

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held the Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2022** via tele-/videoconference.

Chairperson Ian Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Interim Board Clerk Carla Rhodes called roll.

Present: Ian Leonard, Maria Sharma, Christopher Collins, Gilbert Harden, Sr., Tasha Gainey-Humphrey*, and Jose Javier Ramos

Absent: Derek Davis

Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Carla Rhodes, Donna Arthur-Pettigrew, and Sulena Robinson-Rivera, CRA, and Jack Layne, DCA

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: August 3 and 10, 2022

Motion: MS, GH **Ayes:** IL, MS, CC, GH, TGH, JJR

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Mr. Leonard verified that everyone had a chance to review the Minutes and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Interim Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting: September 14, 2022

Comments: Interim Executive Director Olivette Simpson stood by the report previously provided.

A motion to accept the report was made by Commissioner Maria Sharma and seconded by Commissioner Jose Javier Ramos. It was affirmed by all in a Voice Vote.

Redevelopment Project Presentations:

None.

Resolutions for Review and Action

***09-14-22A** **Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for the Management of Funding and Environmental Services in Connection with the Elijah Perry Park Designated as Block 544, Lot 1 on the City of Camden Tax Map in the Centerville Redevelopment Area**

Motion: JJR, GH **Ayes:** IL, GH, TGH, JJR

Nays: **Abstentions:** CC, MS

Comments: Due to the conflict of interest stemming from their roles in City government, Board Counsel Mark Asselta advised Ms. Sharma and Commissioner Christopher Collins to abstain from voting on resolutions of this type.

**Note: Commissioner Tasha Gainey-Humphrey arrived during this portion of the meeting.*

Resolutions for Review and Action (cont'd)

09-14-22B Resolution Authorizing a Subgrant to the City of Camden in an Amount of up to \$139,104 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the Environmental Remediation of the Elijah Perry Park Owned by the City of Camden and Designated as Block 544, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map

Motion: GH, JJR **Ayes:** IL, GH, TGH, JJR

Nays: **Abstentions:** CC, MS

Comments: Mr. Asselta noted the same conditions regarding conflicts of interest applied to this resolution.

09-14-22C Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. to Provide Professional Environmental Consulting Services for Technical Bid Drawings and Specifications for the Remediation of Elijah Perry Park Designated as Block 544, Lot 1 on the City of Camden Tax Map in the Centerville Redevelopment Area for an Amount Not to Exceed \$23,100.00

Motion: MS, GH **Ayes:** IL, MS, CC, GH, TGH, JJR

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: None.

09-14-22D Resolution Authorizing an Application for and Acceptance of a Grant from the New Jersey Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund in an Amount Not to Exceed \$799,700 for Remedial Action at the Elijah Perry Park Site (Block 544, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map)

Motion: MS, CC **Ayes:** IL, MS, CC, GH, TGH, JJR

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Simpson noted this resolution is an addition to those presented for consideration during

the Caucus. Following the September 7, 2022 meeting, a grant from the New Jersey Hazardous Discharge

Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) was approved. Staff is seeking authorization to accept it for application to this time-sensitive project.

Public Comments

None.

Old Business

Action has not been taken regarding Resolutions 03-09-22 E & F.

New Business

None.

Executive Session

None.

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

None.

Adjournment

Ms. Sharma moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Gilbert Harden, Sr. and affirmed in a Roll Call vote by all Commissioners. The meeting ended at 6:10 PM.