

## **ROME REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MINUTES**

**Monday, November 13, 2023**

The Rome Redevelopment Agency met at 11:00 a.m. this date in the Sam King Room of City Hall, 601 Broad Street. City of Rome citizen appointees Ryan Earnest and John Pillsbury were present, along with Sammy Rich, City Manager; Jim Bojo, City Commissioner; Jamie McCord, County Manager; and Larry Maxey, County Commissioner. Others present were Andy Davis, City Attorney; Toni Rhinehart, City Finance Director; Meredith Ulmer, Assistant City Manager; Doug Walker; and News Reporter David Crowder.

### **Minutes – December 16, 2022**

Commissioner Bojo made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2022, meeting as submitted in writing by the City Clerk. Jamie McCord seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

### **Martha Berry Redevelopment Area**

Sammy Rich reviewed the Martha Berry Blvd Corridor Redevelopment Plan, as outlined in the document prepared by the KB Advisory Group and dated May 2022. Mr. Rich explained that the planned coverage area for the Martha Berry Redevelopment parameter would include 41 parcels and approximately 131.83 acres. A map of this area was reviewed. There are no plans to adopt a Tax Allocation District at this time, only to implement a redevelopment area.

Mr. Pillsbury moved to start the adoption process for the Martha Berry Blvd Corridor Redevelopment Area. Commissioner Bojo seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Mr. Rich and Mr. Davis reviewed the timeline for this process.

### **North Rome Redevelopment Area and Tax Allocation District (TAD)**

Mr. Rich reviewed the Redevelopment Plan and Tax Allocation District for the North Broad Street corridor, as outlined in the document prepared by the KB Advisory Group and dated September 2023.

Mr. Rich explained that, in the case of the North Rome area, the recommendation is for consideration of a redevelopment area and a smaller tax allocation district. Based on the map and information reviewed by Mr. Rich, the redevelopment area is quite large and encompasses 1,741 parcels. The Tax Allocation District boundary is much smaller, covering 22 parcels and a total of 12.61 acres. This TAD area does include parcels near the 5 Points intersection, including the proposed site of the Home2 Suites hotel. If the redevelopment area is adopted, additional TAD districts in the North Rome district can be developed as needed.

It was also clarified that any future requests for tax increment financing (in any Rome TAD District) would require a separate application and would be subject to review and approval by City and County Commissions.

Commissioner Bojo moved to adopt the North Rome Redevelopment plan and the Tax Allocation District as reviewed by Mr. Rich. John Pillsbury seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

**Adjourned**

With there being no further business, Commissioner Maxey moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. John Pillsbury seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

  
Joseph F. Smith  
City Clerk