

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency held a Special Meeting on Monday, April 27, 2015, at Camden City Hall, 520 Market Street, Suite 1300, Camden, New Jersey.

Board Chair Marilyn Torres called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Board Clerk Carla Rhodes called roll.

Present: MT, VB, MN, and MS
Absent: JR
Excused: KH

Attendees: Saundra Ross Johnson, Carla Rhodes, Johanna Conyer, and Nural Williams, CRA;
Warren Broudy and Digesh Patel, Mercadien, P.C.

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

Review of Minutes

None.

Executive Director's Report

None.

Resolutions for Review and Action

04-27-15SP RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO ACCEPT THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014, AS PREPARED BY MERCADIEN, P.C.

Motion: VB, MS

Ayes: MT, VB, MN, and MS

Nays:

Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Torres advised the Commissioners that the Finance Committee previously met and the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014 was reviewed in details. The meeting was opened for questions from the Commissioners. Ms. Torres also thanked the Auditors of Mercadien for the recommendations proposed. Commissioner Vance Bowman asked if the most recently appointed Commissioners were aware of the findings. Commissioners Mirta Nieves and Maria Sharma confirmed notices were received by mail. Mr. Warren Broudy reported on one finding relating to the Land Inventory Schedule; reflecting a breakdown in controls pertaining to acquisitions and dispositions in one project. Finance Director Johanna Conyer explained the written recommendation contained in the Audit Report; noting an emphasis in relation to eminent domain matters with a Project which began in 2005 and was completed in 2011. Going forward, a more stringent methodology of transactions is to be employed. The Corrective Action Plan requires quarterly reviews of property transfers and coordination among the City of Camden, Camden Redevelopment Agency, and the Municipal Clerk of the City of Camden. Ms. Torres expressed confidence that the plan will be followed as prescribed.

Public Comments

None.

Old Business

Board Secretary/Executive Director Saundra Ross Johnson offered assistance to the Commissioners yet to complete the 2015 Financial Disclosure Form and encouraged all to maintain proof of filing.

New Business

None.

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

Ms. Torres thanked the Staff for its hard work and commended the Commissioners for their timely arrival and participation.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

On a Motion made by Mr. Bowman, seconded by Ms. Sharma and affirmed by all in voice vote, this meeting adjourned at approximately 6:25 PM.