

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held the Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2023** via tele-/videoconference.

Chairperson Ian Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Board Clerk Donna Arthur-Pettigrew called roll.

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

Ms. Donna 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: July 5 and 12, 2023

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

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: August 9, 2023

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Simpson informed the board members that she was participating in an US EPA Brownfields conference for the grantee training in requirements for CRA's EPA Revolving Loan Fund program. CRA has successfully secured \$4.5 million in grants from EPA since 2020. Ms. Simpson also informed the board that NJ DEP has provided official notification of a clean-up grant for remediation of Judge Robert B Johnson Park. (At the time Resolution # 08-09-23A was presented, discussions were conducted.)

Redevelopment Project Presentations

None

Resolutions for Review and Action

The resolutions below were presented for consideration.

08-09-23A **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 \$1,967,943.75 for Remedial Action at the Judge Robert Johnson Park Site located at 723 Carl Miller Boulevard in the Liberty Park Neighborhood (Block 520, Lot 26; Block 522, Lot 9 (Partial); and Block 523, Lot 13 of the City of Camden Tax Map)**

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Resolutions for Review and Action (cont'd)

Comments: Ms. Simpson stated the CRA requires a second amendment with Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis, LLP, who assisted us with legal assistance to negotiate the terms of the Conservation Easement with NJ DEP. The Greenbaum firm was procured by RFP in a fair and open process consistent with the public contracts and the firm has extensive knowledge of the transactions associated with the agreements with NJ DEP. This Resolution seeks the authority to amend at no cost the time of the contract to complete the needed legal services.

08-09-23F Resolution Amending Resolution 07-12-23E that Authorized a Professional Services Agreement with J. McHale & Associates, Inc. for Block 814, Lot 2 of the Camden City Tax Map to Correct the Amount of the Contract

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Simpson stated this Resolution was approved and authorized during last month's meeting, however a clerical error was made and the amount should have been \$3,500.00 not \$3,600.00.

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

Commissioner Sharma made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Collins and affirmed with a Roll Call vote by all Commissioners. This meeting ended at approximately 6:24 PM.