

Garfield Redevelopment Agency

December 10, 2018
Minutes of Public Meeting

Chairman Andreano called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Chairman Andreano 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: Chairman Arthur Andreano; Commissioner Raymond Simone; Commissioner John Easom; Commissioner Peter Amadio; Commissioner Joseph Delaney, Commissioner Anna Sciacca and Commissioner Daniel Rigoglioso.

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

The First Agenda was New Business.

The first item of New Business was the approval of the Minutes of the November 5, 2018 meeting of the Board. Commissioner Easom introduced a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Agency, which was seconded by Commissioner Amadio and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

The second item of New Business was the response to the RFQ's (Request for Qualifications) for the Board's Professionals. Mr. Riggitano presented the responses for the Request for Qualifications. Mr. Riggitano stated that various firms responded to the various professionals, were scored based on the qualifications (1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest) and the review committee recommended the following professionals, Agency Attorney – Law Office of Santo T. Alampi, LLC, Agency Auditors – Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP; Agency Engineer – Boswell Engineering; Agency Planner – Burgis Associates.

The Agency determined to vote on the appointments at the resolution. The Chairman requested that the Agency Attorney prepare the resolutions for appointment for the next meeting based on the recommendations of the review committee.

The Next Agenda item was Resolutions or Recommended Action.

The first resolution of the adoption of the Budget of the Agency for 2019. Commissioner Amadio introduced a motion to approve Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Sciacca and voted unanimously by all those eligible to vote.

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

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

The Next Agenda item was Correspondence.

Mr. Duch advised the Commissioners that a correspondence was received from Boswell Engineering regarding Meridia Transit. Specifically, the issue of the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy and better access to a manhole. It was recommended that the Certificate of Occupancy not be held up while the issue of access to a manhole is addressed.

Mr. Duch advised the Commissioners that he received a correspondence from Garden State Paper regarding converting two units to apartments.

The Next Agenda item was Public Participation.

Commissioner Easom made a Motion to go into Public Session, which was seconded by Commissioner Amadio and voted unanimously by all those eligible to vote.

A member of the Public appeared and wanted to know about parking at the theater site on Passaic Street.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Santo T. Alampi