

# Garfield Redevelopment Agency

## MINUTES

Monday, February 5, 2024

7:00PM Meeting

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Garfield Redevelopment Agency meeting for Monday, February 5, 2024 was called to order at 7:00PM.

### 2. SECRETARY'S OPENING STATEMENT RE: SUNSHINE LAW

Notice of the time, date, and place of this meeting has been provided at least 48 hours in advance and in accordance with the applicable New Jersey statutes: (1) by publication in The Herald News and The 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.

### 3. FLAG SALUTE

### 4. ROLL CALL

In attendance were Chairman Andreano, Vice-Chairman Amadio, and Commissioners Delaney, Easom, & Torre, therefore, there was a quorum. Also, in attendance were: Erin Delaney – Redevelopment Agency Director & Secretary, Santo Alampi – Redevelopment Agency Attorney, Denise Ingui – Redevelopment Agency Assistant Secretary, Redevelopment Agency CFO – Dr. Giovanni Cusmano, and Stenographer Beth Calderone.

### 5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Easom made a motion to approve the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting & Executive Session minutes, which was seconded by Vice-Chairman Amadio. The motions carried unanimously by those present.

### 6. OLD BUSINESS

2024-08 Approving Release of Escrow

2024-09 Approving Extension Request – 99 Passaic Street

Ms. Delaney advised that the Commissioners received the letter to be sent to the Mayor & Council, as discussed at the January meeting, via e-mail. She noted that it will be reviewed at their February Work Session meeting. Furthermore, she noted that clarification was provided as to the need for an extension at 99 Passaic Street due to a miscalculation in dates for their permanent financing.

### 7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

### 8. VOUCHERS

Vice-Chairman Amadio made a motion to accept the vouchers presented by Dr. Cusmano which was seconded by Commissioner Torre. The motions carried unanimously by those present.

**9. RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNSEL**

There was no recommended action by counsel.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**11. CITIZENS REMARKS**

Vice-Chairman Amadio made a motion to open to the public, which was seconded by Commissioner Torre.

Mayor Richard Rigoglioso, Summit Avenue, thanked the Agency for all of their hard work. He noted that the last time he attended a meeting discussion ensued regarding the feasibility study on Midland Avenue and that he is still interested in moving forward with the project. Mayor Rigoglioso noted that the questions asked by the Agency will be answered and addressed by Fran Reiner of DMR Architects. He went on to say that he understands it is a large undertaking and would have a long road ahead. Mayor Rigoglioso asked the Agency to continue asking questions and have an open mind. He ended by stating that he feels the City is moving in a positive direction.

Chairman Andreano made a motion to open to the public, which was seconded by Vice-Chairman Amadio.

**12. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

There were no information/proposals to review.

**13. FUTURE MEETING**

It was announced that the next meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, 2024.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Torre and seconded by Vice-Chairman Amadio to adjourn. The motions carried unanimously by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC  
Redevelopment Agency Director/Secretary