The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency held the Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 via tele-/videoconference.

Chairperson Ian Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Board Clerk Donna Arthur-Pettigrew called roll.

Present: Ian K. Leonard, Maria Sharma, Christopher Collins and Tasha Gainey-Humphrey

Absent: Derek Davis, Gilbert Harden, Sr., and Jose Javier Ramos

Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Sulena Robinson-Rivera, Donna Arthur-Pettigrew,

CRA, and Jack Layne, DCA.

Ms. Donna Arthur-Pettigrew advised the Board that, pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice(s) had been posted in the Courier-Post, the Philadelphia Inquirer, and the Office of the City Clerk.

Review of Minutes

Date of Meeting: July 5 and 12, 2023

Motion: MS, TGH Ayes: IL, MS, CC, TGH

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Mr. Leonard verified that everyone had a chance to review the Minutes and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

$\underline{\textbf{Interim Executive Director's Report}}$

Date of Meeting: August 9, 2023

Motion: MS, TGH Ayes: IL, MS, CC, TGH

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson informed the board members that she was participating in an US EPA Brownfields conference for the grantee training in requirements for CRA's EPA Revolving Loan Fund program. CRA has successfully secured \$4.5 million in grants from EPA since 2020. Ms. Simpson also informed the board that NJ DEP has provided official notification of a clean-up grant for remediation of Judge Robert B Johnson Park. (At the time Resolution # 08-09-23A was presented, discussions were conducted.)

Redevelopment Project Presentations

None

Resolutions for Review and Action

The resolutions below were presented for consideration.

08-09-23A Resolution Authorizing an Application for and Acceptance of a Grant from the New

Jersey Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,967,943.75 for Remedial Action at the Judge Robert Johnson Park Site located at 723 Carl Miller Boulevard in the Liberty Park Neighborhood (Block 520, Lot 26; Block 522, Lot 9 (Partial); and Block 523, Lot 13 of the City of Camden Tax Map)

Motion: MS, TGH Ayes: IL, MS, CC, TGH

Nays: Abstentions:

Resolutions for Review and Action (cont'd)

Comments: Ms. Simpson informed the board that she received official notification from NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) of the approval of the NJ Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (NJ HDSRF) grant in the amount of \$1,967,943.75 for the remediation of Judge Robert B. Johnson Park. This grant meets the required match requirement of 25% that we are receiving from the U.S. EPA \$1m grant. All funding for remediation of the park is now in place.

08-09-23B Resolution Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with the City of Camden for the

Management of a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Cleanup Grant for the Borden Chemical Site located at 1625 Federal Street and Designated as

Block 1184, Lot 5 of the City of Camden Tax Map

Motion: Ayes: Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Mr. Mark Asselta stated since we will not have a quorum for this Resolution and the

Resolution will be withdrawn and presented at the next month's meeting.

08-09-23C Resolution Authorizing a Pre-Qualified List of Environmental and Engineering

Firms to Provide Professional Environmental Services for 2023-2024

Motion: MS, TGH Ayes: IL, MS, CC, TGH

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson reported this Resolution establishes a list of 14 firms that are pre-qualified for environmental and engineering work relating to brownfields programs for the CRA. Pricing and work proposals will be presented for Board approval prior to awarding any contracts. Commissioner Gainey-Humphrey asked if any of the firms were minority firms and if any were from the City of Camden and if the list will be open to other firms. Ms. Simpson informed her one firm is located in Camden (CME Associates, Inc.) but the prequalified list is currently closed as the solicitation for qualifications was issued and advertised both in the newspaper and on the CRA's website and deadline for submissions was June 8, 2023.

08-09-23D Resolution Ratifying Services Agreements with ACCU Staffing Services, Inc. and

Robert Half International, Inc. for the Provision of Temporary Administrative/

Clerical Services

Motion: MS, CC Ayes: IL, MS, CC, TGH

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: This Resolution is to ratify service agreements with two firms: ACCU Staffing Services, Inc. and Robert Half International, Inc. for administrative services staff support. Services were within the procurement threshold of \$17,500.00.

08-09-23E Resolution Authorizing a Second Amendment to A Professional Services Agreement

with Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP to Provide Outside Legal Counsel Services in Connection with Agreements for the Cramer Hill Waterfront Park (formerly known as the Harrison Avenue Landfill) Designated as Block 809, Lots 7

and 13 on the Camden City Tax Map

Motion: MS, TGH Ayes: IL, MS, CC, TGH

Nays: Abstentions:

Resolutions for Review and Action (cont'd)

Comments: Ms. Simpson stated the CRA requires a second amendment with Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis, LLP, who assisted us with legal assistance to negotiate the terms of the Conservation Easement with NJ DEP. The Greenbaum firm was procured by RFP in a fair and open process consistent with the public contracts and the firm has extensive knowledge of the transactions associated with the agreements with NJ DEP. This Resolution seeks the authority to amend at no cost the time of the contract to complete the needed legal services.

08-09-23F Resolution Amending Resolution 07-12-23E that Authorized a Professional Services

Agreement with J. McHale & Associates, Inc. for Block 814, Lot 2 of the Camden City

Tax Map to Correct the Amount of the Contract

Motion: MS, CC Ayes: IL, MS, CC, TGH

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson stated this Resolution was approved and authorized during last month's meeting, however a clerical error was made and the amount should have been \$3,500.00 not \$3,600.00.

Public Comments

None.

Old Business

Action has not been taken regarding Resolutions 03-09-22 E & F.

New Business

None.

Executive Session

None.

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

None.

Adjournment

Commissioner Sharma made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Collins and affirmed with a Roll Call vote by all Commissioners. This meeting ended at approximately 6:24 PM.