

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023** via tele-/videoconference. Due to illness, a quorum was not obtained for the Regular Monthly Meeting of February 8, 2023, so it was cancelled.

Chairman Ian Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Interim Board Clerk Carla Rhodes called roll.

Present: Ian Leonard, Derek Davis, *Christopher Collins, Gilbert Harden, Sr., and Tasha Gainey-Humphrey
Absent: Maria Sharma and Jose Javier Ramos
Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Carla Rhodes, Donna Arthur-Pettigrew, Sulena Robinson-Rivera, and Robert Quevedo-Rodriguez, CRA; Jack Layne, DCA; Louis Bezich and Andy Bush, The Cooper Health System; Jen Taylor, Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions, and Unidentified I-Phone User

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: January 4 and 11, 2023

Motion: GH, TGH **Ayes:** IL, DD, 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: February 15, 2023

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no additions to the report submitted at the February 1, 2023 Caucus.

Redevelopment Project Presentations

None.

Resolutions for Review and Action

The resolutions below were presented for consideration.

02-15-23A Resolution Designating The Cooper Health System as Redeveloper of Property Designated as Block 177, Lots 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 63, 64, and 65 of the City of Camden Tax Map Located in the Lanning Square Redevelopment Area and Authorizing a Cost Agreement and Redevelopment Agreement with the Redeveloper

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: None.

Resolutions for Review and Action (cont'd)

***02-15-23B** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Pennoni Associates, Inc. for Licensed Site Remediation Professional and other Environmental Services for the Former RCA Building 8 Designated as Block 72, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$72,280.00

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: None.

**NOTE: Commissioner Christopher Collins arrived at the start of this portion of the meeting.*

02-15-23C Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Montrose Environmental Solutions, Inc. to Provide Drum Removal and Disposal Services for the Yaffa Site (Block 331 and Block 324 on the City of Camden Tax Map) for an Amount Not to Exceed \$9,898.00

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: None.

02-15-23D Resolution Authorizing a Contract with The Ambient Group LLC to Provide Contaminated Soil Removal Services for the Yaffa Site Located at 619-635 Chestnut Street, Camden, New Jersey (Block 324 on the City of Camden Tax Map) for an Amount Not to Exceed \$209,160.00

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: None.

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.

NOTE: During this portion of the meeting Commissioner Tasha Gainey-Humphrey raised a question pertaining to the voluntary acquisition portion of the resolution seeking to designate The Cooper Health System as Redeveloper of property located in the Lanning Square Redevelopment Area. Board Counsel Mark Asselta informed the Commissioners that owners will have to consent and properties will not be acquired via eminent domain.

Adjournment

Mr. Collins moved to adjourn the meeting; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Gilbert Harden and affirmed with a Voice Vote by all Commissioners. This meeting ended at approximately 6:13 PM.