

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency held a **Monthly Caucus Meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2020** via teleconference.

Chairperson, Marilyn Torres called the meeting to order at approximately 6:02 PM. Board Clerk Sulena Robinson-Rivera called roll. .

Present: Derek Davis, Ian K. Leonard, Gilbert Harden Sr., Maria Sharma, Jose Javier Ramos, and Marilyn Torres

Absent:

Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Sulena Robinson-Rivera

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: July 1, 2020 and July 8, 2020

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Interim Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting: August 5, 2020

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Olivette Simpson, Interim Executive Director reported various accomplishments of the CRA during the pandemic period extending from March 2020 through July 2020. She extended her gratitude to staff for its work over the past several months. She mentioned five active housing development projects; such as 1800 Davis multifamily rental in Whitman Park; 10 units of for-sale housing in Parkside; small for sales housing in Cramer Hill; search for a replacement developer for Cooper Grant. CRA staff has closed on many of the properties exposed for sale at the March 10th auction; for example, 273 Atlantic Avenue was sold to EMR. CRA closed with DRPA in July for a site that will be redeveloped as a solar field to power the DRPA building at Federal and Delaware Avenues. In brownfields, CRA applied for and received \$375,000 in supplemental revolving loan funds and was awarded a \$500,000 grant for clean-up of the Borden Chemical site. She also reported the Harrison Avenue Landfill site – the future Cramer Hill Waterfront Park will be substantially completed by end of August 2020. According to the terms of the MOA between CRA and NJDEP, the HAL site will not be open to public for a year, which is referred to as the site's warranty period, which will last for one year. NJDEP will then turn the site over to the CRA. She noted resources will have to be identified for security cameras to be installed after the warranty period. NJDEP reluctantly has withdrawn funding for the planned security cameras due to park construction cost over-runs. In addition, she mentioned three industrial sites the CRA is working to include in redevelopment strategies and plans for the future of these sites. Commissioner Leonard requested a tour of the Harrison Avenue Landfill site and Ms. Simpson will arrange for the board to tour the site.

Redevelopment Project Presentation

None.

Resolutions for Review and Action

08-12-20A Resolution Amending a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden in Connection with the Construction of the Fleet Replacement Garage (Building Project) and Access Road Project on Block 327, Lots 28-33, 35 – 37, 52 & 53 of the City of Camden Tax Map in the Gateway Redevelopment Area to Extend the Deadline for Completion of the Building Project Due to the COVID-19 Health Epidemic

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

08-12-20B Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Enterprise Network Resolutions Contracting, LLC for the Environmental Remediation of the Camden Laboratories Site Located at 1667 Davis Street (Block 1392 Lot 33 on the City of Camden Tax Map) for an Amount Not to Exceed \$282,828.00 Total Bid

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

08-12-20C Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with TTI Environmental Inc. for an Environmental Preliminary Assessment and Site Investigation of the Former Reliable Tire site (Block 1302 Lot 1 on the City of Camden Tax Map) for an Amount Not to exceed \$103,745.40

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

08-12-20D Resolution Authorizing a Pre-Qualified List of Environmental and Engineering Firms to Provide Professional Environmental Services for 2020-2021

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

08-12-20E Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for Finance-Related Support Services to the Camden Redevelopment Agency

Comments: Ms. Simpson stated an executive session will be held as part of the regular meeting to discuss this resolution. A finance committee meeting will also be scheduled. There were no comments or questions.

Public Comments

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Executive Session

None

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

None.

Adjournment

Commissioner Ramos made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Leonard, and affirmed via voice vote by all commissioners. The meeting ended at approximately 6:22 PM.

