

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held the Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021** via teleconference.

Chairperson Marilyn Torres called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05 PM. Interim Board Clerk Carla Rhodes called roll.

**Present:** Marilyn Torres, Derek Davis, Ian K. Leonard, Jose Javier Ramos and Maria Sharma  
**Absent:** Gilbert Harden, Jr.  
**Attendees:** Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Carla Rhodes, Donna Arthur-Pettigrew, Sulena Robinson-Rivers, CRA; Kaceme Porter and Adrian Adams, Jr.

Ms. Rhodes 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:** April 7 and April 14, 2021  
**Motion:** IL, JR      **Ayes:** DD, JR, IL, MS, MT  
**Nays:**                      **Abstentions:**  
**Comments:** There were no comments or questions.

### **Interim Executive Director's Report**

**Date of Meeting:** May 12, 2021  
**Motion:** JR, MS      **Ayes:** DD, JR, IL, MS, MT  
**Nays:**                      **Abstentions:**

Interim Executive Director Olivette Simpson reported to the Board about several grant applications that are to be submitted, including an application to the NJ Green Acres Urban Parks Initiative Program on behalf of the City for repair and restoration of the roof and historic features of the Radio Lofts Building, which was damaged by a lightning strike. The Camden Community Development Association (CCDA) has submitted a grant to the State for Main Street designation of certain neighborhood corridors to enhance commerce activities. CRA, as a strategic partner, would provide support for acquisition and development of land uses to support these corridors, including: parking areas, façade improvements, and other business enhancements. CRA is also seeking an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) technical assistance grant for Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) file assessment reviews and consolidate and determine the outstanding environmental assessments and investigations of several Federal Street corridor sites. The outcomes would also include a work plan and cost estimates for the next phase of assessments on these sites and a forward look to expand availability of these sites for commercial and lite industrial uses.

**Comments:** There were no comments or questions.

### **Redevelopment Project Presentations:**

None.

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

**05-12-21A Resolution Authorizing a Further Extension of a Leave of Absence from Employment with the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency for Vincent Basara**

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

**Nays: Abstentions:**

**Comments:** There were no comments or questions.

**05-12-21B Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Camden County One-Stop/WorkFirst New Jersey to Participate in the Community Work Experience Program (CWEP)**

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

**Nays: Abstentions:**

**Comments:** There were no comments or questions.

**05-12-21C 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 868, Lot 14.01; Block 856, Lots 40, 40.01, 51, 54, 60, 60.01, 60.02, 60.03, 61, and 61.01 to Extend the Term of the Agreement**

**Motion: Ayes:**

**Nays: Abstentions:**

**Comments:** No action was taken at this meeting.

**05-12-21D Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to 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**

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

**Nays: Abstentions:**

**Comments:** There were no comments or questions.

**05-12-21E 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**

**Motion: Ayes:**

**Nays: Abstentions:**

**Comments:** No action was taken at this meeting.

**05-12-21F Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions, Inc. to Provide Environmental Management Services on an Hourly Rate Basis for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$ 150,000.00**

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

**Nays: Abstentions:**

**Comments:** Ms. Simpson informed the Board that this Resolution will be revised to reflect the Agency's receipt of three proposals; instead of two. Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions, Inc. was the deemed as the most responsive.

**Note:** During this portion of the meeting Commissioner Gilbert Harden called and reported a family emergency will prevent his attendance.

Mr. Asselta advised the Board that, because Commissioner Harden was not in attendance and two Commissioners must abstain from voting on Resolutions 05-12-21C and 05-12-21E, the vote will have to be deferred until the June meeting. A vote was called to defer action on these Resolutions for the June Meeting. The Motion made by Commissioner Sharma, seconded by Commissioner Leonard, and affirmed via voice vote by all Commissioners.

**Public Comments**

Ms. Rhodes informed the Board that two members of the public were present. Neither had comments or questions.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Chairperson's Remarks and Observations**

None.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Leonard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Sharma, and affirmed via voice vote by all Commissioners. The meeting ended at approximately 6:18 PM.