

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held the Monthly Caucus on Wednesday, September 6, 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 Leonard, Maria Sharma, Derek Davis, Christopher Collins, Gilbert Harden Sr., and Tasha Gainey-Humphrey
Absent: Jose Javier Ramos
Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Glynn Jones, Sulena Robinson-Rivera, and 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: August 2 and 9, 2023

Motion: Ayes:

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.

Interim Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting: September 6 and 13, 2023

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson informed the Board that an Executive Session is requested for this Caucus, involving an important and significant litigation matter, and as such, a full report will be given during next week's Regular Meeting.

Redevelopment Project Presentations

None

Resolutions for Review and Action

The resolutions below were presented for consideration.

09-13-23A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Montrose Environmental to Provide Environmental and Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services for Certain Property in Block 331 of the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$XXX

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson informed the Board that this Resolution is related to the Yaffa Dirt Pile project. Remediation at the site has been ongoing since mid- 2022. Two piles (estimated 14,000 +/- tons) of contaminated soil material have been off loaded and disposed of at a regulated facility. Work is projected to start early October to address the remaining large pile (estimated at \$56,000+/- tons) of contaminated soil material. A Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) is required to oversee any environmental cleanup. The professional services agreement with the LSRP is required to be in place for the remaining remedial activities for the Yaffa Site. A cost proposal was solicited from Montrose, the LSRP of record,

Resolutions for Review and Action cont'd

and a price quote is due by September 15, 2023. Results will be available to the board prior to the Regular Meeting.

09-13-23B Resolution Amending Resolution 05-10-23F that Authorized a Professional Services Agreement with Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions, Inc. to Provide Additional Environmental Management Services for an Amount Not to Exceed \$50,000.00 and Include Additional Grant Terms

Motion:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson stated this Resolution is a companion to Resolution 09-13-23A. A review of the Amended Shared Services Agreement with the City requires that our contracts be aligned with the terms and conditions of the additional grant funding provided by the City for the Yaffa effort. The City has allocated \$5 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) and Transitional Aid Fund for the removal of contaminated soil material at the Yaffa Site. CRA finds it necessary to amend the current agreement with Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions (BRS) to add additional grant requirements for the use of Supplemental Transitional Aid funds from the City and oversight during the removal process.

09-13-23C Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services 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 on the City of Camden Tax Map

Motion:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson stated the Borden Chemical Site located at 1625 Federal Street and other former industrial sites that are currently city-owned generally require some measure of investigation and/or remediation. The Agency secured a competitive US EPA Clean up grant for the Borden Street site and EPA has extended the term of the cooperative agreement for the remediation of the Site. It is also necessary to extend the term of the Shared Services Agreement with the City.

Executive Session

Mr. Asselta advised the Commissioners an Executive Session is necessary to discuss a litigation matter. He pointed up that after the Executive Session; the board will not vote on Resolution 09-13-23D at the Caucus, but rather at the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Leonard called for motion. Commissioner Sharma made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Collings and affirmed with a Roll Call vote by all Commissioners. Executive Session commenced at approximately 6:10 PM and ended at approximately 6:34 PM.

09-13-23D Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Litigation

Motion:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Comments: Mr. Asselta stated no voting will take place tonight and all questions were answered during the Executive Session.

Public Comments

None.

Old Business

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

New Business

None.

Executive Session

See above regarding Resolution No. 09-13-23D

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

None.

Adjournment

Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Harden and affirmed with a Roll Call vote by all Commissioners. This meeting ended at approximately 6:37 PM.