

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held a Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2018** Camden City Hall, City Council Chamber, in Camden, New Jersey.

Chairperson, Marilyn Torres called the meeting to order at approximately 6:02 PM. Board Clerk Sulena Robinson-Rivera called roll. Commissioners Ramos and Bowman joined the meeting post roll call at 6:04pm and 6:05pm, respectively. Commissioners Sharma and Leonard left the meeting at 6:15pm.

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

Absent:

Attendees: Mark Asselta, James Harveson, Sulena Robinson-Rivera, and Olivette Simpson, CRA; George Woolston, TapInto Camden

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 Meeting: August 1, 2018

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Interim Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting: September 12, 2018

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Olivette Simpson, Interim Executive Director reported that Commissioner William W. Spearman sent a letter of resignation to the CRA Board on Thursday, September 6, 2018. Chairperson Torres added that his service as a board member would be greatly missed and that he will continue his service of Camden residents as a member of the State Assembly.

Redevelopment Project Presentation

None.

Resolutions for Review and Action

07-11-18B Resolution Authorizing a Loan in the Amount of \$683,379.00 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the Environmental Cleanup of the Harrison Avenue Landfill (Cramer Hill Waterfront Park)

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Commissioner Leonard raised a combined motion to remove this resolution from the table and approve the resolution. There were no additional comments or questions.

Resolutions for Review and Action (cont'd)

09-12-18A Resolution Rescinding Resolution 6-13-18B and 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: IL, MS **Ayes:** VB, SD, IL, JR, MS, and MT

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Commissioner Bowman asked why Coopers Ferry Partnership (CFP) is performing the remediation. Ms. Simpson responded that the Camden Waterfront Pier Park (RCA Pier) Park project is located within the Camden Waterfront area. CFP mission includes the Camden Waterfront and related park development initiatives in the city. She also responded that Liberty Property Trust, as the owner of the RCA Pier Park site, engaged CFP to design and develop the Park. Park development also includes environmental remediation of the site. The RCA Pier Park will be constructed under a lease agreement between the city and Liberty. In 2019, when the Park is completed, Liberty will convey the Park to the city for nominal consideration. There were no further questions or comments.

09-12-18B Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with TRC Environmental Corporation For Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services in Connection with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Office of Natural Resource Restoration's Closure and Redevelopment of the Balance of the Harrison Avenue Landfill in an Amount not to Exceed \$99,918.03

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Public Comments

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Executive Session

Board Counsel, Mark Asselta announced that the Commissioners would like to enter into an Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations. Commissioner Ramos moved to enter Executive Session, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and affirmed by all via voice vote at 6:15pm. Chairperson Torres excused Commissioners Sharma and Leonard from the Executive Session. The Executive Session ended at approximately 6:30 pm.

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

None.

Adjournment

Commissioner Bowman made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Davis, all affirmed via voice vote and the meeting ended at approximately 6:31 PM.