



**MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING 17-10
September 19, 2017**

- PRESIDING:** Chairman, Robert E. Mulcahy III
- PRESENT:** Debra DiLorenzo, Edward Gant, Mark Giannantonio, Mayor Don Guardian, Michael I. Hanley, Gary Hill, Howard Kyle, Matthew Levinson, William Mullen, Robert Shaughnessy for Ford M. Scudder, Robert Kennedy for Charles A. Richman, Richard Tolson
- ABSENT:** Kevin Ortzman, David Rebeck for Christopher S. Porrino, Frank Spencer
- STAFF:** Chris Howard, Peter Sheridan, Lance Landgraf, Kathy Marshall, Thomas Meehan, Oriana Mondragon-Cordero, Donna Pless, Rick Santoro, Paul G. Weiss, Esq.
- OTHER ATTENDEES:** Mary Maples, Esq., Governor's Authorities Unit

OPENING STATEMENT

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 2:00 pm. Ms. Mondragon-Cordero read a statement of compliance with the notice requirements of the Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act and called the roll.

RATIFICATION OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2017

The Chairman requested a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2017 Members' Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Kyle and seconded by Mr. Tolson. Resolution 17-104 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Howard updated the members and the public on the following events:

- A. The 2018 Miss America Competition and parade were successfully held at Boardwalk Hall this year.
- B. Ironman 70.3 Atlantic City triathlon took place this past weekend and was a successful event, with 10,000 attendees.
- C. Five events took place at the Convention Center this past weekend, with 7,700 attendees.
- D. Land Use Regulation public hearings will held be on October 4, 2017 at 10:00 AM and October 10 at 6:00 PM at the Atlantic City Convention Center.



**ITEMS LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND RECOMMENDED BY
COMMITTEE FOR BOARD APPROVAL.**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CONSENTING TO CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS
OF THE SENIOR FIRST MORTGAGE OF HEADQUARTERS HOTEL ASSOCIATES,
L.P., IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CONVENTION CENTER HEADQUARTERS HOTEL
PROJECT**

The Resolution was read by title. Mr. Howard described the proposed action. The Chair requested member discussion. Jack Plackter, Esq., on behalf of the Convention Center Headquarters Hotel, requested the Authority's consent to a loan modification to allow for a change in the amortization schedule and possible refinancing of the senior debt with AIG. In response to Mr. Tolson's inquiry about the amortization period, Mr. Plackter clarified that the senior loan would revert back to a 20-year mortgage after the two-year adjustment period during which the loan will amortize over a 30-year period. Hearing no further member discussion, the Chair opened the matter for public comment. Upon hearing no public comment, the Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Kyle and seconded by Mr. Hill. Resolution 17-105 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS TO NAVARRO AND
WRIGHT CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC AND MICHAEL CALAFATI ARCHITECT,
INC FOR HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS FOR
THE ATLANTIC CITY CONVENTION CENTER AND BOARDWALK HALL, WITH AN
AGGREGATE SPENDING AUTHORIZATION NOT TO EXCEED \$850,000**

The Resolution was read by title. Mr. Howard described the proposed action. The Chair requested member discussion, and upon hearing none, opened the matter for public comment. Mr. William Cheatham inquired about an old heater room in the building. Mr. Jim McDonald, Assistant General Manager of Spectra Venue Management stated that the former heating room had been abandoned approximately 45 years ago. Hearing no further public comment, the Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Shaughnessy and seconded by Mr. Gant. Resolution 17-106 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
APPROVING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH**



MERCADIEN, P.C. TO SERVE AS OUTSIDE AUDITOR FOR 2017 THROUGH YEAR-END 2021, WITH AN AGGREGATE CONTRACT SPENDING LIMIT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000

The Resolution was read by title. Mr. Howard described the proposed action. The Chair requested member discussion, and upon hearing none, opened the matter for public comment. Upon hearing no public comment, the Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Tolson and seconded by Mr. Kyle. Resolution 17-107 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. William Cheatham stated his concerns about the Miss America Pageant and its success in the future. Mr. Cheatham inquired about what is being done to address inoperable escalators in Boardwalk Hall. Mr. Mulcahy responded that a lobby renovation to include the escalators is under review. Mr. Cheatham also suggested Broadway shows should be brought to Atlantic City. Lastly, Mr. Cheatham expressed his support to the Authority's efforts.

Ms. Jeanine Pecatore expressed concern about single family residential home owners having to get separate land use approval if they are selling their homes, and about the violence and drug use in certain areas of the City. Mr. Lance Landgraf, Director of Planning & Development responded that the proposed land use regulations will help with the land use approval issue. Mayor Guardian stated that the City has deployed a Task Force to address the public safety issues.

Upon hearing no further public comment, the Chair requested reading of the following Resolution:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATION AND PENDING LITIGATION MATTERS

The resolution was read by title. The Chair requested a motion to go into the executive session portion of the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Levinson and seconded by Mr. Kyle. Resolution 17-108 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

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Upon return to the open public session portion of the meeting, the Chairman requested a motion to adjourn the public meeting, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote of the members.

CERTIFICATION

I, HOWARD J. KYLE, Secretary of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Open Session of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority conducted on:

September 19, 2017



HOWARD J. KYLE, SECRETARY