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Minutes of the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Auburndale held on October 20, 2025, at 7:40 p.m. in the Commission Room of City Hall, after having been properly advertised, with the following members present: Chair Ellie Harper, Vice Chair Tim Pospichal, Dr. Dorothea Taylor Bogert, Alex Cam, Keith Cowie, Jordan Helms, and Bill Sterling. Also present: Assistant City Manager Amy Palmer and City Clerk Brandon Henry.

**Motion** by Dorothea Taylor Bogert, seconded by Vice Chair Tim Pospichal, to approve the Community Redevelopment Agency Minutes of the September 18, 2025 meeting. Upon vote, all ayes.

Assistant City Manager Amy Palmer announced that the next Community Redevelopment Agency meeting will be on November 3, 2025.

Chair Ellie Harper asked if there was public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no public comment.

### **1. COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RESOLUTION #2025-01 - COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Assistant City Manager Palmer said the Community Redevelopment Agency will consider Community Redevelopment Agency Resolution #2025-01 recommending amendments to the Community Redevelopment Plan and an extension of time to complete redevelopment activities.

She said in 1992, the City of Auburndale saw the need to revitalize the downtown business district and created the Auburndale Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the Community Redevelopment Plan. The Plan has been in place since 1992 and created strategies to redevelop, rehabilitate, and conserve the Community Redevelopment Agency District.

The Community Redevelopment Agency is currently set to expire in 2035 and the Community Redevelopment Agency has expressed a desire to extend the timeframe of the Community Redevelopment Agency through its 60-year time certain expressed in State Statute, through the year 2052. The City's Auditor and Attorney have both recommended the Community Redevelopment Plan be updated and State Statutes require an update to extend the operational timeframe of the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Our consultant Inspire Placemaking held a workshop with the Community Redevelopment Agency Board on August 18, 2025, and as a result of the workshop, a review of existing conditions, and a review of the Community Redevelopment Agency's progress since 1992, have updated the Community Redevelopment Agency Redevelopment Plan. The Plan document reflects updated existing conditions, and modifies the 1992 goals, objectives, and action items to better take advantage of opportunities as they exist in today's Community Redevelopment Agency District. The Plan also includes an Appendix that reports the results of the workshop and provides evidence of meeting Statutory requirements with Chapter 163, Part III of Florida Statutes. The updated Plan extends the operational timeframe of the Auburndale Community Redevelopment Agency to 2052.

The Community Redevelopment Plan Update was reviewed by the City Manager's Office, Community Development Director, and City Attorney. Copies of the updated Plan and Notices that the Community Redevelopment Agency's operational timeframe are proposed to be extended were sent to all taxing authorities that are located in Auburndale, including the City of Auburndale, the Polk County Board of County Commissioners, the School Board, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and the Lake Region Lakes Management District.

The Plan update was presented to the Planning Commission, which made a recommendation of approval, finding the plan in compliance with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Following a recommendation by the Community Redevelopment Agency, the updated Plan will be presented to the City Commission for adoption on November 3, 2025 during a Public Hearing.

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Assistant City Manager Palmer presented an overview of the update to the Community Redevelopment Plan.

Staff recommends approval of Community Redevelopment Agency Resolution #2025-01 updating the Community Redevelopment Plan and extending the operational timeframe of the Community Redevelopment Agency to 2052 to the City Commission.

**Motion** by Vice Chair Pospichal, seconded by Dorothea Taylor Bogert, to approve the Community Redevelopment Agency Resolution #2025-01 updating the Community Redevelopment Plan and extending the operational timeframe of the Community Redevelopment Agency to 2052 to the City Commission.

Dorothea Taylor Bogert expressed gratitude. She is excited about facades.

Assistant City Manager Palmer summarized the actions needed regarding façade improvements.

Upon vote, all ayes.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Minutes are true and correct.



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Brandon Henry, City Clerk