

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency held a Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 Camden City Hall, City Council Chamber, in Camden, New Jersey.

Vice Chairperson, Sheila Davis called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM. Board Clerk Sulena Robinson-Rivera called roll.

Present: SD, IL, JR, and WS

Absent: VB, MS, and MT

Excused:

Attendees: Mark Asselta, Johanna Conyer, James Harveson, Carla Rhodes, Sulena Robinson-Rivera, and Olivette Simpson, CRA; Marc Riondino, City of Camden Law Department; Kelly Francis, Camden County NAACP; Tom Rapacki and LaVerne Williams; City of Camden Residents, George Woolston, TAPinto Camden Reporter

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: April 11, 2018

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Interim Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting- May 9, 2018

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Olivette Simpson, Interim Executive Director advised that there are no updates to the Interim Executive Director's Report which was submitted during the May 2, 2018 CRA Caucus meeting.

Resolutions for Review and Action

05-09-18A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Woodard & Curran to Conduct an Environmental Site Investigation at the City of Camden 7th & Clinton St. Park for an Amount Not to Exceed \$32,072.00.

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

05-09-18B 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: **Ayes:**

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: CRA Board Counsel, Mark Asselta, advised that Commissioner Spearman is a member of the CCIA board and would need to recuse himself from the vote, resulting in a loss of a quorum required for the voting on the resolution. The resolution will be re-presented for the board's consideration at the next regular meeting of the board of commissioners.

Resolutions for Review and Action (cont'd)

05-09-18C Resolution Amending Resolution 05-10-17E and Authorizing Acceptance of Property Designated as Block 170, Lot 61 on the City of Camden Tax Map from the Housing Authority of the City of Camden in Exchange for City of Camden Redevelopment Agency Property Designated as Block 567, Lots 16 & 20 on the City of Camden Tax Map

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

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

05-09-18D Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Steven W. Bartelt for Appraisal Services in Connection with the Proposed Sale of Certain Property in Block 399 on the Camden City Tax Map for a Cost Not to Exceed \$2,000.00 (10th & Sycamore Properties)

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

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

05-09-18E Resolution Designating Holtec International, Inc. and/or a Related Affiliate As the Redeveloper of the Morgan Village Redevelopment Area and Authorizing a Cost Agreement and Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement with the Redeveloper for the Redevelopment of Certain Properties Located in Blocks 619, 621, 623, 642 and 643 of the City of Camden Tax Map

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Commissioner Spearman moved to table this resolution, Commissioner Leonard offered a second to the motion to table this resolution, Commissioners Davis and Ramos also voted affirmatively to table the resolution. There were no comments or questions.

05-09-18F Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Camden County One-Stop/WorkFirst New Jersey to Participate in the Community Work Experience Program (CWEP)

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

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

05-09-18G Resolution Authorizing a Further Extension of a Leave of Absence from Employment with the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency for Vincent Basara

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

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: This resolution was walked onto the regular meeting Agenda the night of the meeting. Director of Finance, Johanna Conyer spoke to the purpose for the resolution. There were no comments or questions.

Public Comments

LaVerne Williams of 1655 Park Blvd asked about the locations for resolutions 05-09-18B and 05-09-18C activities. Director of Economic Development, Jim Harveson responded, noting that the sites were located in the city's downtown on Federal Street. Ms. Williams asked whether the exchange of properties will require payment to or from the Housing Authority of the City of Camden. Director Simpson advised that no monies will be exchanged as part of the swap of properties between the agencies. Ms. Williams asked about the location of the site for resolution 05-09-18D and Mr. Harveson responded that the site is located in Gateway near the intersection of Mr. Ephraim and Sycamore streets. Regarding resolution 05-09-18F, Ms. Williams asked several questions. Ms. Simpson responded that participants are referred by the Camden County One-Stop/WorkFirst New Jersey program and interviewed by the CRA. If there is a mutual interest, then participants are hosted/assigned to CRA for an internship of 13 weeks. Ms. Simpson reported that to date, 30% of the CRA's 53 participants went on to secure permanent employment.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Executive Session

None.

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

Vice Chairperson Davis thanked CRA staff for hard work and the Commissioners for their attendance and a great meeting.

Adjournment

Commissioner Leonard made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Spearman, all affirmed via voice vote and the meeting ended at approximately 6:14 PM.