

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held the Monthly Caucus on Wednesday, April 3, 2024** via tele-/videoconference.

Chairman Ian Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Board Clerk Donna Arthur-Pettigrew called roll.

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

Ms. Arthur-Pettigrew advised the Board that, pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice(s) has been posted in the Courier-Post, the Philadelphia Inquirer, and the Office of the City Clerk.

Review of Minutes

Date of Meeting: March 6 and 20, 2024

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: April 3, 2024

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson reminded board members filing of the State Financial Disclosure Statements for 2024 are due by an April 30, 2024 deadline. Commissioners were encouraged to file promptly to avoid any penalties for late filing.

Redevelopment Project Presentations

None.

Resolutions for Review and Action

The resolutions below were presented for consideration.

04-10-24A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with TRC Environmental Corporation to Provide Environmental and Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Services for Remediation of 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 for an Amount Not to Exceed \$76,747.00

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson stated TRC has provided LSRP services at the Dominick Andujar Park since 2021 and the professional services agreement will expire shortly. The initial contract with TRC for LSRP and environmental services was procured in a competitive 'fair and open' process. The solicitation for continued services that includes additional ground sampling, installation of monitoring wells and reporting required by NJ DEP was procured in a non-fair and open process via a request for pricing. TRC submitted a cost proposal for \$76,747.00.

Resolutions for Review and Action cont'd

04-10-24B **Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with BL Companies Architects/Engineers New Jersey, Inc. to Provide Environmental and Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Services for Remediation of the “Triangle Area” at the Elijah Perry Park Designated as Block 544, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$40,140.00**

Motion: **Ayes:**

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Simpson stated a Phase II of remediation is needed for the Triangle Area located at 9th & Ferry (across from the Ferry Avenue Library). NJ DEP requires oversight of a LSRP for the issuance of a Response Action Outcome (RAO). A request for pricing was issued in a fair and open competitive process to the contractor pool, and six companies responded. BL Companies was most responsive based on their pricing, methodology, and schedule.

04-10-24C **Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with TTI Environmental to Provide Environmental and Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Services for Remediation of the Former Reliable Tire Site Designated as Block 1302, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map Not for an Amount Not to Exceed \$46,084.00**

Motion: **Ayes:**

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Simpson reminded the board that the site is City-owned. Site investigations indicate the presence of underground storage tanks and contaminated soil. TTI is the LSRP at the site and a request for pricing went out to TTI due to the company’s extensive knowledge of and experience at the site since 2022. The solicitation was not conducted as a fair and open process. Ms. Simpson also informed the board that there is developer interest in the site.

04-10-24D **Resolution Amending a Professional Services Agreement with Marmero Law, LLC to Provide Legal Counsel Services in Connection with the Execution of Agreements Among the City of Camden, Housing Authority of the City of Camden, Saint Joseph Carpenter Society, and Camden Community Partnership for the FY 2020 Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant To Extend the Term of the Agreement**

Motion: **Ayes:**

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Simpson informed the board the current Marmero Law Service Agreement is set to expire and extending the term of the agreement allows for the completion of agreements between the Implementation Partners for the Cramer Hill CHOICE Neighborhood grant at no additional cost.

04-10-24E **Resolution Authorizing a Further Extension of a Leave of Absence from Employment with the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency for Vincent Basara**

Motion: **Ayes:**

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Simpson advised that Mr. Basara has been on leave from CRA since 2014 and is currently engaged by the City as the Director of Communications. The State requires authorization of this leave of absence on an annual basis. Ms. Simpson stated we are not responsible for his salary, however if he returns to CRA his salary will go back to when he left the CRA.

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. Collins moved 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.