

Rahway Redevelopment Agency

MINUTES Regular Meeting June 2, 2008 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order at 6:34 P.M. in the Council Chambers

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

This meeting was advertised and posted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioners, officials, and public attendees saluted the flag

ROLL CALL

On a call of the roll the following officials were present:

*Anthony Deige, Commissioner
Carlos Garay, Commissioner
James Ferrell, Commissioner at 7:36 pm
Nancy Saliga, Commissioner
Courtney Clarke, Vice Chairman
William Rack, Chairman*

Absent:

Timothy Nash, Commissioner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the following meeting were moved, seconded, and then adopted by roll call vote, with the correction that Commissioner Garay was late for the meeting, but not absent as reported:

May 7, 2008 Regular Meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved on the following vote:

Moved by: Commissioner Clarke

Seconded by: Commissioner Saliga
Ayes: Commissioners Deige, Garay, Ferrell, Saliga, Clarke and Rack
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Nash

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director was absent from this meeting.

LEGAL REPORT

There was no legal business to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentations:

- 1360 US Highway Route 1, Rahway New Jersey (The Rahway Tower)

After a brief delay due to the late arrival of Mr. Harish Surati, President of the Management Group, this presentation took place at the end of the meeting prior to adjournment.

Mr. Jasvinder Arjani, Project Manager, reviewed the changes made pursuant to suggestions made at the May 7, 2008 Rahway Redevelopment Agency meeting. Mr. Arjani stated that there will be new finishes, new facing, a restriped parking area, 51 of the 52 hotel rooms will be kept as hotel rooms, with the 52nd room converted to an office. The current office, located in the second building, will be converted to a breakfast area, where the top portion of the "tower" will be removed (45 feet) and a new second story of 15 feet will be constructed, creating a two-story building, the same height as the existing hotel structure. The windows will be made smaller, facing only the sides and back. Within the second story of the breakfast area, an apartment will be created for the Manager.

The site layout is the same as previously presented, except more landscaping has been added. Flower beds and shrubs were added to the landscaped areas shown previously. More stone detail has been added to the finish; more lights and in an "historic" style are now shown. Bollards were added in front of the breakfast area to keep cars off the sidewalks.

Commissioner Garay commented that he would like to see the stockade fence changed to chain link with landscaping.

Two signs are proposed; the "King's Inn" sign will be replaced by a standard "Super 8" sign and the second sign below it will be kept for messages the management wants to post. Chairman Rack asked whether the landscaped island near the office area is going to remain and the response was that it will remain to protect the post of the sign.

Mr. Surati was asked by his Attorney, Christopher Armstrong, whether he agreed with all the comments made by Mr. Arjani. Mr. Surati answered that he did.

Resolutions:

13-08 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REDEVELOPMENT STUDY AT HAMILTON LAUNDRY SITE AND APPLICATION TO THE HAZARDOUS DISCHARGE SIRE REMEDIATION FUND FOR PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT AND SITE/REMEDIATION INVESTIGATION GRANTS

Motion to approve made by: Commissioner Ferrell
Second: Commissioner Deige
Ayes: Commissioners Deige, Garay, Ferrell, Saliga, Clarke and Rack
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Nash

14-08 (*Added to the agenda by Treasurer Ruggiero*) RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2009 RAHWAY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BUDGET

Motion to approve made by: Commissioner Clarke
Second: Commissioner Ferrell
Ayes: Commissioners Deige, Garay, Ferrell, Saliga, Clarke and Rack
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Nash

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

There were no Commissioners' comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by: Commissioner Clarke
Second: Commissioner Deige
Ayes: Commissioners Deige, Garay, Ferrell, Saliga, Clarke, and Rack.
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Nash
