

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held the Monthly Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 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, Derek Davis, Christopher Collins, Gilbert Harden, Sr., and Tasha Gainey-Humphrey, Jose Javier Ramos

Absent: Maria Sharma

Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Donna Arthur-Pettigrew, Carla Rhodes, Sulena Robinson-Rivera, and Robert Quevedo-Rodriguez, CRA, 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: February 1 and 15, 2023

Motion: CC, GH **Ayes:** IL, DD, CC, GH, 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: March 1 and 8, 2023

Motion: CC, GH **Ayes:** IL, DD, CC, GH, TGH

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Interim Executive Director Olivette Simpson provided updates for several projects:

- Urban Development Partners/Mixed-Income Rental Housing in Lanning Square
- Parkside Business and Community in Partnership start of Phase I and II of the project
- Michaels Development/New Construction/Market-Rate Sales Housing at the ABC Barrel Site
- Yaffa Dirt Pile Site
- Elijah Perry Park
- 1800 Davis Street Demolition lead by CCIA

Ms. Simpson also noted that Property Asset Manager/Project Coordinator Sulena Robinson-Rivera attended a meeting during which it was announced that Senator Cory Booker and Congressman Donald Norcross may have funding available for the Elijah Perry Park Project which could assist in underwriting the bathroom facilities and concession amenities at the Park addressed during the Caucus of March 1, 2023. Commissioner Christopher Collins was asked to assist in securing the funding; he agreed to do so.

Redevelopment Project Presentations

None.

Resolutions for Review and Action

The resolutions below were presented for consideration.

03-08-23A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with CME Associates to Provide Environmental Services for Air Emissions Permit Compliance in Connection with the Cramer Hill Waterfront Park (formerly known as the Harrison Avenue Landfill) Designated as Block 809, Lots 7 and 13 on the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$31,217.45

Motion: CC, TGH **Ayes:** IL, DD, CC, GH, TGH

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

**NOTE: Commissioner Jose Javier Ramos arrived during the voting portion of this resolution.*

03-08-23B Resolution Amending Resolution 03-09-22F That Authorized 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 FY2020 Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant by Extending the Term of the Agreement

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

03-08-23C Resolution Authorizing the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency to Adopt a List of Pre-Qualified Attorneys for the Year 2023

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

03-08-23D Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Brown & Connery, LLP for the Provision of General Counsel Legal Services for the Year 2023

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

03-08-23E Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Mercadien, P.C. to Provide Financial Auditing Services for FYE December 2022 for an Amount Not to Exceed \$40,500.00

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

Mr. Asselta advised the Commissioners of the subject matter to be covered during the Executive Session before it commenced. Mr. Leonard called for a motion to enter into Executive Session. This was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Commissioner Tasha Gainey-Humphrey. The Executive Session commenced at approximately 6:17 PM and ended at approximately 6:46 PM.

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

Mr. Leonard advised the Board that there will be a Special Meeting on March 15, 2023 at 6 PM to address time-sensitive matters pertaining to the Admiral Wilson Redevelopment Project.

Adjournment

Mr. Ramos moved to adjourn the meeting, this motion was seconded by Mr. Collins and affirmed with a Roll Call vote by all Commissioners. This meeting ended at approximately 6:48 PM.