

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 9, 2014 – 6:00 pm

A regular meeting of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, Urban Redevelopment Commission was held on Thursday, October 9, 2014 and called to order at 6:06 pm. All Commissioners were in attendance except Christopher Meek. Additionally, the Honorable Gail Okun, Member, Stamford Board of Representatives, Attorney Michel Bayonne, General Counsel Rachel Goldberg and Executive Director Dr. Tommie Jackson were in attendance.

Commissioner Molgano moved to approve all of the minutes listed on the Agenda. Commissioner Rios offered a second to the motion with an amendment to approve all of the listed minutes except the September 11, 2014 minutes. The amended motion was accepted and passed unanimously and received.

Commissioner Jean-Pierre moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Rios made a second to the motion, and the Commission entered Executive Session at 6:23 pm. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss Agenda Item 5(d) – Trinity negotiations. Commissioner Molgano moved, with a second from Commissioner Rios, to conclude the Executive Session at 6:31 pm. It was passed and received.

At 6:33 pm, Commissioner Jean-Pierre moved to go out of order of the printed Agenda. Commissioner Rios made a second to the motion and it was passed and received.

Commissioner Rios moved, with a second from Commissioner Jean-Pierre to return to Executive Session at 6:34 pm. Agenda Item 8(a) – Personnel Employment Claim by Rachel Goldberg was discussed. Commissioner Jean-Pierre moved to end the Executive Session discussion and Commissioner Rios offered a second to the same at 7:03 pm. The motion was passed and received.

The Commission, at the request of Commissioner Sciarretta, recessed until 7:10 pm. The recess was to afford Commissioner Sciarretta opportunity to

meet with URC Special Counsel. The Commission returned to open session at 7:11 pm.

Agenda Items 3 and 4 were not points of discussion.

Agenda Items 5a (Parcel 38), 5b (RMS Washington & Main), and 5c (Parcel 36 were presented by Executive Director Tommie Jackson. On (b), the Commissioners received materials, including a report from the URC Architect Joe Schiffer, for review and discussion at the next meeting. On (c), the Commissioners were informed that two responses to the Request for Proposals (RFPs) were received. A meeting to discuss the proposals will be scheduled.

Agenda Item 6 (a) was raised on how is it that the Commission Chair could override a unanimous vote on an item, specifically cancelation of the Annual Meeting. General Counsel Goldberg offered advice to the Commission pursuant to Commissioner Emails received on the topic as well as how to remove/replace the Commission Chair.

General Counsel Goldberg informed the Commissioners that Roberts Rules provided for two kinds of removal/replacement of the Commission Chair.

Commissioner Rios moved to remove/replace Chris Meek as Chair, City of Stamford Urban Redevelopment Commission. Commissioner Jean-Pierre offered a second to the motion.

Executive Director Jackson asked the Commissioners to consider alternatives to voting out/removing a (current) Chair from office. Commissioner Sciarretta acknowledged comments of the Executive Director; however, Commissioner Sciarretta responded it was appropriate for the Commissioners to act and vote without other considerations. The Commission voted 3 in favor to replace Chris Meek as Chair and Commissioner Molgano abstained from the vote.

The Commissioners voted to hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be noticed and published on Friday, October 10, 2014 with the City of Stamford Town Clerk.

Agenda Item 6 (a) (i) was deferred based on the Executive Session related to Agenda Item 8 (a).

Executive Director Jackson referred to matters covered in Agenda Items 5 and 6 for incorporation into his report. Executive Director Jackson recommended a December Retreat for the Commissioners to re-familiarize itself with Board Governance protocol, communication, team building and understanding roles. Dr. Jackson urged the Commissioners to hold the Retreat away from the Government Center in a more relaxed environment. Commissioner Molgano suggested that the Commissioners act on what was recommended and proposed holding the event at Pelicci Restaurant.

General Counsel Goldberg, at Agenda Item 8, Old Business, spoke about activities of the Veterans Park Ad Hoc Committee that is spearheaded through the Downtown Special Services District (DSSD).

Agenda Item 9, New Business, had no discussion.

Commissioner Molgano moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jean-Pierre offered a second to the motion, which was carried by unanimous vote. The next Commission Regular Meeting was scheduled for November 13, 2014.

Respectfully,

**Dr. TOMMIE JACKSON
Acting Scribe for the Urban Redevelopment Commission**

Attachments: Copy of Joe Schiffer's Report dated 10/8/14 attached to official minutes