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Delray Beach, FL 33444

Workshop Agenda Item #
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~ CRA BOARD SUMMARY ~
FY 2017-18 BUDGET FUNDING REQUEST -
CITY OF DELRAY BEACH – FIRE PREVENTION & LIFE SAFETY CAPTAIN

Attached is the Funding Request by the City of Delray Beach to fund a Fire Prevention & Life Safety Captain staff position (\$184,061). This position will be committed to the CRA district to accommodate the increase of new building construction projects, existing projects, enforce the Florida Fire Prevention Code and provide for annual inspections to satisfy goals that complement the Clean and Safe efforts.

At this time staff is asking the board to review and provide direction regarding the budget request.

Submitted By: Lori Hayward, Finance and Operations Director

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1993 Mr. Jeff Costello
2001 Director of CRA
20 N. Swinton Avenue
Delray Beach, FL 33444

July 21, 2017

Dear Mr. Costello,


The purpose of this memorandum is to request funding by the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to staff (1) Fire Prevention & Life Safety Captain position.

The current staffing level in the Fire & Life Safety Division has assumed increased responsibility and workload due to service demand requirements for adequately enforcing the Florida Fire Prevention Code and local ordinances within the CRA district. The increase growth within the CRA district for new building construction projects, existing projects, and passing of the new annual inspection requirements included in the new fire inspection fee ordinance will not permit the concentrated effort required to effectively enforce the prescriptive Florida Fire Prevention Code and to satisfy goals set by the Clean and Safe efforts.

The proposed Fire Prevention & Life Safety Captain position will be committed to the CRA district. The result of increasing staffing will enhance capabilities of effective code enforcement compliance, plan reviews, and life safety complaint resolution within the CRA district and improving community safety as a whole by reducing the need for utilizing Fire & Life Safety personnel outside the district for additional workload.

We encourage the CRA to support our funding request for a Fire Prevention & Life Safety Captain and look forward to serving you through our commitment to Fire Prevention & Life Safety within our community and the CRA district.

Sincerely,


L. Keith Tomey
Acting Fire Chief

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cc: Chief Neal de Jesus, Interim City Manager
Shona Smith, Executive Assistant to City Manager

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