

# Garfield Redevelopment Agency

November 4, 2019  
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, Vice Chairman Peter Amadio, Commissioner Raymond Simione, Commissioner John Easom, Commissioner Anna Sciacca and Commissioner Daniel Rigoglioso. Commissioner Joseph Delaney was absent.

The following individuals were also present: Thomas Duch, Executive Director, Patricia Esposito, Secretary to the Agency; Santo T. Alampi, Esq. – Attorney to the Agency; Roy Riggitano – Chief Financial Officer; Dennis Harrington, PE – Engineer for the Agency and Beth Calderone – Certified Court Reporter.

## **The First Agenda item was New Business.**

Mr. Duch Introduced the 2020 Agency Budget. Mr. Duch advised that the Agency had received a \$125,000.00 grant for Passaic Street. The grant could be utilized for various possibilities and that Agency was studying the various possibilities. Mr. Duch gave the example of a Façade Improvement Program. Mr. Duch advised that the 2020 Agency Budget was to remain the same as the 2019 Agency Budget with Total Revenues of \$45,000, Total Appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit, if any, of \$135,000 and Total Unrestricted Net Position utilized of \$90,000. Commissioner Easom asked what happens to money the Agency gets reimbursed. Mr. Duch advised any reimbursement of funds goes to the Agency. Commissioner Sciacca asked what the purpose of the Passaic Street Grant was. Mr. Duch advised the intent of the grant is for improvement and that the expenditure has to be approved by the State.

## **The Next Agenda Item was the adoption of the September 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes.**

The minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting were presented to the Board. Commissioner Easom introduced a motion to adopt the September 9, 2019 Minutes as presented, which was seconded by Vice Chairman Amadio and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

**The Next Agenda item was the November 2019 Bills presented for payment.**

The November 2019 Bills were presented for payment. Vice Chairman Amadio introduced a motion pay all the November 2019 Bills of the Agency, which was seconded by Commissioner Simone and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

**The Next Agenda Item was a resolution to 2019-13 the Delayed Introduction of the 2020 Budget of the Agency.**

Mr. Riggitano presented the 2020 Budget of the Agency. Mr. Riggitano reiterated the comments made by Mr. Duch as to the 2020 Budget and further explained the Budget process to the Commissioners. Mr. Riggitano explained that under the law the Budget must be introduced at least 60 days prior to the beginning of the 2020 fiscal year and that since the meeting was on November 4, 2019 and the fiscal year begins on January 1, technically the budget was not introduced 60 days prior. Mr. Riggitano advised that the Budget must be introduced in order to be adopted. Commissioner Easom made a motion to introduced the 2020 Budget of the Agency as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Sciacca and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

**The Next Agenda Item was resolution 2019-14 the Adoption the 2020 Budget of the Agency.**

Commissioner Easom made a motion to adopt the 2020 Budget of the Agency as presented, which was seconded by Vice Chairman Amadio and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

**The Next Agenda Item was resolution 2019-15 adopting the official meeting dates of the Agency for the calendar year 2020.**

Vice Chairman Amadio introduced a motion to adopt the 2020 Calendar Dates as presented to the Agency, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Rigoglioso and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

**The Next Agenda Item was the authorization of the posting of the Request for Qualifications for the Board Professionals for the Calendar Year 2020.**

Commissioner Easom introduced a motion to authorize the posting of the Request for Qualifications of Board Professionals, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Sciacca and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote. Chairman Andreano then sought volunteers for the review committee for the response to the RFQ's. Chairman Andreano, Vice Chairman Amadio and Commissioner Sciacca volunteered to serve on the committee.

**The Next Agenda item was Public Participation.**

Commissioner Simione made a motion to open to public, which was seconded by Vice Chairman Amadio and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

No member of the public spoke.

Commissioner Simione made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Sciacca and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting is December 2, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Santo T. Alampi