The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency held the Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 via teleconference.

Vice Chairperson Ian Leonard called the meeting to order at approximately 6:08 PM. Interim Board Clerk Carla Rhodes called roll.

Present: Derek Davis, Gilbert Harden, Jr., Ian K. Leonard, Jose Javier Ramos,

and Maria Sharma

Absent: Marilyn Torres

Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Carla Rhodes, Donna Arthur-

Pettigrew, and Sulena Robinson-Rivera, CRA Denise Bronson, and

Mujiba Parker

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: January 6 and January 13, 2021 Motion: MS, GH Ayes: DD, GH, IL, JR, MS

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Interim Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting: January 6 and January 13, 2021 Motion: MS, GH Ayes: DD, GH, IL, JR, MS

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments:

Ms. Simpson advised everyone that Ms. Robinson-Rivera will no longer serve as Board Clerk and is moving on to greater possibilities within the Agency. She was thanked her for unwavering and diligent work as Board Clerk for more than five years, acknowledged for her work and her consummate professionalism. Ms. Robinson-Rivera continues to assist during this transition period. Ms. Rhodes has resumed duties as Interim Board Clerk for the short-term and Ms. Pettigrew provides additional support. Several Commissioners congratulated Ms. Robinson-Rivera. Notably, Mr. Leonard thanked Mrs. Robinson-Rivera for keeping the train running and added his expectation that Ms. Rhodes will similarly perform.

Ms. Simpson also commented on the Summary for the New Jersey Recovery Act of 2020 that was enacted on January 2, 2021 and effective immediately. As previously reported, this Act is comprised of nine Incentive Programs including changes to existing tax-related programs. The Act contemplates a State commitment of \$11.5 billion over the next six years. Each of the programs under the Act are extremely complex, ranging from economic development to residential development, and community-based incentivized transactions. Prospective projects must comply with environmental and sustainability statutes, state affirmative action requirements, as well as pay prevailing wage rates to construction workers. Additional communications will follow as CRA and others adapt NJ Economic Development Authority's regulations, administrative, and programmatic changes to existing and new programs.

Redevelopment Project Presentations:

None

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

02-10-21A Resolution Authorizing the Public Sale of Certain CRA Owned Properties and

Establishing the Minimum Bids, Conditions and Restrictions for the Public Sale

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

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson stated that there was one change to the Property List and asked

Mrs. Robinson-Rivera to clarify. Mrs. Robinson-Rivera stated that line #15 of Exhibit A for properties on Walnut Street in Central Waterfront were revised to show these two properties will be sold together and at a minimum bid of \$5,700.00.

There were no other comments or questions.

02-10-21B Resolution Designating Denise Bronson as Redeveloper of 633 Pine Street (Block 292, Lot 126) of the City of Camden Tax Map) Located in the Cooper Plaza Redevelopment Area and Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement with the Redeveloper

Motion: MS, GH Aves: DD, GH, IL, JR, MS

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

02-10-21C Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with CME Associates to Provide Environmental Services for Air Emissions Permit Compliance for the Cramer Hill Waterfront Park (formerly known as the Harrison Avenue Landfill) Designated as Block 809, Lots 7 and 13 on the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$76,396.10

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

Nays: Abstentions: IL

Comments:

Commissioner Javier Ramos asked if this Resolution pertains to the part of the Park which has been under construction for the last several years. Ms. Simpson confirmed and added that the Cramer Hill Waterfront Park (the former Harrison Avenue Landfill Site) reached substantial completion in December as to NJ Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) construction of the Park. CRA, however, will have ongoing environmental remedial obligations—with respect to the landfill for soil and ground water monitoring and reporting. Mr. Ramos expressed concern about the length of time that has lapsed since the start of the project and the funds expended. Ms. Simpson advised the Board that this Resolution addresses the need to contract for environmental services to remain in compliance with NJDEP's permitting and regulatory requirements for the former landfill site.

There were no further comments or questions.

02-10-21D Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Ambient Group LLC for

Environmental Remediation Services for Dominick Andujar Park Site Located at Point and Erie Streets (Block 12, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map) for

an Amount Not to Exceed \$ 56,400.00

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

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Public Comments

Ms. Mujiba Parker congratulated Mrs. Robinson-Rivera on assuming new responsibilities at CRA and asked if this was a promotion or lateral move. Ms. Simpson noted that Mrs. Robinson-Rivera new role will be a promotion and title change to Sr. Project Manager.

Ms. Parker also inquired about the availability of a property list for the public sale authorized by Resolution A. Ms. Robinson-Rivera stated the list will be available after the Mayor's 10-day veto period expires and DCA approval of the actions taken at this meeting has been obtained. A date for the public sale has not been determined due to the impact of COVID-19.

Mrs. Robinson-Rivera informed Ms. Parker that the public will be notified as to the public sale in several ways; including advertisement in the newspapers, website postings, and direct mail and email. She also asked for Ms. Parker's contact information to add her to the existing database to receive notice of future public sales.

Ms. Bronson thanked everyone, again, for their time and the opportunity to acquire the lot on Pine Street.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Executive Session

None.

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

None.

Adjournment

Commissioner Sharma 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 6:28 PM