

Garfield Redevelopment Agency
111 Outwater Lane
Garfield, NJ 07026

Minutes of Meeting held on
December 7, 2015

The Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Andreano at 7:02 PM.

The Vice Chairman announced compliance with the Sunshine Law.

The salute to the flag of the United States of America was conducted. Vice Chairman Andreano asked for a minute of silence in remembrance of those who passed away on December 7, 1941.

The following commissioners were present:

Vice Chairman Arthur Andreano
Commissioner Ernest Rosolen
Commissioner Arthur Rotio
Commissioner Raymond Simione
Commissioner Peter Amadio

Commissioners Absent:

Chairman Roger Hetel
Commissioner Joseph Delaney

Executive Director / Secretary Thomas J. Duch

Others Present:

Frank Regan, Esq., GRA Attorney
Beth Calderone, Stenographer
Patricia Esposito, Asst. Secretary
Roy Riggitano, Finance Officer

Finance Officer Roy Riggitano advised the Commissioners that Executive Director Thomas Duch has designated him as Acting Secretary for the December 7, 2015 meeting.

MINUTES

Acting Secretary Riggitano asked for a motion to adopt the minutes from the November 2, 2015 meeting. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Commissioner Rosolen, seconded by Commissioner Amadio and passed on a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Acting Secretary Riggitano called upon Frank Regan, Esq. Mr. Regan advised that he sent an email to Meridian Crossing asking for an update on their project. He received an email from them advising that they expect to be closing on their financing early next year and then start construction. They have worked out the access issue to the property with the adjoining property owner. He did send a follow-up email asking for an update on the remediation. Also asked when they would apply for building permits. When he gets answers he will forward to the Commissioners. When they apply for the first building permit they are due to pay the Agency \$40,000. It appears that they are moving forward. Commissioner Rotio advised the Agency that today heavy equipment moved back to the site. So there is some work going on.

Acting Secretary Riggitano advised that RFQ's are the Pay-To-Play regulations that are required from the professionals by all boards including Redevelopment. We will be posting them on the website. The return date is January 4, 2016. All professionals must file an RFQ under the Pay-To-Play regulations.

Vice Chairman Andreano and Commissioner Rotio spoke about the meeting held on November 30, 2015 with the Dept. of Transportation regarding the Transit Village designation for the Passaic Street area. He said the meeting went very well. They feel that the committee that was here from the Dept. of Transportation was very impressed. The DOT advised that they would be with the City for the entire application process. Acting Secretary Riggitano made a comment that he sits on the Council and he knows that the Mayor and Council are in full support of the project.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2015-24 – 2016 Garfield Redevelopment Agency Meeting Dates

Motion to move Resolution No. 2015-24 by Commissioner Amadio, seconded by Commissioner Rotio and approved on roll call vote.

Resolution No. 2015-25 – 2016 Authority Budget Resolution

Motion to move Resolution No. 2015-25 by Commissioner Simione, seconded by Commissioner Rosolen and approved on roll call vote.

Resolution No. 2015-26 – 2014 / 2015 Stale Dated Checks

Motion to move Resolution No. 2015-26 by Commissioner Amadio, seconded by Commissioner Rosolen and approved on roll call vote.

VOUCHERS

Finance Officer Roy Riggitano presented bills for payment. Two bills presented for payment; stenographer and auditor. He advised that that would close the books for cutting checks in 2015. He advised he is preparing 1099's. They will be ready for the January 4, 2016 meeting.

No Citizens or Taxpayers

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM by Acting Secretary Roy Riggitano. He wished everyone Happy Holidays!