

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR and PUBLIC HEARING

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Gold Room, 4th Floor

436 Grant Street, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

September 22, 2017—10:30 a.m.

The Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County was held on Friday, September 22, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Gold Room, Allegheny County Courthouse, 436 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219.

Board Members present were: William Brooks, Senator Wayne Fontana, and Peg McCormick Barron.

Also present were: Steve Papernick, Authority Solicitor; Jack Exler, Sr. Deputy Director; Pat Earley, Deputy Director; Samuel Bozzolla, Project Manager; Lainey Smearman, Executive Assistant; Julie Collins, Project Manager; Tom McGrath, Fiscal Manager; Angie Hicks, Authorities Coordinator; Carl Lukitsch, Project Manager; and Matt Elphinstone, Accountant.

Others present were: Mary Peluso, Private Citizen; and Alex Lackner, Michael Baker International.

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order, roll was called, and a quorum was present.

II. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER PRO TEMPORE

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. MCCORMICK BARRON AND SECONDED BY MR. BROOKS, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO APPOINT SENATOR FONTANA AS SECRETARY-TREASURER PRO TEMPORE.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—AUGUST 25, 2017

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MS. MCCORMICK BARRON, THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

IV. RATIFICATION OF BILLS

Senator Fontana reviewed the Ratification of Bills Payable for the month of August 2017 and found them to be in good and proper order.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. MCCORMICK BARRON AND SECONDED BY SENATOR FONTANA, THE RATIFICATION OF THE BILLS WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Mary Peluso, a Ross Township resident, inquired about the current status and offered support for the CITF grant application submitted by Ross Township asking for funds to run public water lines down Arrowhead Road.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF) – MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS GRANT REASSIGNMENT

Request Authorization to: (i) reassign the grant from the Borough of Dravosburg to the Steel Rivers Council of Governments (SRCOG); and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

The Borough of Dravosburg is requesting the CITF grant be reassigned to the SRCOG because the Borough has limited capacity to administer the grant and SRCOG's experience with CITF Program grants. SRCOG has agreed to administer the grant.

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MS. MCCORMICK BARRON, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

B. BUSINESS ATTRACTION/AMAZON HQ2

Request Authorization to: (i) award a grant in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to Amazon HQ2 Team Pittsburgh and/or its designees; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

Allegheny County, the City of Pittsburgh and other community partners are developing a response to the request for proposals issued by Amazon, Inc., to host its second North American headquarters. The Maya/The Boston Consulting Group, Inc., d/b/a BCG Platinion, and other select consultants will be retained to assist with this project. The scope of work would include stakeholder engagement, vision and themes, proposal development and communication strategy. The cost of the

themes, proposal development and communication strategy. The cost of the contract will be shared with other various entities including local government units and foundations.

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MS. MCCORMICK BARRON, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**C. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP)
– PARTICIPATION BY HARMAR TOWNSHIP**

Request authorization to: (i) allow the Township of Harmar to participate in the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program; (ii) allow RAAC to receive funds from the Township or entities authorized by the Borough for the purpose of paying for all costs associated with acquiring properties through the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program; and (iii) allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

With the addition of the Township of Harmar, the total number of municipalities participating in the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program will be 72.

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MS. MCCORMICK BARRON, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

D. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP)

Request authorization to: (i) approve various resolutions related to the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program for properties located in the municipalities of Braddock, Carnegie, Elizabeth, South Park, Tarentum, West Mifflin, and Wilkinsburg (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

Resolution 1-Authorization for the Authority to act as the Planning Commission of Allegheny County, pursuant to the Urban Redevelopment Law of Pennsylvania, (a) Certifying that each property listed in the attachment is blighted, and (b) Approving that the acquisition and disposition and subsequent disposition would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the Borough/Municipality.

Resolution 2-Authorization for the condemnation by eminent domain of each property listed in the attachment.

Resolution 3-Authorization for the execution of contract of sale and delivery of a deed for each property listed in the attachment.

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MS. MCCORMICK BARRON, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO TRANSACT, ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. MCCORMICK BARRON AND SECONDED BY SENATOR FONTANA, THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.



Jack Exler, Sr. Deputy Director