

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held the Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023** via tele-/videoconference.

Chairperson Ian Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Board Clerk Donna Arthur-Pettigrew called roll.

Present: Ian Leonard, Gilbert Harden Sr., Tasha Gainey-Humphrey, and Jose Javier Ramos
Absent: Maria Sharma, Derek Davis, Christopher Collins
Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Donna Arthur-Pettigrew, Sulena Robinson-Rivera, and Robert Quevedo-Rodriguez, CRA, Michele Christina, BRS, Inc., and Jack Layne, DCA

Ms. Arthur-Pettigrew 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: March 1, 8, and 15, 2023

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

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: April 12, 2023

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Simpson informed the Board of the several remediation efforts and related resolutions presented for the Meeting; including project details for the North Camden Waterfront Park, Judge Robert B. Johnson Park, Elijah Perry Park, and Andujar Park (which is nearing completion in the June/July timeframe). Ms. Simpson remarked that Ms. Michele Christina, a principal with BRS, Inc., joined the Meeting to provide further brownfield project details. Ms. Christina commended the CRA for the tremendous efforts in helping the City address the Yaffa Site and remediate and prepare for positive reuses all those brownfields sites currently underway.

Redevelopment Project Presentations

None.

Resolutions for Review and Action

The resolutions below were presented for consideration.

04-12-23A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with TRC Environmental Corporation to Provide Environmental and Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services for a Portion of the Dominick Andujar Park Site Designated as Block 12, Lots 1, 3-9, and 18-21 of the City of Camden Tax Map in an Amount Not to Exceed \$68,251.00

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Resolutions for Review and Action (cont'd)

04-12-23B Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for the Management of a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Sub-Grant for the Environmental Remediation of the Former Reliable Tire Site Designated as Block 1302, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map in the Gateway Redevelopment Area

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

04-12-23C Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Resolution 03-09-22F to Increase the Amount of the Sub-grant Award to the City of Camden from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund from \$118,525.00 to \$274,203.00 for the Environmental Remediation of the Former Reliable Tire Site Designated as Block 1302, Lot 1 in the Gateway Redevelopment Area

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: This action was reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee.

04-12-23D Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with TTI Environmental to Provide Environmental and Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services for the Former Reliable Tire Site Designated as Block 1302, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$50,583.00

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

04-12-23E Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Resolution 03-09-22C to Extend the Term of a Professional Services Agreement with Montrose Environmental for Environmental and Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services for Certain Property in Blocks 331 and 324 of the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$142,819.00

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Simpson clarified the total contract for Montrose is \$142,819.00 and not \$130,435.00 as reported at Caucus.

04-12-23F Resolution Authorizing a Contract with The Ambient Group, LLC for the Environmental Remediation of the Elijah Perry Park Site Located at the NE Corner of Ferry and Phillip Streets and Designated as Block 544, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$572,988.00

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Resolutions for Review and Action (cont'd)

04-12-23G Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Resolution 03-09-22A for a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for the Management of Funding and Environmental Services for Certain Property in Blocks 331 and 324 of the City of Camden Tax Map Located within the Bergen Square Neighborhood

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Simpson informed the board that City Council adopted a similar resolution at its April 11, 2023 Meeting, approving additional funding for the removal of contaminated soil material at the Yaffa Site.

04-12-23H Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Property from the City of Camden Designated as Block 177, Lot 65 of the City of Camden Tax Map and Located within the Lanning Square Redevelopment Area

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions

04-12-23I Resolution Authorizing a Further Extension of a Leave of Absence from Employment with the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency for Vincent Basara

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions

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

Mr. Ramos made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Harden and affirmed with a Roll Call vote by all Commissioners. This meeting ended at approximately 6:18 PM.