

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency held a **Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2020** via teleconference.

Chairperson, Marilyn Torres called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM. Board Clerk Sulena Robinson-Rivera called roll. Commissioner Ramos joined the meeting at 6:16.

Present: IL, GH, JR, MS and MT
Absent: VB, SD
Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Johanna Conyer, Sulena Robinson-Rivera, CRA

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: March 4, 2020 and March 11, 2020
Motion: IL GH **Ayes:** IL, GH, MS and MT
Nays: **Abstentions:**
Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Interim Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting: April 15, 2020
Motion: IL, GH **Ayes:** IL, GH, MS and MT
Nays: **Abstentions:**
Comments: Ms. Olivette Simpson, Interim Executive Director reported that the CRA is available on a rotating basis and working remotely to assure continuity of Agency operations, programs, and projects. Ms. Simpson acknowledged all of the staff who have stepped up during this challenging time. She recognized the passing of former City COO and board Chairperson Judge Theodore Davis, and his stalwart stewardship of the City and CRA.

Redevelopment Project Presentation

None.

Resolutions for Review and Action

04-15-20A Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden Providing for the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency to Serve as the City's Agent for Property Acquisition for the Purpose of the Construction of Low- Moderate Income Housing and to Accept Title to the Property from the City as Needed for this Redevelopment Project

Motion: IL, GH **Ayes:** IL, GH, MS and MT
Nays: **Abstentions:**
Comments: Interim Executive Director, Olivette Simpson requested of Chairperson Torres that the resolution be withdrawn. She reported that Resolution 04-15-20A, 20B, and 20C were tabled at the April 14, 2020 Council Meeting, and CRA's actions should be withdrawn until such time as the City of Camden takes action. Chairperson Torres asked for a motion to withdraw resolutions A, B, C. There were no further comments or questions.

04-15-20B Resolution Designating the Housing Authority of the City of Camden as Redeveloper of Certain Parcels in Blocks 868 and 856 of the City of Camden Tax Map and Authorizing a Cost Agreement and Redevelopment Agreement with the Redeveloper for the Redevelopment of Properties Located in an Area in Need of Rehabilitation in the Cramer Hill Redevelopment Area

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Chairperson Torres asked for a motion to withdraw Resolution 04-15-20B. There were no further comments or questions.

04-15-20C Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with J. McHale and Associates in Connection with the Acquisition of Certain Parcels of Land in Block 868 and 856 for the Purpose of Constructing Low and Moderate Income Housing

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Chairperson Torres asked for a motion to withdraw Resolution 04-15-20C. There were no further comments or questions.

04-15-20D Resolution Authorizing the Application for and Acceptance of a Grant in the Amount of \$110, 345 from the New Jersey Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund for Preliminary Assessment, Site Investigation and Remedial Action Activities for A Redevelopment Project Located in the Admiral Wilson North Redevelopment Area and Authorizing an Agreement with Camden Renaissance Associates, LLC for Management of the Grant

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

04-15-20E Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for Finance-Related Support Services to the City of Camden Finance Department

Motion: MS, GH **Ayes:** GH, IL, JR, and MS

Nays: **Abstentions:** MT

Comments: Chairwoman Torres abstained from the vote (member of City Council). There were no further comments or questions.

04-15-20F Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions, Inc. to Provide Environmental Management Services on an Hourly Rate Basis for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000.00

Motion: GH, IL **Ayes:** GH, 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, requested of Chairwoman Torres the board go into closed session for discussion of a contract matter related to Resolution 04-15-20E. Commissioner Sharma made a motion to go into executive session, which was seconded by Commissioner Harden.

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

None.

Adjournment

Commissioner Leonard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Sharma, and affirmed via voice vote by all commissioners and the meeting ended at approximately 6:27 PM.