

Garfield Redevelopment Agency

December 14, 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 Joseph Delaney, Commissioner Raymond Simione, Commissioner Daniel Rigoglioso and Commissioner Susan Scudillo.

The following Commissioners were absent: Commissioner John Easom

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; and Beth Calderone – Certified Court Reporter.

The First Agenda Item was the adoption of the November 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

The minutes of the November 2, 2020 meeting were presented to the Board. Vice-Chairman Amadio introduced a motion to adopt the November 2, 2020 Minutes as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Simione and voted unanimously by those eligible to vote.

The first item under Old Business were the reports for the various sub-committees.

Mr. Duch informed the Agency that the sub-committee formed to review the Responses to the RFQ's had reviewed the responses, found all respondents to be qualified and recommended retaining the existing professionals based on that review.

Mr. Duch further informed the Agency that the sub-committee formed to review the redevelopment agreements is continuing to do its work and will advise the Agency when its work is complete.

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 2021.

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

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

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

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

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

The next resolution was appointing a Court Reporter to the GRA- Beth Calderone. Commissioner Simione introduced a motion to approve the Resolution appointing Beth Calderone as the Court Reporter for the Agency, which was seconded by Vice-Chairman Amadio and vote unanimously by all those eligible to vote.

The next item under New Business was the selection of the Bank Depository and the Official Newspaper of the Agency.

The next resolution was selection of a Bank Depository for the GRA. Commissioner Scudillo introduced a motion to approve the resolution selecting Spencer Bank as the Bank Depository for the GRA, which was seconded by Commissioner Delaney and voted unanimously by all those eligible to vote.

The next resolution was the selection of the official Newspaper for the GRA. Commissioner Simione introduced a motion to approve the resolution selecting The Record and The Herald

News as the Official Newspaper of the GRA, which was seconded by Commissioner Rigoglioso and voted unanimously by all those eligible to vote.

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

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

The Next Agenda item was Public Participation.

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

No other business was presented to the Agency.

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

Next Agency meeting is January 4, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Santo T. Alampi