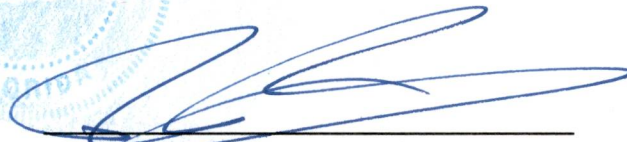
Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

ADOPTED THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

By:


Sandy Trammell, CRA Board Chair

ATTEST:


Rey Bailey, City Clerk