

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held the Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2021** via teleconference.

Chairperson Marilyn Torres called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM. Interim Board Clerk Carla Rhodes called roll.

Present: Marilyn Torres, Ian Leonard, Derek Davis, Gilbert Harden, Jr., Jose Javier Ramos, and Maria Sharma
Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Michael Watson of Brown & Connery (for Mark Asselta), Carla Rhodes, Donna Arthur-Pettigrew, and Sulena Robinson-Rivera, CRA; Jack Layne, NJ Department of Community Affairs; Stephanie Fisher and Cory Neering, Planned Parenthood, Northern, Central and Southern New Jersey, Inc., and Raymond Console, Rowan-Rutgers Joint Board of Governors

Ms. Rhodes 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: July 14, 2021
Motion: GH, MS **Ayes:** DD, GH, JR, IL, MS, MT
Nays: **Abstentions:**
Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Interim Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting: August 4, 2021 and August 11, 2021
Motion: GH, IL **Ayes:** DD, GH, JR, IL, MS, MT
Nays: **Abstentions:**
Comments: Interim Executive Director Olivette Simpson recognized the passing of Martin McKernan, Esq. For some 50 years, Mr. McKernan was a lawyer dedicated to public service and philanthropy. He served as general counsel for several public entities within Camden County and the City of Camden, including Camden Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, and Parking Authority. Ms. Simpson will forward additional details to the Commissioners for their records/review. Commissioner Ian Leonard and Chairperson Torres shared personal reflections.

Background was provided regarding the development of Neighborhood Plans during this Report as well. In addition to activity noted in prior meetings, neighborhood planning for Waterfront South and Cooper Plaza will begin with implementation of Community Engagement Plans. CRA's Property Asset Manager Sulena Robinson-Rivera and Construction Project Manager Dwaine Williams were acknowledged and commended for their participation in various Steering Committees for several plan initiatives.

Interim Executive Director's Report (cont'd)

Ms. Simpson also reported to the Commissioners regarding the NJ Economic Development Authority's (NJEDA) approval of rules for the statewide Main Street Project through which \$100 million in grants is expected to fund small businesses and initiatives, including façade improvements, COVID19-related furniture purchases, and lease assistance. She also reported about programs geared to assist small businesses to meet competitive procurement rules for working with government entities which are, now, available through LAEDA.

Redevelopment Project Presentations:

None.

Resolutions for Review and Action to be taken at the Regular Board Meeting

08-11-21A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP to Provide Outside Legal Counsel Services for an Operations Transfer Agreement for the Cramer Hill Waterfront Park (formerly known as the Harrison Avenue Landfill) Designated as Block 809, Lots 7 & 13 on the Camden City Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$58,900.00

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

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

08-11-21B Resolution Authorizing a Change Order to a Professional Services Agreement with TRC Environmental Corporation to Provide Additional Environmental and Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services for the Northern Portion of the Dominick Andujar Park Site Designated as Block 12, Lots 1, 3-9, and 18-21 on the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed to \$ 30,077.00

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

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

08-11-21C Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with TRC Environmental Corporation to Provide Environmental and Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services for Block 405, Lot 1 on the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$83,194.00

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

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

08-11-21D Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Resolution 01-13-21A that Designated One Water Street LLC (an affiliate of American Water) as the Redeveloper of a Parcel within Block 80.02, Lot 1 of the Camden Tax Map and Known as Unit C-7 of the Camden Waterfront Condominium and Authorized a Designated Developer Subagreement to Extend the Deadline to Enter Into a Designated Developer Subagreement

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

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Resolutions for Review and Action to be taken at the Regular Board Meeting (cont'd)

08-11-21E Resolution Authorizing a Pre-Qualified List of Environmental and Engineering Firms to Provide Professional Environmental Services for 2021-2022

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

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

08-11-21F Resolution Amending Resolution 10-21-20D to Extend the Redeveloper Designation of Planned Parenthood of Northern, Central and Southern New Jersey for Block 177, Lots 42-44, Lots 63 - 65 of the City of Camden Tax Map, to Add Block 177, Lot 45 to the Redeveloper Designation and to Authorize a Redevelopment Agreement with the Redeveloper for the Additional Property

Motion: IL, GH Ayes: DD, GH, JR, IL, MT

Nays: MS Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Public Comments

Cory Neering, Co-Chief Executive Officer, Planned Parenthood of Northern, Central and Southern New Jersey, Inc. was in attendance. Upon being recognized, he thanked the Commissioners and Staff for support of the Planned Parenthood Camden Health Center Project.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Executive Session

None.

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

Ms. Torres thanked the Commissioners for their punctuality. She also thanked everyone for their contributions.

***Adjournment**

Mr. Leonard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Jose Javier Ramos and affirmed via voice vote by all Commissioners. The meeting ended at approximately 6:20 PM.

**Note: Commissioner Maria Sharma departed at approximately 6:19 PM.*