

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held the Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2023** via tele-/videoconference.

Chairperson Ian Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, due. Board Clerk Donna Arthur-Pettigrew called roll.

Present: Ian Leonard, Derek Davis, Tasha Gainey-Humphrey, Maria Sharma
Absent: Christopher Collins, Gilbert Harden Sr., and Jose Javier Ramos
Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Donna Arthur-Pettigrew, CRA, and Jack Layne, DCA.

Ms. Donna Arthur-Pettigrew advised the Board that, pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice(s) had been posted in the Courier-Post, the Philadelphia Inquirer, and the Office of the City Clerk.

Review of Minutes

Date of Meeting: November 1 and 8, 2023
Motion: MS, TGH **Ayes:** IL, MS, DD, TGH
Nays: **Abstentions:**
Comments: Mr. Leonard verified that everyone had a chance to review the Minutes and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Interim Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting: December 13, 2023
Motion: MS, TGH **Ayes:** IL, MS, DD, TGH
Nays: **Abstentions:**
Comments: Ms. Simpson informed the Board the groundbreaking for the Elijah Perry Park, hosted by Mayor Carstarphen on December 13, 2023, was well attended by residents in the neighborhood, the HACC, and local/state/federal government officials.

Ms. Simpson also informed the board the Agency's auditors (Mercadien, PC) would present the audit results at a Special Meeting held on December 19, 2023 at 4:30 PM, rather than tonight's Regular Meeting. She also reminded the Board on December 19, 2023 at 4:00 PM, a Public Hearing would be held on the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023 budget.

Redevelopment Project Presentations

None

Resolutions for Review and Action

The resolutions below were presented for consideration.

12-13-23A **Resolution Amending Resolution 04-12-23C to Authorize an Increase in a Subgrant from \$274,203.00 to \$500,000.00 to the City of Camden from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the Environmental Remediation of Block 1302, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map**

Motion: **Ayes:**
Nays: **Abstentions:**
Comments: Mr. Asselta informed the Board, this Resolution was removed from the Caucus Agenda (due to the lack of a quorum to carry the vote) for its consideration at this Meeting. There were no other comments or questions.

Resolutions for Review and Action cont'd

12-13-23B Resolution Authorizing a Contract with AWT Environmental Services, Inc. for the Environmental Remediation of 1115 Chestnut Street Designated as Block 1302, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$325,356.00

Motion: MS, TGH **Ayes:** IL, MS, DD, TGH

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

12-13-23C Resolution Authorizing a Contract with The Ambient Group, LLC for the Environmental Remediation of Excess Soils at the Elijah Perry Park Site Designated as Block 544, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$57,936.00

Motion: MS, TGH **Ayes:** IL, MS, DD, TGH

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

12-13-23D Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with TRC Environmental Corporation to Provide Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services and Other Environmental Services For the Sale of 726 Kaighn Avenue Designated as Block 405, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$4,437.00

Motion: **Ayes:**

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Mr. Asselta informed the Board, this Resolution was removed from the Caucus Agenda (due to the lack of a quorum to carry the vote) for its consideration at this Meeting. There were no other comments or questions. Commissioner Gainey-Humphrey abstained from the vote, as she is an employee of the KIPP School. There were no other comments or questions.

12-13-23E Resolution Adopting the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency Budget for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Motion: **Ayes:**

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: This resolution was removed from the Agenda to be presented at the Special Meeting scheduled for December 19, 2023.

Public Comments

None.

Old Business

Action has not been taken regarding Resolutions 03-09-22 E & F.

New Business

None.

Executive Session

None

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

None.

Adjournment

Commissioner Sharma made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Gainey-Humphrey and affirmed with a Roll Call vote by all Commissioners. This meeting ended at approximately 6:11 PM.