

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held a Monthly Caucus Meeting on Wednesday, July 1, 2020** via teleconference.

Chairperson, Marilyn Torres called the meeting to order at approximately 6:01 PM. Board Clerk Sulena Robinson-Rivera called roll. .

Present: Derek Davis, Ian K. Leonard, Maria Sharma, Jose Javier Ramos, and Marilyn Torres
Absent: Sheila Davis
Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Johanna Conyer, 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: June 10, 2020

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Interim Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting: July 1, 2020

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Olivette Simpson, Interim Executive Director advised the CRA is planning for a return to the office operations on July 20, 2020. Ms. Simpson reported that all levels of government were following Governor Murphy, the Center for Disease Control, and Camden County Health departments directives and guidances for reopening office operations and steps necessary to mitigate and protect our employees and the public in the City Hall workplace. She pointed up the Governor's Emergency Declaration for the COVID-19 public health crisis is not yet lifted. And, in concert with the guidances for a safe workplace preventive measures, protocols, such as, wearing facial coverings, promoting hygiene practices, and social distancing will be in place. She also shared with the board Agency staff has been extraordinarily diligent and professional during this very challenging period. Ms. Simpson also reported on several direct and indirect impacts of COVID-19; most specifically, a residential developer for the former ABC Barrel site will not be going forward with his project, and three other developers are requesting extensions of time within which to perform their redevelopment obligations.

Ms. Simpson also reported that Ms. Johanna Conyer, Director of Finance will transition out of the Agency to become the Finance Director for the City of Camden due to the retirement of City's Finance Director. Board members expressed their congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Conyer for her exemplary service to the Agency over the course of 16 years and Ms. Conyer also made remarks.

Redevelopment Project Presentation

None.

Resolutions for Review and Action

07-08-20A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for Affirmative Action Officer Services And Compliance Officer Services

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

Nays: **Abstentions:** IL, MT

Comments: Action was taken for this resolution during the caucus meeting. Chairperson Torres abstained from the vote (member of City Council) and Commissioner Leonard is on the Affirmative Action Committee.

07-08-20B Resolution Authorizing a Further Extension of a Leave of Absence from Employment with the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency for Vincent Basara

Motion: **Ayes:**

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: were no comments or questions.

07-08-20C Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP for Legal Services in Connection with the Sale of Certain Property Designated within Blocks 868 and 856 of the City Tax Map Located in the Cramer Hill Redevelopment Area

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Action was taken during the caucus meeting. There were no comments or questions.

07-08-20D Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Woodard & Curran to Provide Environmental and Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Services in Connection with the Camden Laboratories Site Designated as Block 1392 Lot 33 on the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$31,100

Motion: **Ayes:**

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: 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 Harden, and affirmed via voice vote by all commissioners. The meeting ended at approximately 6:36 PM.