

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2016, at Camden City Hall, 13th Floor Conference Room, Camden, New Jersey.

Chair Marilyn Torres called the meeting to order at approximately 6:01 PM. Board Clerk Sulena Robinson-Rivera called roll. Board Counsel, Mark Asselta, joined the meeting after roll call at 6:05pm.

Present: MT, SD, VB, IL, and JR

Absent:

Excused: MS

Attendees: Sandra Ross Johnson, Mark Asselta, Sulena Robinson-Rivera, Johanna Conyer, James Harveson, and Olivette Simpson CRA; Barbara Kelly, Camden Business & Contractors Association (CBCA) & Workforce Education Residences & Culture (WERC); Rita Weber, Urban Promise; Sylvia Ramos, 3117 Tuckahoe Rd, and Sharae Fuller, 27 Vintage Court

Mrs. Robinson-Rivera 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 Meetings- July 6 and July 13, 2016

Motion: SD, IL **Ayes:** MT, SD, VB, IL, JR

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Torres asked all Commissioners if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. All affirmed. There were no further comments or questions.

Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting- August 10, 2016

Motion: SD, SR **Ayes:** MT, SD, VB, IL, JR

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Johnson shared that the ShopRite supermarket is no longer included in the Admiral Wilson Blvd redevelopment strategy. She added the City will be welcoming two additional companies who have recently started the process of locating their establishments to the City of Camden, they are ATIG and DuBell Lumber. ATIG will develop its new 130,000 sf headquarters in Camden. DuBell will be relocating to Camden from Medford, NJ.

Redevelopment Project Presentation

There were no project presentations.

Resolutions for Review and Action

08-10-16A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with TRC Environmental Corporation to Provide Environmental Engineering and Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services at the Camden Labs Site, 1667 Davis Street (Block 1392 Lot 33 of the Camden City Tax Map) for a Cost not to Exceed \$41,538.00

Motion: SD, VB **Ayes:** MT, SD, VB, IL, JR

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Commissioner Bowman asked whether this site is located in the Whitman Park neighborhood. Director Harveson confirmed the site is located in Whitman Park. There were no additional comments or questions.

Public Comments

Barbara Kelly of Camden Business & Contractors Association (CBCA) and Workforce Education Residences & Culture (WERC) advised all that the Camden City Council approved the Affirmative Action Ordinance she and her team also supported. She expressed a desire to work with CRA's Board Counsel to assist with the drafting of CRA policy related to the Affirmative Action Ordinance. She advised and submitted flyers for CBCA's annual Summer Barbeque scheduled to occur on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 5:00pm. She added that a Bergen Square CDC was very recently established. Ms. Kelly submitted the CBCA summer newsletter for review and asked that a link to it be added to the CRA website. Ms. Johnson advised that the redevelopment process for the Bergen neighborhood is under the purview of the City of Camden Department of Planning & Development. Ms. Kelly shared that the CBCA membership directory will be finished in two weeks.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

None.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at approximately 6:11 PM on a motion made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Bowman and affirmed via voice vote.