

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held the Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2022** via tele-/videoconference.

Chairperson Ian Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Interim Board Clerk Carla Rhodes called roll.

Present: Ian Leonard, Maria Sharma, Derek Davis, Gilbert Harden, Sr., *Jose Javier Ramos, and Marilyn Torres

Absent: N/A

Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Carla Rhodes, Donna Arthur-Pettigrew, and Sulena Robinson-Rivera, CRA; Jack Layne, DCA, Craig Sawyer and Trevor Vaughan, Urban Development Partners, LLC, and Chris Valligny

Ms. Rhodes 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 2 and February 9, 2022

Motion: JR, MS **Ayes:** IL, MS, DD, GH, JR, MT

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Interim Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting: March 9, 2022

Motion: MS, JR **Ayes:** IL, MS, DD, GH, JR, MT

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Interim Executive Director Olivette Simpson deferred to the previously submitted report. There were no additional comments or questions.

Redevelopment Project Presentations:

None.

Resolutions for Review and Action

Due to time constraints and the need to maintain a quorum while Commissioners who are also City of Camden employees could not vote on certain actions, the order was altered. Action was taken on Resolutions A, E, and F before all others on the agenda.

03-09-22A **Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for the Management of Funding and Environmental Services in Connection with Certain Property in Block 331 and Block 324 of the City of Camden Tax Map Located in the Bergen Square Neighborhood**

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

Nays: **Abstentions:** MS, MT

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

03-09-22E **Resolution Authorizing a Subgrant to the City of Camden in an Amount of Up to \$164,560.00 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the Environmental Remediation of Block 331, Lot 87 of the City of Camden Tax Map in the Bergen Square Neighborhood**

Motion: GH, MT **Ayes:** IL, DD, GH, JR

Nays: **Abstentions:** MS, MT

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Resolutions for Review and Action (cont'd)

03-09-22F Resolution Authorizing a Subgrant to the City of Camden in an Amount of Up to \$118,525.00 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the Environmental Remediation of Block 1302, Lot 2 of the City of Camden Tax Map in the Gateway Redevelopment Area

Motion: MT, JR **Ayes:** IL, DD, GH, JR

Nays: **Abstentions:** MS, MT

Comments: There were no further comments or questions.

**NOTE: Due to a work commitment, Commissioner Jose Javier Ramos departed following the vote on this Resolution.*

03-09-22B Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of the Weyhill Realty Holdings, LLC Site Located in Block 331 and Block 324 of the City of Camden Tax Map for Purposes of Applying for State Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Grant Funds

Motion: MT, MS **Ayes:** IL, MS, DD, GH, MT

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

03-09-22C Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Montrose Environmental to Provide Environmental and Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Services for Certain Property in Block 331, Lots 41, 46, 48, 49, 50, 52, 54-65, 67, 75, 80, 86, 87, 89, 113, 114 and Block 324, Lots 4, 7-9, 10, 11, 14-20, 26-33, 39, 40, and 41 of the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$130,435,00

Motion: MS, MT **Ayes:** IL, MS, DD, GH, MT

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

03-09-22D Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement with Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions, Inc. to Provide Additional Environmental Management Services for an Amount Not to Exceed \$35,320.00

Motion: MS, GH **Ayes:** IL, MS, DD, GH, MT

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

03-09-22G Resolution Amending Resolution 06-09-21F that Authorized an Agreement with Urban Development Partners, LLC for the Sale of Certain Property Designated as Block 1357, Lot 28, Block 1355, Lot 66, and Block 1350, Lot 60 of the City of Camden Tax Map to Add Block 1354, Lot 38, Block 1328, Lot 41, and Block 1343, Lot 150 to the Sale Property

Motion: MS, GH **Ayes:** IL, MS, DD, GH, MT

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Resolutions for Review and Action (cont'd)

03-09-22H Resolution Authorizing the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency to Adopt a List of Pre-Qualified Attorneys for the Year 2022

Motion: MS, MT **Ayes:** IL, MS, DD, GH, MT

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

03-09-22I Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Brown & Connery, LLP for the Provision of General Counsel Legal Services for the Year 2022

Motion: MS, GH **Ayes:** IL, MS, DD, GH

Nays: **Abstentions:** MT

Comments: Commissioner Marilyn Torres asked if there would be a quorum without her vote. Ms. Simpson and Mr. Asselta affirmatively replied. There were no further comments or questions.

03-09-22J Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Mercadien, P.C. to Provide Financial Auditing Services for FYE December 2021 for an Amount Not to Exceed \$40,250.00

Motion: MS, MT **Ayes:** IL, MS, DD, GH, MT

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Mr. Asselta thanked the Commissioners for his 2022 appointment. He enjoys working with everyone and looks forward to the return of in-person meetings. Chairman Ian Leonard and Ms. Torres complimented Mr. Asselta's character and performance. There were no further comments or questions.

Public Comments

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Executive Session

None.

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

None.

Adjournment

Ms. Sharma made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Torres, and affirmed via Roll Call vote by all Commissioners. The meeting ended at approximately 6:47 PM.