



Legislation Text

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TO: Chair and Members of the Board

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AMENDING AND RESTATING THE MARGATE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BYLAWS

BACKGROUND: This item contains amendments to the MCRA Bylaws as recommended by the MCRA Attorney. These amendments are designed to carry out stated desires of the MCRA Board and to enhance efficiencies of the MCRA. These changes are slightly different from those sent to the Board in the required notification that the Bylaws were being presented for amendment. The changes presented have the following effects:

- Facilitates the hiring of a MCRA Executive Director and clarifies that the individual is an employee of the MCRA;
- Appoints the Executive Director to replace the CRA Coordinator as the MCRA Secretary to avoid appearance of a City employee being an officer of the MCRA;
- Removes the Executive Director as a countersigner on legal documents but provides for the Executive Director to attest to legal documents as the Board Secretary;
- Clarifies purchasing procedures to mirror the procedures of the City of Margate (now that the MCRA MUST follow the City's procedures according to Chapter 163, Part III of the Florida Statutes);
- Clarifies policy that a quorum of the Board for meeting purposes is a majority of board members that are physically present at the meeting;
- Eliminates the need to give the Board two weeks' notice of Bylaw amendments (in the future they would just be put on the regular agenda and the Board would receive notification through the regular agenda process).

It is important to note that in order to truly implement the changes for the Executive Director position, the City will also have to make some adjustments to its organizational chart and both the MCRA and City will need to make modifications to their budgets.

It should be noted that the document showing changes to the Bylaws was emailed to the entire MCRA Board on Tuesday, January 28th to comply with the current provision that the Board be noticed of proposed amendments to the Bylaws at least two weeks in advance of any consideration of any such amendments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the amendments

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no direct fiscal impact on the MCRA due to these amendments

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