

Garfield Redevelopment Agency

January 6, 2020
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 Simone, Commissioner John Eason, 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 the adoption of the December 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

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

The Next Agenda item was New Business.

The first item under New Business was the Response to the Request for Qualifications of the Board and the retention by the Agency of the various professionals for the Calendar Year 2020.

The first resolution was appointing an Attorney to the GRA-Santo T. Alampi. Commissioner Rigoglioso introduced a motion to approve the Resolution appointing Santo T. Alampi, Esq., as the Redevelopment Agency attorney which was seconded by Chairman Andreano and voted unanimously by all those eligible to vote.

The second resolution was appointing an Attorney to the GRA-DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP. Commissioner Sciacca introduced a motion to approve the Resolution appointing DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole as attorneys to the redevelopment agency which was seconded by Commissioner Simone and voted unanimously by all those eligible to vote.

The next resolution was appointing an Engineer to the GRA-Boswell Engineering. Commissioner Amadio introduced a motion to approve the Resolution appointing Boswell Engineering as the redevelopment agency engineer which was seconded by Commissioner Easom and voted unanimously by all those eligible to vote.

The next resolution was appointing a Planner to the GRA-Burgis Associates. Commissioner Easom introduced a motion to approve the Resolution appointing Burgis Associates as the redevelopment agency planner which was seconded by Commissioner Amadio and voted unanimously by all those eligible to vote.

The next resolution was appointing an Auditor to the GRA-Lerch, Vinci & Higgins. Commissioner Amadio introduced a motion to approve the Resolution appointing Lerch, Vinci & Higgins as the redevelopment agency auditor which was seconded by Commissioner Sciacca and voted unanimously by all those eligible to vote.

The Next Agenda item was the Re-Organization of the Board and various appointments.

Commissioner Amadio nominated Arthur Andreano for Chairman which was seconded by Commissioner Easom, no other nominations for Chairman were made and the nominations were closed. The nomination was voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

Commissioner Easom nominated Peter Amadio for Vice-Chairman which was seconded by Commissioner Simione, no other nominations for Vice-Chairman were made and the nominations were closed. The nomination was voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

Commissioner Easom introduced a motion to retain Thomas Duch as the Executive Director and Secretary, Patricia Esposito as Assistant Secretary and Roy Riggiano as Finance Officer, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Amadio and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

Commissioner Amadio introduced a motion to select Spencer Bank as the Bank Depository of the Agency, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Sciacca and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

Commissioner Easom introduced a motion to retain Beth Calderone as the Court Reporter of the Agency, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Amadio and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

Commissioner Easom introduced a motion to select The Record and the Herald News as official newspapers of the Agency, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Rigoglioso and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

The Next Agenda item were the January 2020 Bills presented for payment.

The January 2020 Bills were presented for payment. Commissioner Easom introduced a motion pay all the January 2020 Bills of the Agency, which was seconded by Commissioner Sciacca and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

The Next Agenda item was Public Participation.

No members of the public were present and no other business was presented to the Agency.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting is February 3, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Santo T. Alampi