

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held a Monthly Caucus Meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 2019** Camden City Hall, City Council Chamber, in Camden, New Jersey.

Chairperson, Marilyn Torres called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM. Board Clerk Sulena Robinson-Rivera called roll.

**Present: VB, SD, IL, and MT**

**Absent: JR, MS**

**Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Sulena Robinson-Rivera, Johanna Conyer, James Harveson, and Mark Asselta, Esq; CRA, Keith Carver and Shawn Burke, Camden Residents; Kelly Francis, Camden NAACP**

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

### **Review of Minutes**

**Dates of Meeting:** January 9, 2019

**Motion: Ayes:**

**Nays: Abstentions:**

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

### **Interim Executive Director's Report**

**Date of Meeting:** February 6, 2019

**Motion: Ayes:**

**Nays: Abstentions:**

**Comments:** Ms. Olivette Simpson, Interim Executive Director, deferred report to the Regular Monthly meeting February 13, 2019.

### **Redevelopment Project Presentation**

None.

### **Resolutions for Review and Action**

**02-13-19A** Resolution Authorizing the Conveyance of a Portion of the Property Designated on the City of Camden Tax Map as Block 170 Lot 40 to Camden County, which Property is a Portion of the Vacated Former Taylor Street and a Portion of the Vacated Former Fourth Street (Proposed Block 170 Lot 40.01)

**Motion: Ayes:**

**Nays: Abstentions:**

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

**02-13-19B** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Brown & Connery, LLP for the Provision of General Counsel Legal Services for the Year 2019

**Motion:** Ayes:

**Nays:** Abstentions:

**Comments:** Commissioner Bowman asked how many firms responded to the solicitation and how Brown & Connery was selected. Johanna Conyer, Director of Finance, advised that six firms responded and a review of proposals by a panel resulted in Brown & Connery, LLP as most responsive. There were no further questions or comments.

**02-13-19C** Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of a List of Pre-Qualified Attorneys for the Year 2019

**Motion:** Ayes:

**Nays:** Abstentions:

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

### **Public Comments**

Ms. Laverne Williams of 1655 Park Blvd asked regarding resolution 02-13-19B, how firm was selected and the amount of the contract. Ms. Conyer, restated the process and added the contract amount shall not exceed \$100,000.00. She also stated explained that a significant portion of the contract is paid for by a combination of grant and other sources. She also requested a list of the other respondents.

Mr. Shawn Burke of 3253 Geri Walk expressed his concerns, regarding the Millennial Partners' interactions with the Cooper Grant community refusing to meet, while the owner/developer of the former Board of Education building on Cooper Street. Ms. Simpson remarked that the Camden Board of Education handled the sale, as the owner of 100 Cooper Street. Commissioner Leonard proposed that Millennial Partners meet with the community since it is the designated redeveloper of the former public library site on Federal Street and it is a CRA project.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Executive Session**

None.

### **Chairperson's Remarks and Observations**

None.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Leonard made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Bowman and affirmed by all commissioners via voice vote and the meeting ended at approximately 6:19 PM.