

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency held a Regular Monthly Caucus Meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 Camden City Hall, City Council Chamber, in Camden, New Jersey.

Chairperson, Marilyn Torres called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM. Board Clerk Sulena Robinson-Rivera called roll. Commissioner Spearman joined the meeting after roll call at 6:02pm, along with Commissioner Bowman at 6:14pm.

Present: VB, SD, IL, JR, MS, WS, and MT

Absent:

Attendees: Mark Asselta, Johanna Conyer, James Harveson, Sulena Robinson-Rivera, and Olivette Simpson, CRA; Marc Riondino, City of Camden; Richard M. Sweeney, Local Union No. 399; Scott Cooper Sr., Lina 77; Kelly Francis, Camden County NAACP; Veronica Valdez, 133 N. 35th Street; see meeting sign in sheet for additional attendees

Mrs. Robinson-Rivera advised the Board that pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice(s) had been posted in the Courier-Post, the Philadelphia Inquirer, and the Office of the City Clerk.

Review of Minutes

Dates of Meetings: May 2 and 9, 2018

Motion: SD, JR **Ayes:** SD, IL, JR, MS, and MT

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Interim Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting- June 13, 2018

Motion: IL, WS **Ayes:** SD, IL, JR, and WS

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Olivette Simpson, Interim Executive Director, reported that the community meeting in Morgan Village had taken place on June 12, 2018 and was attended by more than 100 residents. CRA staff, in terms of community outreach, worked with the Morgan Village Circle CDC and directly with residents. She also reported that a list of those frequently asked questions regarding the redevelopment plan and process were posted on the Agency website. She also added that a resolution to designate Toltec as redeveloper of the Morgan Village redevelopment plan will be presented at the July meeting.

Redevelopment Project Presentation

None.

Resolutions for Review and Action

06-13-18A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Property Designated as a Portion of Block 170 Lot 3 on the City of Camden Tax Map from the Camden County Improvement Authority for Purposes of a Redevelopment Project in the Downtown Redevelopment Area

Motion: SD, MS **Ayes:** SD, IL, JR, MS, and MT

Nays: **Abstentions:** WS

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Resolutions for Review and Action (cont'd)

06-13-18B Resolution Authorizing the Application for and Acceptance of a Grant in the Amount of \$883,447.00 From the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund for Environmental Remediation of the Proposed Camden Waterfront Pier Park (RCA Pier) in the Camden Downtown Redevelopment Area and Authorizing an Agreement with Cooper's Ferry Partnership Concerning Management of the Remediation Grant

Motion: SD, MS Ayes: SD, IL, JR, MS, WS, and MT

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no questions or comments.

06-13-18C Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Property designated as Block 245, Lots 33 and 34 of the City of Camden Tax Map (256 and 258 Walnut Street) located in the Central Waterfront Neighborhood to Sharondah Duckett-Williams for Fair Market Value

Motion: SD, WS Ayes: IL, JR, MS, WS, and MT

Nays: SD Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

06-13-18D Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Property designated as Block 1027, Lot 16 of the City of Camden City Tax Map (133 N. 35th Street) Located in the Stockton East Camden Neighborhood to Veronica C. Valdez for the Assessed Value of \$4,300.00

Motion: IL, JR Ayes: SD, IL, JR, MS, WS, and MT

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

06-13-18E Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for Affirmative Action Officer Services And Compliance Officer Services

Motion: WS, MS Ayes: SD, JR, MS, WS, and MT

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Vote was taken at caucus meeting. There were no comments or questions.

06-13-18F Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Annual Audit For The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2017, as Prepared by Mercadien, P.C.

Motion: MS, WS Ayes: VB, SD, IL, JR, MS, WS, and MT

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

06-13-18G Resolution certifying that each member of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners has personally reviewed the FYE 2017 Annual Audit Report.

Motion: MS, IL Ayes: VB, SD, IL, JR, MS, WS, and MT

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Public Comments

Director of Finance, Johanna Conyer extended special thanks to the staff of the CRA Finance Office Nural Williams and Deirdra Williams for their support and work toward this successful audit. Gilbert Hart of 2421 Wainwright Street in Morgan Village thanked the CRA for the distribution of the flyers and the informative meeting. He was inspired by the proposal and looking forward to future phases. Richard Sweeney of Local Union #399 spoke about the lack of the presence of union labor on the Pierre project site. He asked that the CRA look into why union contractors and workers are not working on this project. He added that every member of the union is OSHA certified and CPR trained. CRA board counsel, Mark Asselta, and Director Simpson committed to look further into the matter. Chairperson Torres commented that the CRA shares the concern for local hiring and participation. Mr. Scott Cooper of the local #77 union agreed with the statements made by Mr. Sweeney and added how the families of these unemployed union workers are negatively impacted when not given the opportunity to work in the city where they live. Ms. Simpson commented that a meeting with union representatives the project owners will be scheduled to discuss further and work toward a goal of increasing the number of Camden residents working on the site.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Executive Session

None.

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

None.

Adjournment

Commissioner Ramos made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Sharma, all affirmed via voice vote and the meeting ended at approximately 6:19 PM.