

SOUTH AMBOY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MINUTES OF THE JULY 10, 2014 MEETING

Public Session

Chairman Kevin Meszaros called the meeting to order and led the Agency Commissioners, professionals and attending public in the Salute to the Flag and a prayer. Chairman Meszaros certified that this meeting had been advertised as prescribed by law.

ROLL CALL: Benjamin Block, Councilwoman Zusette Dato, Kevin Meszaros, William Schwarick, Camille Tooker

Also in attendance: Eric Chubenko, Executive Director
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.
Mayor Fred Henry

Please note: John O'Connell, who was unable to attend this meeting, requested that he be contacted via teleconference in order to participate in the meeting. After two unsuccessful attempts to communicate with voicemail messages provided, the meeting proceeded.

William Schwarick made a Motion to approve the bill lists. *(Please refer to item nos. 7.A. and B. contained in the Agenda annexed hereto.)*
The Motion was seconded by Camille Tooker

ROLL CALL: Block – yes; Dato – yes; Meszaros – yes; Schwarick – yes; Tooker – yes

Eric Chubenko advised that the Agency has been working through the Broadway Façade Program (i.e., Mini Grant Program) since there appears to be some money left over from the initial Program to address smaller projects, which business owners have been inquiring about.

William Schwarick asked Eric Chubenko if there has been any movement concerning the Wische property and Eric explained that, although the Agency had dealt directly with the owners of the property, there remains no progress. Camille Tooker advised that the owners of the property have been speaking with two separate developers and [the owners] are interested in selling the property. William Schwarick suggested that the property would be a good site for solar panel placement in that solar panels would eliminate the eyesore which currently exists, as well as capping an environmental problem, and could possible generate revenue for the City.

Camille Tooker made a Motion to approve the May 1, 2014 Agency meeting minutes.
Benjamin Block seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: Block – yes; Dato – yes; Meszaros – yes; Schwarick – abstain;
Tooker – yes

Craig Coughlin, Agency General Counsel, requested nominations for Agency Chairperson for the term of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Camille Tooker nominated Kevin Meszaros. Craig Coughlin requested additional nominations and, hearing none, asked for a Motion to close the nominations for Chairperson. William Schwarick made the Motion and Camille Tooker seconded the Motion.

A Motion to appoint Kevin Meszaros in the capacity of Agency Chairman was made by William Schwarick.
Camille Tooker seconded the Motion.

Voice Vote taken: all in favor

Chairman Meszaros requested nominations for Agency Vice-Chairperson for the term of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. William Schwarick nominated Benjamin Block. Chairman Meszaros requested additional nominations and, hearing none, asked for a Motion to close the nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Councilwoman Dato made the Motion and Kevin Meszaros seconded the Motion.

A Motion to appoint Benjamin Block to serve as Vice-Chairman was made by Zusette Dato.
Kevin Meszaros seconded the Motion.

Vice Vote taken: all in favor

Craig Coughlin advised that the following Agency Reorganization Resolutions could be approved/adopted by consent: Designation of Official Agency Bank; Designation of Official Newspapers; Authorizing Agency Salaries; Approving Qualified Respondants to Perform Architectural Services; Approving Qualified Respondants to Perform Valuation and Consulting Services; Awarding Professional Auditing Services Contract; Approving Qualified Respondants to Perform Engineering Special Services; Approving Qualified Respondants to Perform Engineering Services; Approving Qualified Respondants to Perform Financial Advisor Services; Awarding Professional Legal Services Contract; Approving Qualified Respondants to Perform Planning Services, and Approving Qualified Respondants to Perform Special Legal Counsel Services. Chairman Meszaros read the aforementioned Resolutions by title and/or respondents. (*Agenda item nos. 12.A.3. through 14. were provided to the Agency Commissioners for review prior to this meeting.*)

William Schwarick made a Motion to adopt the aforementioned Agency Resolutions.
The Motion was Seconded by Camille Tooker.

ROLL CALL: Block – yes; Dato – yes; Meszaros – yes; Schwarick – yes; Tooker – yes

Councilwoman Dato requested that, if at all possible, the meeting material be forwarded to the Commissioners the weekend prior to any meeting in order to afford the Commissioners adequate time for review of the information. Craig Coughlin, along with Eric Chubenko, explained that, typically, every effort is made to have the material available on the Friday prior to a scheduled meeting. Councilwoman Dato stated that receiving the information over the course of the weekend would be helpful and provide time for review.

Chairman Meszaros requested comments/questions from Commissioners and, hearing none, opened the meeting to the public. With no public in attendance, Chairman Meszaros closed the public portion of the meeting and requested a Motion to adjourn this meeting.

A Motion to adjourn this meeting was made by William Schwarick.
Councilwoman Dato seconded the Motion.

Voice Vote taken: all in favor

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

MADELINE B. PIRRO