

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held a Reorganization and Regular Monthly Meeting on Thursday, January 2, 2020** 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.

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

**Absent:**

**Attendees:** Olivette Simpson, Sulena Robinson-Rivera, Johanna Conyer, and Mark Asselta, Esq

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.

### **Reorganization of the Board**

General Counsel, Mark Asselta, presided over the reorganization of the Board which included the nomination and vote for Chairperson from approximately 7:00 PM to 7:04 PM. He explained the process for nomination and election of officers, including since six commissioners were present a vote of 4 or more would be required to pass the vote. He asked for nominations for Chairperson. Commissioner Leonard moved to nominate Marilyn Torres as Chairperson; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Sharma. No additional nominations were made. The Board Counsel closed the nominations, and called for a motion to vote on Commissioner Torres as the Chairperson. Commissioner Leonard made the motion which was seconded by and Commissioner Sharma. The vote carried and Commissioner Torres was named Chairperson to the board and presided over the remainder of the meeting. Commissioner Sharma nominated Ian K. Leonard for Vice Chairperson and Commissioner Ramos seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and nominations were closed. Commissioner Sharma made a motion to select Commissioner Leonard for Vice Chairperson, which was seconded by Commissioner Ramos. The Chair called for a vote, Commissioners Bowman, Davis, Leonard, Ramos, Sharma, and Torres voted, yes. Commissioner Ramos nominated Commissioner Sharma for Treasurer and Commissioner Leonard seconded the nomination. No additional nominations were made, and nominations were closed. The Chair called for a vote; all Commissioners voted yes.

### **Review of Minutes**

**Dates of Meeting:** December 4 and December 11, 2019

**Motion:** Ayes:

**Nays:** Abstentions:

**Comments:** There were no comments or questions.

### **Interim Executive Director's Report**

**Date of Meeting:** January 2, 2020

**Motion:** Ayes:

**Nays:** Abstentions:

**Comments:** Ms. Olivette Simpson, Interim Executive Director, recounted inspiring sentiments and milestones from the City Council reorganization which occurred, immediately before the meeting. She looks forward to working together with the City of Camden in 2020.

### **Redevelopment Project Presentation**

None.

**Resolutions for Review and Action**

**01-02-20A** Resolution Establishing the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Schedule for 2020

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

**Nays:**                      **Abstentions:**

**Comments:** There were no comments or questions.

**01-02-20B** Resolution Establishing the Board of Commissioners' Meeting schedule for 2019

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

**Nays:**                      **Abstentions:**

**Comments:** There were no questions or comments.

**01-08-20A** Resolution Rescinding Resolution 07-11-18B and Thereby Withdrawing the Authorization of 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:**      **Ayes:**

**Nays:**      **Abstentions:**

**Comments:** There were no comments or questions.

**01-08-20B** Resolution Authorizing the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency to Make a Loan to the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency in the Amount of \$611,307.75 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the Environmental Cleanup of the Camden Laboratories Site in the Whitman Park Neighborhood

**Motion:**      **Ayes:**

**Nays:**      **Abstentions:**

**Comments:** Commissioner Bowman requested that the CRA's brownfield professional(s) be present to speak to resolutions related to brownfields and/or economic development. A discussion followed. Director Simpson asked the board to allow her the opportunity to prepare a short- and long term plan to address the responsibilities assumed by the former Director of Economic Development. There were no further comments or questions.

**Public Comments**

None.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Finance Committee members will remain as they are.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Chairperson's Remarks and Observations**

None.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Leonard made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Bowman and affirmed by all commissioners via voice vote and the meeting ended at approximately 7:28 PM.