CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Economic Development /Brownfields
Resolution No.: 11-12-15F
Resolution Title:
Resolution Authorizing the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency to Accept the Conveyance of Property Designated as Block 1392, Lot 33 of the City of Camden Tax Map from the City of Camden (Camden Labs Site)
Project Summary:
 The Camden Labs Site is located on Davis Street in the Mt. Ephraim target neighborhood. The Site is the Catalyst Site for the Mt. Ephraim Neighborhood EPA Area Wide Planning Grant and is the subject of an EPA Site Specific Assessment Grant. The Site is a former research facility located adjacent to residential, recreational and industrial properties. The Site encompasses approximately 3 acres and is currently vacant, dilapidated and the location of significant illegal dumping. The Site is a known to be contaminated. The Property is in tax arrearage and the City is in the process enacting an ordinance to foreclose on the Property. The City intends to convey the Property to the CRA following foreclosure. The CRA must own the Site in order to be eligible for EPA and DEP grants to clean up the Site.
Purpose of Resolution:
To accept conveyance of a property
Award Process:
N/A
Cost Not To Exceed:
The conveyance will be for no consideration
Total Project Cost:
TBD
Source of Funds:

TBD

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WHEREAS, the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency ("CRA") is charged with the duty of redevelopment throughout the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, CRA in its redevelopment role manages the Brownfields Program for the City of Camden ("City"); and

WHEREAS, the property located at 1667 Davis Street and designated as Block 1392, Lot 33 of the City of Camden Tax Map (the "Property") and commonly known as the Camden Labs Site ("Site") has been identified as a significant Brownfield Site and been recognized by the US Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") as the Catalyst Site in the Area-Wide Planning Grant for the Mt. Ephraim Neighborhood and as the subject of a Brownfield Site Specific Assessment Grant; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the CRA to own the Site in order for the Site to be eligible for EPA and NJ Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") cleanup and remedial action grants to address the suspected contamination at the Site; and

WHEREAS, the City is in the process of introducing an ordinance authorizing a tax foreclosure action against the Property; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to introduce an ordinance which will authorize the conveyance of the Property to the CRA for the purpose of clean up and development of the Camden Labs Site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency, that the Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the Agency, upon the adoption by the City of the above referenced ordinances, is hereby authorized and directed to accept conveyance of the Properties designated as Block 1392, Lot 33 of the City of Camden Tax Map; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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ON MOTION OF:

Maria Sharma

SECONDED BY:

Vance Bowman

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ATTEST

Saundra Ross Johnson Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

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