

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held a Special Meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024** via tele-/videoconference.

Chairperson Ian Leonard called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Board Clerk Donna Arthur-Pettigrew called roll.

Present: Ian Leonard, Derek Davis, Christopher Collins, Maria Sharma, Tasha Gainey-Humphrey, and Jose Javier Ramos

Absent: Gilbert Harden, Sr.

Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Donna Arthur-Pettigrew, CRA, Jack Layne, DCA, Kevin Sheehan, Parker and McCay PC, Antonio Jackson, guest no details

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: N/A

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments:

Interim Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting: January 18, 2024

Motion: CC, JR Ayes: IL, MS, DD, CC, TGH, JR

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson informed the Board that in reference to Resolution 01-18-24A, the Redeveloper's attorney is present to respond to any of questions posed by the Commissioners. She also informed the board that the state Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) has certified the adoption of CRA's proposed 2023 budget document.

Redevelopment Project Presentations

None.

Resolutions for Review and Action

01-18-24A Resolution Amending Resolution 08-10-22G to Extend the Time for Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement by The Michaels Development Company I, L.P., the Previously Designated Redeveloper of Block 62, Lots 17, 18, 19, and 20; Block 62.01, Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4; Block 62.02, Lots 24, and 25 of City of Camden Tax Map for a Residential Housing Development in the Downtown Redevelopment Area

Motion: MS, CC Ayes: IL, MS, DD, CC, TGH, JR

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: No comments or questions.

Resolutions for Review and Action cont'd

01-18-24B Resolution Accepting the Corrective Action Plan with Respect to Comments and Recommendations Made in the Annual Audits of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency for the Fiscal Years Ending December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, Prepared by Mercadien, P.C.

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: No comments or questions.

01-18-24C Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Bowman & Company, LLP to Provide Fee Accounting Services for an Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000.00

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: No comments or questions.

01-18-24D Resolution Introducing and Approving for Submission to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency's Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Simpson stated that Mr. Jones as the Director of Finance will offer comments. Mr. Jones informed the board that CRA has worked diligently over a period of months to catch up and comply with requirements for completing budgets and two audits. DLGS has certified the adoption of the 2023 budget, and we can move on with the introduction of the proposed 2024 Budget. In the coming months, we are looking forward to bringing the CRA back to capacity with needed personnel. Mr. Jones thanked the Board and Ms. Simpson for giving him the opportunity to work for the CRA. Mr. Leonard thanked Mr. Jones for his hard work with the CRA.

Note: A meeting of the CRA Finance Committee was held on January 18, 2024 at 4:00 PM to discuss Resolutions 01-18-24B, Resolution 01-18-24C, and Resolution 01-18-24D. The Committee recommended the board's approval of these actions.

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 Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Sharma and affirmed with a Roll Call vote by all Commissioners. This meeting ended at approximately 5:11 PM.