CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Brownfields/Economic Development

Resolution No.: 03-11-20D

Resolution Title:

Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis, LLP in Connection with the Sale of Certain Property Designated as Block 955, Lots 6, 9, 10 and 16 of the City Tax Map Located in the Cramer Hill Redevelopment Area

Project Summary:

- CRA by way of Resolutions 12-11-19A and 12-11-19B is serving as the City of Camden's agent to acquire four (4) privately-owned vacant, unimproved parcels in connection with the expansion of the Camden Charter School Network's school facilities in the City of Camden's Cramer Hill Neighborhood.
- CRA is authorized to proceed to acquire Block 955, Lots 6, 9, 10 and 16 under the City's statutory authority to exercise eminent domain in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-3 and N.J.S.A. 20:3-1 to -50 and acquire these lots should the private property owners be unavailable or good faith negotiations unsuccessful.
- CRA will need to engage the services of an outside counsel with specific expertise in redevelopment matters to assist in the negotiation of the cost agreement and redevelopment agreement for the sale of the properties to the Camden Charter School Network.

Purpose of Resolution:

To authorize a professional services agreement and engage outside counsel

Award Process: a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 and or 20.5 and as a professional services contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A;11-5 (1) (a) as appropriate.

Cost Not To Exceed:

\$300.00 on an hourly basis not to exceed \$18,000.00

Total Project Cost:

TBD

Source of Funds:

Redeveloper Funds

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WHEREAS, the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is charged with the duty of redevelopment throughout the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the CRA by way of Resolutions 12-11-19A and 12-11-19B is serving as the City of Camden's agent to acquire four (4) privately-owned vacant, unimproved parcels in connection with the expansion of the Camden Charter School Network's school facilities in the City of Camden's Cramer Hill Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, CRA, is authorized to proceed to acquire Block 955, Lots 6, 9, 10 and 16 under the City's statutory authority to exercise eminent domain in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-3 and N.J.S.A. 20:3-1 to -50 if the private property owners are unavailable and good faith negotiations cannot be had or are unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, CRA will need to engage the services of an outside counsel with specific expertise in redevelopment matters to assist in the negotiation of the cost agreement and redevelopment agreement for the sale of the properties to the Camden Charter School Network for school use; and

WHEREAS, Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis, LLP (Greenbaum Rowe) has previously represented the CRA in the negotiation of the redevelopment and other agreements; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and in the best interest of the CRA to engage the services of Greenbaum Rowe as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 and or 20.5 and as a professional services contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A;11-5 (1) (a) as appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency, that the Interim Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the Agency, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a professional services agreement with Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis, LLP in connection with the negotiation of agreements with the Camden Charter School Network for an amount not to exceed \$300.00 on an hourly basis, not to exceed \$18,000.00 for a term of one year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interim Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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ON MOTION OF: Ian K. Leonard

SECONDED BY: Maria Sharma

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ATTEST:

Olivette Simpson Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

Board Counsel