The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency held the Monthly Caucus on Wednesday, December 6, 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 Leonard, Maria Sharma, Derek Davis, Christopher Collins, and Tasha Gainey-
	Humphrey
Absent:	Gilbert Harden Sr., and Jose Javier Ramos
Attendees:	Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Glynn Jones, and 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:	November 1 and 8, 2023
Motion:	Ayes:
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:	December 6 and 13, 2023
Motion:	Ayes:
Navs:	Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson announced and invited the Board to the Elijah Perry Park groundbreaking press event to be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 11:30 AM. Remediation (Phase #1) has been completed and construction of Park Improvements have begun. As of date, over \$1.2 million in USEPA and NJDEP funding was secured by CRA for the cleanup of Elijah Perry Park. She remarked that a Phase #2 remedial action plan would be implemented in mid-2024; in an effort to preserve the streetscape of several older trees along the Ferry Avenue side of the Park. Ms. Simpson also stated an overview of 2023 and 2024 projects will be provided at the January Meeting.

Redevelopment Project Presentations

None

Resolutions for Review and Action

The resolutions below were presented for consideration.

12-13-23A Resolution Amending Resolution 04-12-23C to Authorize an Increase in a Subgrant from \$274,203.00 to \$500,000.00 to the City of Camden from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the Environmental Remediation of Block 1302, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson stated due to the results of the recent bids for remediation of the former Reliable Tire site, this action is necessary to increase the sub-grant awarded to the City so that higher than anticipated costs may be covered for the work.

Resolutions for Review and Action cont'd

12-13-23BResolution Authorizing a Contract with AWT Environmental Services, Inc. for the
Environmental Remediation of 1115 Chestnut Street Designated as Block 1302, Lot 1
of the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$325,356.00Motion:Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson stated an Invitation for Bid was issued on October 18, 2023, and AWT Environmental Services was the lowest responsible bidder. The contract award is conditioned upon the City's acceptance of an increase of \$225,797.00 in the sub-grant previously awarded to the City for clean-up of the site.

12-13-23C Resolution Authorizing a Contract with The Ambient Group, LLC for the Environmental Remediation of Excess Soils at the Elijah Perry Park Site Designated as Block 544, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$57,936.00

Motion:Ayes:Nays:Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson stated the certain remedial areas required by the LSRP were not within the original bid specifications for clean-up of the Park. On October 19, 2023, an Invitation for Bid to remove excess soils at the Park was issued, and the bid of The Ambient Group was deemed the lowest responsible bid.

12-13-23DResolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with TRC Environmental
Corporation to Provide Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services and Other
Environmental Services for the Sale of 726 Kaighn Avenue Designated as Block 405,
Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$4,437.00Motion:Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson stated TRC is the incumbent LSRP for the 7th & Kaighn Site. At this time, KIPP School, the prospective purchaser as part of its due diligence, is gathering information and data as to the Site's conditions. CRA solicited a proposal from TRC for its participation on behalf of the CRA in the exchange of information. It is contemplated that the cost of the contract will be covered by the proceeds of sale for the Site.

12-13-23E Resolution Adopting the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency Budget for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Motion:	Ayes:
Nays:	Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson announced that the 2023 Budget has been submitted to the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) and DLGS has accepted and approved the budget for adoption as introduced by the Board. Mr. Jones stated the 2024 Budget should be submitted early January 2024.

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 6:22 PM.