

Garfield Redevelopment Agency

September 10, 2018
Minutes of Public Meeting

Commissioner Amadio called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Amadio announced compliance with the Sunshine Law

Notice of the time, date and place of this meeting has been provided at least 48 hours in advance (1) by publication in The Herald News and in The Bergen Record both of which are official newspapers of the City of Garfield; (2) by posting of the Notice of meeting on the Community Bulletin Board at the municipal building and (3) by filing a copy of the Notice with the City Clerk.

The following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Peter Amadio; Commissioner Joseph Delaney, Commissioner John Easom, Commissioner Anna Sciacca, and Commissioner Daniel Rigoglioso.

Chairman Arthur Andreano and Commissioner Raymond Simione were absent.

The following were also present: Santo T. Alampi, Esq. – attorney to the Agency; Thomas J. Duch – Executive Director; Dennis Harrington – Boswell Engineering; Pat Esposito – Secretary; Beth Calderone – Certified Court Reporter; Roy Riggitano – CFO.

Executive Director Thomas J. Duch introduced Daniel Rigoglioso who was appointed a Commissioner of the Garfield Redevelopment Agency on September 10, 2018.

The First Agenda Item was Old Business.

Mr. Duch provided information pertaining to Greater Bergen's recent request to the Mayor and Council regarding a request for a redevelopment study of specific properties on Passaic Street. Mr. Duch explained that Greater Bergen has requested three properties be studied for possible designation as non-condemnation and that the study will be presented to the Planning Board at its September meeting.

Meridia Update:

Mr. Duch advised the Commissioners that the Agency had received all payments from Meridia pursuant to the Redevelopment Agreement.

The Next Agenda Item was New Business.

The first item of New Business was the approval of the Minutes of the August 6, 2018 meeting of the Board. Commissioner Easom introduced a motion to approve the Minutes meeting of the Agency, which was seconded by Commissioner Delaney and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote. Commissioners Delaney introduced a motion to change the October meeting to

October 15, 2018, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Easom and voted unanimously by all those eligible to vote.

The Next Agenda item was the September 2018 Bills presented for payment.

Commissioner Delaney introduced a motion pay all the September 2018 Bills of the Agency, which was seconded by Commissioner Easom and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

The Next Agenda item was Public Participation.

Commissioner Easom made a Motion to go into Public Session, which was seconded by Commissioner Sciacca and voted unanimously by all Commissioners present.

Joan Banes of 20 Hepworth Place asked whether or not the PILOT Program discussion last meeting was for a particular site. Mr. Duch explained that the PILOT Program presentation from last meeting was a general informational presentation regarding PILOT Programs. Ms. Banes asked if there were PILOT's in Garfield currently. Mr. Duch explained various historic PILOT's in Garfield.

Commissioner Sciacca asked for clarification between a redevelopment study with condemnation and a redevelopment study without condemnation which was answered satisfactorily to the Commissioner.

Commissioner Sciacca made a motion to close the Public Session, which was seconded by Commissioner Easom and voted unanimously by all those eligible to vote.

Commissioner Delaney then publicly thanked Vice Chairman Rosolen for his service both as a Commissioner of the Agency as well as to the City of Garfield in all of his many and various roles. Commissioner Delaney then requested that the Agency present Commissioner Rosolen with a plaque for his service. Commissioner Delaney then publicly welcomed Commissioner Rigoglioso.

Commissioner Rigoglioso made a motion to close the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Easom and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Santo T. Alampi