

Minutes of December 19, 2012
Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency was held on Wednesday, December 19, 2012, at Camden City Hall, Suite 1300, 520 Market Street, Camden, New Jersey.

Vice Chair Gloria Pena called the meeting to order at 6:19 PM. Board Clerk Carla Rhodes called roll.

Present: GP, KH (by phone) BM, LQ, and MS

Absent: VB and JV

Attendees: Saundra Ross Johnson, Mark Asselta, Carla Rhodes, Johanna Conyer, James Harveson, and Olivette Simpson, CRA; Jeffrey Beenstock, Esq., Ballard Spahr

Ms. Rhodes advised the Board that, pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice had been published in the Courier Post and the Philadelphia Inquirer as well as posted in the Office of the City Clerk.

Review of Minutes

Meeting Date	M	A	N	AB	Comments
N/A					None.

Executive Director's Report

Meeting Date	M	A	N	AB	Comments
12-19-12					None.

Resolutions for Review and Action

	M	A	N	AB	Comments
12-19-12A Resolution Authorizing the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency to Adopt the Camden Redevelopment Agency's Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending 2013	LQ KH	GP KH LQ MS			Finance Director Johanna Conyer informed the Board no changes had been made to the Budget since it was presented for approval in October 2012. Subsequently, it was approved by the NJ Department of Community Affairs. There were no comments or questions. On a Motion made by Commissioner Louis Quinones, seconded by Commissioner Kenwood Hagamin, the Budget was approved. In a Roll Call Vote, adoption was affirmed by all.

12-19-12B	Resolution Authorizing Amendment # 1 to a Professional Services Agreement between the Camden Redevelopment Agency and Ballard Spahr LLP for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 ("NSP2") (\$XXXX)	MS LQ	GP BM LQ MS	<p>On the advice of Board Counsel Mark Asselta, a Motion to enter Executive Session were made. This action was affirmed by a Voice Vote. (See Executive Session below.)</p> <p>Jeffrey Beenstock of Ballard Spahr (the firm) was present and appealed to the Board during its Executive Session.</p> <p>When the Public Meeting resumed, Mr. Asselta noted the Resolution under consideration is fillable and conditioned upon the firm's acceptance of \$40,000.00 as full and final settlement.</p> <p>Vice Chair Gloria Pena noted the Board's recommendation was to pay \$40,000.00 on the requested \$51,000.00. This action would be followed by a meeting with staff to prevent a recurrence of a contract overage of this magnitude.</p> <p>On a Motion made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Quinones, this Resolution was adopted. In a Roll Call Vote, this action was affirmed by all.</p> <p>Note: Commissioner Bryan Morton arrived in advance of the Executive Session. Commissioner Hagamin signed off following the Executive Session.</p>
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Public Comments

None.

Chairperson's Remarks

Vice Chair Pena wished everyone a happy holiday.

Executive Session

On a Motion made by Commissioner Melinda Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Quinones, an Executive Session commenced at 6:19 PM. This action was affirmed by a Voice Vote.

On a Motion made by Commissioner Quinones, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, the Regular Meeting resumed at 7:04PM. This action was affirmed by a Voice Vote.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

On a Motion made by Commissioner Morton, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, this meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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