

Garfield Redevelopment Agency

November 2, 2020 Minutes of Public Meeting

Chairman Andreano called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 John Easom Commissioner Raymond Simione and Commissioner Susan Scudillo.

The following Commissioners were absent: Commissioner Joseph Delaney and Commissioner Daniel Rigoglioso

The following individuals were also present: 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 Introduction of the 2021 Budget.

CFO Riggitano presented the 2021 Budget to the Board. CFO Riggitano advised the Board that the 2021 Budget was proposed at \$135,000.00 with a \$90,000.00 surplus and a \$45,000.00 City contribution. CFO Riggitano advised that the 2021 Budget presented no increase. Commissioner Easom introduced a motion to introduce the 2021 Budget, which was seconded by Vice-Chairman Amadio and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

The Next Agenda Item was the adoption of the August 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

The minutes of the August 3, 2020 meeting were presented to the Board. Vice-Chairman Amadio introduced a motion to adopt the August 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 authorization of the issuance of the Request for Qualifications for the Agency Professionals for the Calendar Year 2021.

The Board discussed the issuance of the RFQ's, the date the RFQ's should be available, the date the RFQ's should be due, the review process and that the RFQ's should be submitted via email only in light of the current COVID-19 Pandemic and that the RFQ's require the professionals to accept a not to exceed amount equal to the 2020 Calendar Year. Commissioner Easom introduced a motion to authorize the issuance of the RFQ's, which was seconded by Commissioner Scudillo and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

The Next Agenda item was scheduling the monthly meeting dates of the Board for the Calendar Year 2021.

Executive Director Duch advised the Board that the meeting dates would continue to be the first Monday of each month and presented those dates to the Board. Vice-Chairman Amadio introduced a motion to adopt the meeting dates for the year 2021, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Simione and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

The Next Agenda item was the adoption of the 2021 Budget by the Agency.

Executive Director Duch advised the Board that the 2021 Budget introduced earlier in the meeting needed to be formally adopted. Commissioner Scudillo introduced a motion to adopt the 2021 Budget, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Easom and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

The Next Agenda item was a resolution regarding the delayed introduction of the 2021 Budget.

Executive Director Duch advised the Board that the law required the budget be introduced no later than 60 days prior to the commencement of the fiscal year and that because the November meeting of the Agency was within 60 days of the fiscal year, a resolution explaining the delay. Commissioner Easom introduced a motion to adopt the resolution explaining the delay in the introduction of the 2021 Budget, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Scudillo and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

The Next Agenda Item was the November 2020 Bills presented for payment.

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

The Next Agenda Item was Correspondence.

Executive Director Duch advised the Agency that there have been inquiries into the various redevelopment projects and the status of redevelopment agreements. Executive Director Duch advised that the Agency professionals are working tirelessly in the negotiation and preparation of the various agreements that are required and that he will continue to keep the Agency informed of the progress of the negotiations and various communications.

The Next Agenda item was Public Participation.

Vice Chairman Amadio introduced a motion to open to public, which was seconded by Commissioner Easom. No members of the public appeared. Commissioner Simone introduced a motion to close the public portion, which was seconded by Commissioner Scudillo and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

No other business was presented to the Agency.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Next Agency meeting is December 7, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Santo T. Alampi