



Casino Reinvestment Development Authority

**CASINO REINVESTMENT
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
15 SOUTH PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
ATLANTIC CITY, NJ 08401**

**MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING 18-10
September 18, 2018**

PRESIDING: Chairman, Robert E. Mulcahy III

PRESENT: Debra DiLorenzo, Edward Gant, Mayor Frank Gilliam, Michael Hanley, Mark Giannantonio, Gary Hill, Howard Kyle, David Rebeck for State Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal, Maureen Hassett for State Treasurer Elizabeth M. Muoio (via teleconference), James Plousis, Robert Long for DCA Commissioner Sheila Y. Oliver (via teleconference), Frank Spencer, Richard Tolson, William Mullen

ABSENT: Kevin Ortzman

STAFF: Matthew Doherty, Marshall Spevak, Lisa Britt, James Kutch, Kathy Marshall, Karen Martin, Thomas Meehan, Oriana Mondragon-Cordero, Rick Santoro, Larry Sieg, Paul G. Weiss, Esq.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Edmund Caulfield, Esq., Governor's Authorities Unit

OPENING STATEMENT

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 2:00 pm. Ms. Britt 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 the July 17, 2018 and August 7, 2018 Board Meeting

The Chairman requested a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018 and August 7, 2018 Members' Meetings. A motion was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Hill. Resolution 18-80 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Chair asked the members to review the Treasurer's report. A motion to approve and file the report was made by Mr. Tolson and seconded by Mr. Gant. The Treasurer's report was approved and adopted by unanimous vote of the members.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- A. Stockton University - Atlantic City Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 20, 2018 at 11 AM.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING SPECTRA VENUE MANAGEMENT'S AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO EARL GIRLS, INC TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL LIGHTING CONSOLE EQUIPMENT AT JIM WHELAN BOARDWALK HALL

The Resolution was read by title. Mr. Doherty described the proposed action. The Chair requested member discussion. Mr. Tolson stated that Earl's Girls, Inc. is an Atlantic County-based contractor. 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. Gant and seconded by Mr. Kyle. Resolution 18-81 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING SPECTRA VENUE MANAGEMENT'S AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PHILADELPHIA SOUND PRODUCTIONS, INC TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL AUDIO MIXING CONSOLES AT JIM WHELAN BOARDWALK HALL

The Resolution was read by title. Mr. Doherty described the proposed action. The Chair requested member discussion, and upon hearing none, opened the matter for public comment. Charles Goodman, an Atlantic City resident suggested that a training component should be added to contracts awarded by the Authority. Hearing no further public comment, the Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Gant and seconded by Mr. Kyle. Resolution 18-82 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING SPECTRA VENUE MANAGEMENT'S AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO EARL GIRLS, INC TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL TWELVE LYCIAN FOLLOW SPOTLIGHTS AT JIM WHELAN BOARDWALK HALL

The Resolution was read by title. Mr. Doherty described the proposed action. The Chair requested member discussion, and upon hearing none, opened the matter for public comment. Mr. Geoffrey Rosenberger inquired the locations of the spotlights. Mr. Gant responded the spotlights are located in the arena and theater. Mr. William Cheatham expressed his support for the project. Hearing no further public comment, the Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Plousis and seconded by Mr. Rebuck. Resolution 18-83 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.



RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH INLET PUBLIC/PRIVATE ASSOCIATION, INC D/B/A THE ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE, IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT

The Resolution was read by title. Mr. Doherty described the proposed action. The Chair requested member discussion. Jean Muchanic, Executive Director of the Absecon Lighthouse thanked the Authority for its support of the Lighthouse. Mr. Hill inquired if Ms. Muchanic has seen an increase in visitors to the Lighthouse since Hard Rock and Ocean casinos have opened. Ms. Muchanic responded that visitation has decreased 7% since last year. Mr. Kyle inquired the status of needed repairs to the lighthouse. Ms. Muchanic stated that repairs are estimated to cost \$3 million. Hearing no further member discussion, the Chair opened the matter for public comment. Mr. William Cheatham expressed his support for the project. Hearing no further public comment, the Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Gant and seconded by Mr. Tolson. Resolution 18-84 was approved by unanimous vote of the members

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AMENDING RESOLUTION 18-56 ADOPTED JUNE 19, 2018 WHICH APPROVED THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR COMMERCIAL SPACE AT THE Atlantic City CONVENTION CENTER

The Resolution was read by title. Mr. Rebeck recused himself. Mr. Doherty described the proposed action. The Chair requested member discussion, and upon hearing none, opened the matter for public comment. Mr. William Cheatham inquired about unused space in Boardwalk Hall. Mr. Doherty responded that CRDA staff occupies offices along Pacific Avenue as well as Meet AC and Starbucks rents space along the Boardwalk. Ms. Keturah Jackson suggested that the vacant retail space on the boardwalk next to Boardwalk Hall should be used for artist space. Hearing no further public comment, the Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Kyle and seconded by Mr. Long. Resolution 18-85 was approved by the eligible vote of the members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regarding the audit of CRDA by the State Office of Legislative Services, Mr. Mulcahy stated that the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority is audited annually by one of the top independent accounting firms in the nation. Those professional audits have resulted in "clean" opinions affirming the Authority's design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements. The CRDA Board responded to the major legislative changes of 2011, including the absorption of the ACCVA which was a complicated process requiring the adoption of new systems which now been implemented.

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The CRDA Board had to again deal with legislative changes in 2016 by re-directing the Authority's priorities and appropriately right-sizing and streamlining staff creating savings and efficiencies. While doing so it maintained the investments contributing to much of the new growth in Atlantic City. Significantly, the timing of the report did not allow for the inclusion of major new financial control initiatives. As always, we are open to suggestions that can improve our operations and the Board and management will thoroughly review the suggestions of the Office of Legislative Services and implement any appropriate changes. Since 2011 all of the CRDA investments have been directed to the Tourism District and this Board is fully committed to a growing collaboration with the Mayor and the City.

Mr. William Cheatham commented that he would like to see increased collaboration among various groups to improve the city.

Mr. Charles Goodman commented about moving forward to make the city better.

Mr. Geoffrey Rosenberger expressed disagreement with closing the bathrooms on the boardwalk during cleanup, and the volume level on the boardwalk video screens. He also suggested a community advisory board.

Mr. Victor Jenkins, an Atlantic City resident, stated that more family-oriented attractions should be created in the city.

Mr. Mike Lopez, an Atlantic City resident, commended the Authority's Special Improvement District Division for its work in the city.

Mr. Howard Kyle stated the Stockton University Atlantic City Campus is an example of the County, the City, CRDA, ACIA, South Jersey Gas and ACDEVCO working together.

Mr. Andrew Fluker inquired about the parking revenue bonds. Ms. Kathy Marshall, Chief Financial Officer responded that the parking revenue bonds are stable and that in 2020 the debt service will go down substantially.

Mr. Steve Young commented about moving forward and working together.

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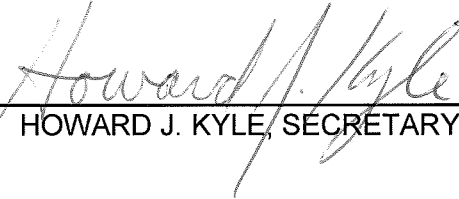
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CERTIFICATION

I, HOWARD 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 18, 2018



HOWARD J. KYLE, SECRETARY