

**CLEARWATER DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT BOARD Special MEETING  
May 18, 2026 – 1:00 PM – City Council Chambers**

Board Members Present: Chair Bruce Rector; Vice Chair Ryan Cotton; Member David Allbritton; Member Mike Mannino; Member Lina Teixeira; Member Mikhail Khodortsov;  
Member Kevin Tatlici

Also present: Jesus Niño, CRA Director; Owen Kohler, Interim City Attorney; Jennifer Poirrier, City Manager; Alfred Battle, Assistant City Manager

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Rector called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes.**

**2.1 ID#26-0563 Approve the minutes for the April 20, 2026, Downtown Development Board meeting.**

Member Allbritton moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026, Downtown Development Board meeting. The motion was seconded. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**Ayes:** Vice Chair Cotton, Member Allbritton, Member Teixeira, Member Mannino, Member Tatlici, Member Khodortsov

**2.2 ID#26-0564 Approve the minutes for the May 4, 2026, Downtown Development Board meeting.**

Member Mannino moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026, Downtown Development Board meeting. The motion was seconded. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**Ayes:** Vice Chair Cotton, Member Allbritton, Member Teixeira, Member Mannino, Member Tatlici, Member Khodortsov

**3. New Business Items**

**3.1 ID#26-0518 Approve a High Impact Grant Funding request for Clearwater Jazz Holiday in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the Clearwater Jazz Holiday event October 15-18, 2026, in Coachman Park.**

Assistant CRA Director Anne Lopez presented a High Impact Grant funding request for Clearwater Jazz Holiday.

Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation CEO Steve Weinberger provided an overview of the October 2026 event and discussed a potential multi-year Downtown Board funding partnership totaling \$148,000, including \$140,000 for Clearwater Jazz Holiday and \$8,000 for the CJH Presents Holiday Experience event.

Thomas Nurse provided public comments regarding the positive community impact of Clearwater Jazz Holiday.

Board discussion followed regarding event attendance, funding levels, multi-year agreements, re-entry policies, corporate sponsorship efforts, and the potential budget impact of the request.

Interim City Attorney Kohler advised that any multi-year agreement would require a non-appropriation clause.

Parks and Recreation Division Manager Kris Koch provided attendance data from prior Clearwater Jazz Holiday events.

Member Allbritton moved to approve the Clearwater Jazz Holiday funding request with a two-year agreement consisting of \$130,000 in the first year and \$120,000 in the second year. The motion was seconded.

Upon roll call vote, the motion carried.

Ayes: Member Allbritton, Member Mannino, Member Tatlici, Member Khodortsov

Nays: Vice Chair Cotton, Member Teixeira, Chair Rector

### **3.2 ID#26-0565 Approve the March 2026 Financial Statement for filing.**

CRA Coordinator Brian Ulbricht presented the financial statement.

Vice Chair Cotton moved to approve the March 2026 Financial Statement for filing. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: Vice Chair Cotton, Member Allbritton, Member Teixeira, Member Mannino, Member Tatlici, Member Khodortsov.

### **3.3 ID#26-0461 RB Oppenheim Associates Downtown Branding Presentation**

CRA Coordinator Brian Ulbricht introduced Michael Winn of RB Oppenheim Associates.

Mr. Winn presented proposed downtown branding concepts, logos, and taglines for Board review and feedback.

Board members provided comments regarding preferred branding concepts and logo designs. Mr. Winn requested direction from the Board regarding the preferred logo concept as RB Oppenheim Associates finalizes the brand guide and begins workshop planning.

#### **4. Director's Report.**

CRA Director Jesus Niño presented updates on Placer.ai implementation and the 2026 Grad Chalk Walk event.

Assistant CRA Director provided details on the individual chalk art pieces.

#### **5. Board Members to be Heard**

No comments were made.

#### **6. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

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Chair  
Downtown Development Board

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Anne Lopez  
CRA Assistant Director