

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at Camden City Hall, City Council Chamber, Camden, New Jersey.

Chair Marilyn Torres called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM. Board Clerk Sulena Robinson-Rivera called roll. The following Commissioners arrived to the meeting after roll call; Davis at 6:01pm, Hagamin at 6:04pm, and Bowman at 6:05 pm.

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

Absent:

Excused:

Attendees: Saundra Ross Johnson, Mark Asselta, Sulena Robinson-Rivera, Johanna Conyer, James Harveson, Olivette Simpson, and Kadeem Pratt CRA; Kelly Francis, Camden County NAACP, Shawn Burke, 2926 N. Congress Road and Barbara Kelley CBCA/WERC

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 Meetings- April 6 and April 13, 2016

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no further comments or questions.

Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting- May 11, 2016

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: The Executive Director's report stands as submitted at caucus.

Redevelopment Project Presentation

There were no project presentations.

Resolutions for Review and Action

05-11-16A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with One Atlantic Valuations for Appraisal Services in Connection with the Proposed Sale of Certain Property in Blocks 62, 62.01, 62.02 & 65 on the Camden City Tax Map for a Cost Not to Exceed \$2,250.00 - (Poets' Walk Project)

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

There were no questions or comments.

05-11-16B Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for Contract Administration of A Clean & Safe Business Corridors Program for the Contract Amount of \$10,000

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Commissioner Bowman asked for clarification. Director Simpson explained that this is resolution is a request for authorization for the CRA to be compensated \$10,000 for administration of the Clean & Safe Business Corridors contract. Mr. Bowman asked if a RFP will be issued to complete this work. Ms. Simpson advised that the CRA will widely circulate and post a RFP once the City Council takes action on the matter. The RFP will also be forwarded to CBAC for circulation. There were no further questions or comments.

Public Comments

Shawn Burke shared his observations of how Registered Community Organizations (RCO) operates in Philadelphia, PA. He suggested the City of Camden consider modeling a program after the Philly RCO so that each neighborhood of Camden's 19 neighborhoods would have stakeholders and civic groups endorsed or officially recognized to represent the interests and communicate on behalf of the neighborhood. Ms. Johnson advised that the Mayors Business Growth and Development team echoes the importance of community support to the extent they require every applicant to have a letter of support from the community accompanying their proposal. Commissioner Davis suggested Mr. Burke speak to Dot Burley regarding civic leadership in the Fairview Neighborhood. Commissioner Ramos supported the ideal of formally identifying community representatives.

Barbara Kelly reported the CBCA and CRA have been working collaboratively to inform the community of redevelopment related opportunities. She expressed much gratitude to CRA Commissioners and staff.

Mr. Francis asked for an update on the Lanning Square West project. Ms. Johnson advised that the CRA is seeking a redeveloper. Mr. Francis expressed public safety concerns related to the structural instability of the units. Ms. Johnson, too, expressed that the CRA and others consider this site a priority and share in the urgency to make progress with the redevelopment of the site.

Old Business

Commissioner Bowman followed up on his request to create a subcommittee. Board Counsel advised that; the committee could be formed by way of motion and a vote, could not include more than three commissioners, and could include members that are not members of CRA staff and non-board members. The committee would be responsible for maintaining its meeting minutes. Commissioner Bowman shared the focus of the committee would be, Affirmative Action. Commissioner Bowman will discuss the creation of the committee further, under separate cover, with Board Counsel. Chair Torres expressed a desire to participate on the committee.

Commissioner Hagamin inquired about the status the ShopRite site on Admiral Wilson Blvd. Ms. Johnson advised that site assembly is underway and the Redeveloper is acquiring the remaining parcels.

New Business

A meeting of the Finance Committee will occur on June 1, 2016.

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

None.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at approximately 6:38 PM on a motion made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Ramos.

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