

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held the Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 2021** via teleconference.

Chairperson Marilyn Torres called the meeting to order at 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

**Absent:**

**Attendees:** Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Carla Rhodes, Donna Arthur-Pettigrew, and Sulena Robinson-Rivera, CRA; Jack Layne, DCA; Kevin Sheehan, Esq., and Mr. and Mrs. Jose A. Espinal

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.

*\*Note: Mr. Davis arrived shortly after attendance was taken.*

#### **Review of Minutes**

**Date of Meeting:** August 4 and August 11, 2021

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

**Nays:** **Abstentions:**

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

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

**Date of Meeting:** September 1 and September 8, 2021

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

**Nays:** **Abstentions:**

**Comments:** In addition to the written report provided, Interim Executive Director Olivette Simpson informed the Commissioners that several Shared Services Agreements with the City of Camden will become effective, including: agreements for the acquisition of for the Cramer Hill Family Project; Affirmative Action and Compliance Officer Services for the City, and construction monitoring services for the City's Fleet Garage Facility. Other development agreements are underway with American Water, Habitat for Humanity, Parkside Business and Community in Partnership (both Rental and Sales Projects), to name a few. Also active brownfield sites in various stages of investigation and remediation include: 7<sup>th</sup> and Kaighns Avenue, Camden Labs, Tire and Battery, Dominick Andujar Park, and the former Harrison Avenue Landfill. Preparations also are underway for the 2020 Audit and 2022 Budget process.

#### **Redevelopment Project Presentations:**

None.

**Resolutions for Review and Action**

**09-08-21A Resolution in Memoriam of Martin F. McKernan, Jr. (1945 – 2021)**

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

**Nays: Abstentions:**

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

**09-08-21B Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Amended and Restated Redevelopment Agreement with Camden Renaissance Associates, LLC for the Redevelopment Project Located in the Admiral Wilson North Redevelopment Area**

**Motion: IL, GH \*\*\*Ayes: MT, IL, GH, JR, MS**

**Nays: Abstentions:**

**Comments:** Commissioners were informed by Mark Asselta Board Counsel of a technical change to the resolution removing the language that the resolution is void if the requested extension of time to close is not obtained. There were no additional comments or questions.

**09-08-21C Resolution Authorizing a Contract with the Ambient Group LLC for the Environmental Remediation of the Dominick Andujar Park Site on Parcels Designated as Block 12, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$214,350.00**

**Motion: GH, IL \*\*\*Ayes: MT, IL, GH, JR, MS**

**Nays: Abstentions:**

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

**09-08-21D Resolution Designating Jose A. Espinal, as Redeveloper of 919 N. 20th (Block 853, Lot 56 of the City of Camden Tax Map) Located in the Cramer Hill Redevelopment Area and Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement with the Redeveloper**

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

**Nays: Abstentions:**

**Comments:** Board Chair Marilyn Torres thanked the Espinals for their acquisition. Mr. Espinal thanked the Commissioners for their support. There were no comments or questions.

*\*\*\*Note: Commissioner Davis' voice inaudible due to technical difficulties during the vote.*

**Resolutions for Review and Action (cont'd)**

**09-08-21E Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Resolution 08-11-21E that Established a Pre-Qualified List of Environmental and Engineering Firms to Provide Professional Environmental Services for 2021-2022 to Correct a Clerical Error and Add a Firm to the List**

**Motion: MS, GH \*\*\*\*Ayes: MT, IL, DD, GH, MS**

**Nays: Abstentions:**

**Comments:** Director Simpson informed the Commissioners that this Resolution provides for the correction of a clerical error and the addition of a firm which was evaluated and deemed responsive but had been inadvertently omitted from the pre-qualified list approved by the board during the August Regular Monthly Meeting. She was thanked for this clarification by Commissioner Maria Sharma. There were no additional comments or questions.

*\*\*\*\*Note: Commissioner Ramos' voice inaudible due to technical difficulties during the vote.*

**Public Comments**

None.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Chairperson's Remarks and Observations**

Ms. Torres thanked the Commissioners for their punctuality and Staff for their work.

**Adjournment**

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