

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Economic Development

Resolution No.: 06-09-21B

Resolution Title:

Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for Acquisition of Certain Properties Designated on the City of Camden Tax Map as Block 955, Lots 6, 9, 10 and 16 for the Camden Charter School Network Expansion

Project Summary:

- Camden's Charter School Network is a non-profit organization created to assist the Camden Promise Charter School in providing school facilities.
- The Network proposes to acquire 4 privately owned, vacant lots in Block 955 (Block 955, Lots 6, 9, 10 and 16) for the purpose of constructing a new Early Education Center.
- The lots are adjacent to property already owned by the Network. All of the lots are subject to significant tax liens.
- Under the Shared Services Agreement, the CRA would act as the City's Agent in the acquiring the properties for this public purpose.
- Upon acquisition, the property would be conveyed to the CRA for this redevelopment project.

Purpose of Resolution:

Amending a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for a term of additional two years.

Award Process:

N/A

Cost Not To Exceed:

Total Assessed value of the 4 properties is \$70,400. All costs and related court fees, legal services associated with the acquisition of the Property will be paid by the Charter School Network.

Total Project Cost:

\$5.0 million

Source of Funds:

Camden's Charter School Network

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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 Camden's Charter School Network (Network) proposed to the City of Camden (City) to acquire four vacant contiguous properties known as Block 955, Lots 6, 9, 10 and 16 of the City Tax Map in connection with the proposed expansion of its charter school facilities in the Cramer Hill Neighborhood (the "Project Site") and has requested the City's assistance in completing the acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the CRA possesses the appropriate experience to conduct the property acquisition on behalf of the City including, if necessary, the use of the City's statutory authority of eminent domain in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-3 and N.J.S.A. 20:3-1 to -50; and

WHEREAS, the cost of acquisition of the property will be paid by the Camden Charter School Network; and

WHEREAS, upon acquisition by the City the property would be conveyed to the CRA and ultimately to the Charter School Network pursuant to a redevelopment agreement to be entered into between the CRA and the Charter School Network to be authorized by a separate action of the CRA; and

WHEREAS, the City by Resolution MC-19:7101 authorized the execution of a Shared Service Agreement dated May 6, 2020 with the CRA for a term of one year; and

WHEREAS, the Camden Charter School Network desires the CRA to proceed to acquire the Project Site; and

WHEREAS, CRA seeks to extend the term of the Shared Services Agreement with the City for an additional period of two years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Camden that the Interim Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the Agency, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an amendment to a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for a term of two years for the purpose of acquiring on behalf of the City Block 955, Lots 6, 9, 10, and 16 of the City of Camden Tax Map; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Shared Services Agreement shall include a provision expressly authorizing the CRA to use the City's statutory authority of eminent domain in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-3 and N.J.S.A. 20: 3-1 to -50 in order to acquire the properties for a public purpose if good faith negotiations are unsuccessful; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CRA is hereby authorized to accept conveyance from the City of properties designated as Block 955 Lots 6, 9, 10, and 16 of the City of Camden Tax Map for re-conveyance to the Charter School Network pursuant to a redevelopment agreement to be entered into between the CRA and the Charter School Network to be authorized by a separate action of the CRA, 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: **Gilbert Harden, Sr**


SECONDED BY: **Ian K. Leonard**

COMMISSIONER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Derek Davis	X		
Gilbert Harden Sr.	X		
Ian K. Leonard	X		
Jose Javier Ramos	X		
Maria Sharma			X
Marilyn Torres			X

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Chairperson

ATTEST:



Olivette Simpson
Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

Mark P. Asselta

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