

**Minutes of July 12, 2023  
Regular Monthly Meeting**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held the Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023** via tele-/videoconference.

Chairperson Ian Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Board Clerk Donna Arthur-Pettigrew called roll.

**Present:** Ian Leonard, Derek Davis, Christopher Collins, Tasha Gainey-Humphrey and Jose Javier Ramos  
**Absent:** Maria Sharma and Gilbert Harden, Jr.  
**Attendees:** Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Donna Arthur-Pettigrew, CRA, and Jack Layne, DCA.

Ms. Donna 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:** June 7 and 14, 2023  
**Motion:** CC, DD      **Ayes:** IL, DD, CC, TGH, JR  
**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:** July 12, 2023  
**Motion:** TGH, CC      **Ayes:** IL, DD, CC, TGH, JR  
**Nays:**                      **Abstentions:**  
**Comments:** Ms. Simpson announced the award of the NJ DEP Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) Grant was approved in the amount of \$1,967,944.00 and all of the necessary funding for the remediation of Judge Robert B Johnson Park is in place. Ms. Simpson also stated that this funding is the largest park commitment in New Jersey this year.

Ms. Simpson also advised the board that New Jersey signed a package of bills for housing affordability and possible opportunities for CRA, which include:

- Establishing Urban Preservation Program within NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA) which will allow investments in rehabilitation and reconstruction projects dedicated to preserving affordable housing in urban areas
- Expanding certain programs to intervene with mortgage foreclosures, keeping homeowners in their homes and rehabilitating and reselling vacant homes
- Expanding NJHMFA down payment assistance program to ensure homeownership for first time homebuyers

**Redevelopment Project Presentations**

None

**Resolutions for Review and Action**

The resolutions below were presented for consideration.

**07-12-23A      Resolution Amending Resolution 06-10-20C that Authorized a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for the Management of Funding and Environmental Services for the Knox Meadows Phase II Site Designated as Block 746, Lots 26 and 46 and a Portion of Lots 17, 18, and 25 of the City of Camden Tax Map to Extend the Term and Include an Additional Grant and Services**

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

**Nays:                                  Abstentions: CC**

**Comments:**      There were no comments or questions.

**07-12-23B      Resolution Authorizing a Sub-grant to the City of Camden in the Amount of \$200,000.00 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the Remediation of the Knox Meadows Phase II Site in North Camden Designated as Block 746, Lots 26 and 46 and a Portion of Lots 17, 18, and 25 of the City of Camden**

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

**Nays:                                  Abstentions: CC**

**Comments:**      There were no comments or questions.

**07-12-23C      Resolution Amending Resolution 10-12-22A that Authorized a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for the Management of Funding and Environmental Services for the Judge Robert B. Johnson Park Designated as Block 520, Lot 26, Block 522, Lot 9 (part), and Block 523, Lot 13 of the City of Camden Tax Map in the Liberty Park Redevelopment Area to Include an Additional Grant and Services**

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

**Nays:                                  Abstentions: CC**

**Comments:**      There were no comments or questions.

**07-12-23D      Resolution Amending Resolution 08-10-22C that Designated Coriell Institute for Medical Research and its Permitted Assigns as Redeveloper of Block 366, Lots 2, 5, 8, 73 and 75, and Block 367, Lots 1 and 6 by Extending the Term of the Designation and Including a Phasing of the Project**

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

**Nays:                                  Abstentions:**

**Comments:**      There were no comments or questions.

**07-12-23E      Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with J. McHale & Associates, Inc. for Appraisal Services in an Amount not to Exceed \$3,600.00 for Block 814, Lot 2 of the Camden City Tax Map**

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

None.

**Chairperson's Remarks and Observations**

None.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Ramos and affirmed with a Roll Call vote by all Commissioners. This meeting ended at approximately 6:19 PM.