

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

#### MINUTES –PUBLIC MEETING 15-12 December 15, 2015

PRESIDING:

Vice-Chair, Robert Mulcahy

PRESENT:

Tom Ballance, Robert Bartolone for Charles A. Richman, Debra DiLorenzo, Mark Giannantonio, Gary Hill, Howard Kyle, Mayor Don Guardian, Matthew Levinson, William Mullen, David Rebuck for John Hoffman, Robert Shaughnessy for

Ford M. Scudder

**ABSENT:** 

Edward Gant, Gary Puma, Frank Spencer, Richard Tolson

STAFF:

John F. Palmieri, Lisa Britt, Stephanie Galantino, Wilma Hanna, Lance Landgraf, Rosalind Kincaid, James Kutch, Thomas Meehan, Oriana Mondragon, Bunny Rixey, Rick Santoro, Larry Sieg, Heather Walls, Carl Wentzell, Paul G.

Weiss, Esq.

OTHER

John Samerjan, Christopher Howard, Esq., Governor's

**ATTENDEES:** 

**Authority 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 NOVEMBER 17, 2015

Review deferred to January 2016 regular meeting.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Review deferred to January 2016 regular meeting.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Palmieri updated the members on the following:

1. The LEAD ACT Program, which the Authority is the principal funder, celebrated its 2015 graduation ceremony on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Dante Hall. This leadership program teaches governmental and civic responsibilities to individuals who may enter into public service to benefit the City. Future funding to continue the program is uncertain, but Mr. Palmieri reported that AC DEVCO's Chris Paladino pledged his organization's support the program for 2016.



- 2. The Single Point of Entry Project is a comprehensive and coordinated system of services for Atlantic County residents who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The program provides a single point of entry for residents along with personalized case management that connects them with programs they need to become and/or remain self-reliant. Since its first day of operation in January of 2014, the program has identified 10,177 client referrals, of which 4,233 have been fulfilled and 4,278 have been successfully discharged from the program. The program thus far is considered a success by the Department of Human Services, Atlantic County and Jewish Family Services. The Department of Human Services has recently made a commitment of an additional \$1.5 Million to continue the program through 2017. Mr. Palmieri reported that the Department is seeking the Authority's continued involvement as contract administrator. Mr. Palmieri noted the attendance of Ms. Ann Thorenson, Director of the Atlantic Homelessness Alliance.
- 3. The 2015 Winter Wonderland was held on Saturday, December 12th at Bass Pro Shops for Atlantic City children. The event was a huge success, with over 1,500 people in attendance. This year's Winter Wonderland, which was sponsored by the Authority, featured rides, magic shows, games, and arts and crafts, along with a visit from Santa Claus. The Authority also offered free parking at the Corridor Parking Garage for those in attendance.

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

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

The following items were read by title, described by the Executive Director, and after public comment, duly moved by Mrs. DiLorenzo and seconded by Mr. Shaughnessy, and then voted, and approved by the unanimous vote of the members, as a single action.

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING A TEMPORARY OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CRDA SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016

Resolution 15-161 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING A TEMPORARY 2016 OPERATING BUDGET FOR MEET AC, INC



Resolution 15-162 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING THE CONVENTION CENTER DIVISION 2016 TEMPORARY OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

Resolution 15-163 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ADOPTING THE TEMPORARY OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016

Resolution 15-164 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY EXTENDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERM THE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN BUILDING MAINTENANCE, INC TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND AMBASSADOR SERVICES THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016, WITH A TOTAL CONTRACT SPENDING LIMIT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,409,777

The resolution was read by title. Mr. Palmieri described the proposed action. The Acting Chair requested member discussion. Hearing no member discussion, the Acting Chair opened the matter to public comment. Mr. Cheatham inquired about properties that the CRDA maintains. Mr. Palmieri responded that the SID maintains some city properties, CRDA-owned properties but that no private properties are maintained by the CRDA. Hearing no further public comment, the Acting Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Kyle and seconded by Mr. Hill. Resolution 15-165 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CONSENTING TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE BOARDWALK AND MLK BOULEVARD WITH A COMBINED AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 52,000 SQUARE FEET WITHIN BLOCK 48, LOTS 12, 13, 18 AND 19, DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2015, IN ACCORDANCE WITH P. L. 2011, CHAPTER 18

The resolution was read by title. Mr. Palmieri described the proposed action. The Acting Chair requested member discussion. Hearing no member discussion, the Acting Chair opened the matter to public comment. Mr. Cheatham inquired what guarantee there is that this project will materialize. Mr. Mulcahy responded that this proposal has its own financial backing, and the Authority expects the project sponsors to move forward with their proposal. Hearing no further public comment, the Acting Chair requested a motion.



A motion was made by Mr. Giannantonio and seconded by Mr. Bartolone. Resolution 15-166 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

### RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PERTAINING TO THE SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR HOMELESS SERVICES PROJECT

The resolution was read by title. Mr. Kyle and Mr. Hill recused themselves. Mr. Palmieri described the proposed action. The Acting Chair requested member discussion. Hearing no member discussion, the Acting Chair opened the matter to public comment. Hearing no public comment, the Acting Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Rebuck and seconded by Mr. Levinson. Resolution 15-167 was approved by unanimous vote of the eligible members.

## RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY GRANTING AMENDED PROJECT APPROVAL, AMENDED FUND RESERVATION, AND TAKING ADDITIONAL ACTION IN FURTHERANCE OF THE BOARDWALK INTERACTIVE LIGHT DISPLAY PROJECT

The resolution was read by title. Mr. Kyle recused himself. Mr. Palmieri described the proposed action. The Acting Chair requested member discussion. Mr. Rebuck inquired about the project's boardwalk location. Mr. Landgraf responded the security cameras and new LED light poles will be at every street end from Jackson to Vermont and the matrices(LED Boards) will extend from the Tropicana up the boardwalk to States Avenue (Showboat). Hearing no further member discussion, the Acting Chair opened the matter to public comment. Mr. Cheatham inquired about maintenance of the cameras. Mayor Don Guardian responded that the City will be responsible for maintenance. John Lamey, Executive Director of ACIA commented that he is ready to move forward with the project and is looking forward to working with the Authority. Hearing no further public comment, the Acting Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Bartolone. Resolution 15-168 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

# RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY GRANTING AMENDED PROJECT APPROVAL TO THE TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY BOARDWALK ENHANCEMENT AND PROPERTY REVITALIZATION PROJECT

The resolution was read by title. Mr. Palmieri described the proposed action. The Acting Chair requested member discussion. Hearing no member discussion, the Acting Chair opened the matter to public comment. Hearing no public comment, the Acting Chair



requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Bartolone and seconded by Mr. Levinson. Resolution 15-169 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Cheatham commented about his interest in moving the Atlantic City Historical Museum to Historic Boardwalk Hall. Mr. Palmieri responded that he has communicated with Mr. Cheatham and Maureen Frank, Director of the Atlantic City Free Public Library, and he is willing to respond with a recommendation to the members if he receives a concrete proposal from the Library.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

The resolution was read by title. The Acting Chair requested a motion to go into executive session. A motion was made by Mr. Mullen and seconded by Mr. Bartolone. Resolution 15-170 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

Upon returning to the open public session portion of the meeting, the Acting Chair requested a motion to adjourn the meeting, and upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote of the members at 4:00PM.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, HOWARD J. KYLE, Assistant 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:

December 15, 2015

HOWARD J. KYLE, SECRETARY