

Garfield Redevelopment Agency

May 4, 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. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the meeting was held telephonically with the appropriate notice being provided in accordance with Governor of New Jersey's Executive Orders 102 and 104 regarding COVID 19 Emergency Actions.

The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Arthur Andreano, Vice Chairman Peter Amadio, Commissioner Joseph Delaney, Commissioner John Easom, Commissioner Daniel Rigoglioso, Commissioner Anna Sciacca and Commissioner Raymond Simone.

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 February 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

The minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting were presented to the Board. Commissioner Amadio introduced a motion to adopt the February 3, 2020 Minutes as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Easom and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

The Next Agenda item was the resolution for the Extension of the Option of Meridia 290 Garfield Urban Renewal, LLC to exclusively redevelop the Kalama Site.

Commissioner Easom introduced a motion to adopt the resolution extending the option of Meridia 290 Garfield Urban Renewal, LLC to exclusively redevelop the Kalama Site, which was seconded by Commissioner Amadio and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

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

The May 2020 Bills were presented for payment. Commissioner Rigoglioso introduced a motion pay all the May 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.

Commissioner Rigoglioso introduced a motion to open to public, which was seconded by Commissioner Simone.

Joan Banez appeared. Ms. Banez stated that she was in favor of developing the Kalama Site and asked why an extension for the developer was necessary. Executive Director Duch advised that various agreements were still being worked on and therefore the extension needed to be sought in order for the developer to continue moving forward.

Councilman Frank Calandriello appeared. Councilman Calandriello asked about the Kalama Site and how much environmental clean-up was left. Executive Director Duch advised that he was not able to address the current status of the environmental clean-up.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting is June 1, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Santo T. Alampi