

SOUTH AMBOY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE February 01, 2024 MEETING

Public Session

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

ROLL CALL: Kevin Meszaros, Rachael Draudt, Gary Forshner, Tony Gonsalves, Christine Noble

ABSENT: Camille Tooker, Zusette Dato

Also, in attendance: Eric Chubenko, Executive Director
Christopher Zingaro, Esq., General Counsel
Dan Balka, CFO

Kevin Meszaros introduced this evening's resolutions. The Resolution of The South Amboy Redevelopment Agency Approving a transfer of Funds (131 and 119 South Broadway). This will allow us to demolish the building and make a public parking lot for the City of South Amboy.

A motion to approve this evening's resolution was made by Gary Forshner. Christine Noble seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Meszaros – Yes; Draudt – Yes; Forshner – Yes; Gonsalves – Yes; Noble – Yes

Kevin Meszaros introduced the evening's bill lists and said the general bill list contained fees for monthly legal services, rent and utilities. (*Agenda Items no. 7.B.1.*) Eric Chubenko stated they are all standard bills for the monthly expenses.

A motion to approve this evening's bill list was made by Rachael Draudt. Gary Forshner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Meszaros – Yes; Draudt – Yes; Forshner – Yes; Gonsalves – Yes; Noble – Yes

Kevin Meszaros called for a motion to approve the January 04, 2024, Agency Meeting Minutes (*Agenda item no. 12. A.*)

A motion to approve the January 04, 2024, Agency Meeting Minutes as presented was made by Rachael Draudt. Gary Forshner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Meszaros – Yes; Draudt – Yes; Forshner – Yes; Gonsalves – Yes; Noble – Yes

Eric wanted to wish Craig Coughlin a Happy Birthday! Eric also discussed the progress on Lower Main Street. The YMCA Solar project is still in negotiations.

Business Administrator Dave Kales – 119 & 131 South Broadway Project, we bought the property so we can control it, I credit everyone from SARA to my team. We plan to put 70-80 parking spots in that lot. The boards need to communicate. This is a beautiful project, thank you to SARA for standing your ground and for funding my idea. Thank you very much.

Eric Chubenko stated since I came to the City of South Amboy, the biggest issues were the eye sore of the building and the empty lot, finally they will be taken care of.

Gary Forshner asked how the deal fell apart today. Business Administrator Kales stated the deal included 45 days to appeal, the parking was approved with only 29 units, they wanted more clarity, but today they received clarity and the approval of this resolution.

Anthony Conrad thanked the commissions of the SARA Board and this project would not be possible. Thank you again.

Kevin Meszaros opened the meeting to the public.

Kevin Meszaros closed the public portion of the meeting.

Kevin Meszaros then requested a Motion to adjourn.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Christine Noble.

Voice vote taken: All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kelly Wolff