

# Rahway Redevelopment Agency

## - MINUTES -

### Organizational Meeting

January 18, 2005

6:30p.m.

#### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

*The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Rahway Public Library.*

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#### SALUTE THE FLAG

*Commissioners, officials and public attendees then saluted the flag.*

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#### OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

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#### ROLL CALL

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

Courtney Clarke, Commissioner  
Anthony Deige, Commissioner  
Paul Leso, Commissioner  
Timothy Nash, Commissioner  
William Rack, Commissioner  
Nancy Saliga, Commissioner

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#### NEW BUSINESS

*The following correspondence was announced:*

1. City Council Resolution AR-285-04 regarding the appointment of Commissioner Anthony Deige to the Agency.
2. City Council Resolution AR-4-05 regarding the appointment of Commissioner Courtney Clarke to the Agency.

#### *Elections*

1. Election of Chairman Courtney Clarke for the Rahway Redevelopment Agency on the following vote:

Motion made by: Commissioner Rack                      Seconded by: Commissioner Nash

Ayes: Commissioners Leso, Nash, Rack, Saliga, Deige, and Clarke

Nays: None

Abstain: None

2. Election of Vice Chairman William Rack for the Rahway Redevelopment Agency on the following vote:

Motion made by: Commissioner Nash                      Seconded by Commissioner Leso

Ayes: Commissioners Clarke, Leso, Nash, Saliga, Deige, and Rack

*Resolutions as follow, were adopted:*

- 1-05 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEGAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE YEAR 2005 FOR THE RAHWAY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the News Record, the Rahway Progress, the Star Ledger and the News Tribune, newspapers circulating in the City of Rahway, be the legal newspapers for the Rahway Redevelopment Agency for the year 2005 and that all notices, advertisements and/or other Agency matters that require publication by the Rahway Redevelopment Agency may be published in said newspapers as directed by the Agency;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Recording Secretary be directed to serve the officials of the Rahway Redevelopment Agency with a copy of this resolution.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Rahway Redevelopment Agency, Rahway, New Jersey adopted at the re-organizational meeting held on January 18, 2005, on the following vote:

Motion made by: Commissioner Rack                      Motion seconded by: Commissioner Nash  
Ayes: Clarke, Leso, Nash, Rack, Saliga, and Deige  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

2-05 RESOLUTION APPOINTING DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE & WISLER, LLP AS GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE RAHWAY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

WHEREAS, the law firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Wisler, LLP has submitted an engagement letter to the Rahway Redevelopment Agency for legal services related to the operation and management of the Agency, a copy of which is attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Wisler, LLP has extensive experience in the public sector and has acted as general counsel to the Rahway Redevelopment Agency since its creation in 2001; and,

WHEREAS, DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Wisler, LLP has proposed a blended rate of \$155.00 per hour for all attorneys and \$75.00 per hour for all paralegal work related to the Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Rahway Redevelopment Agency that it hereby authorizes the appointment of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Wisler, LLP as general counsel for the Agency for 2005 at a blended rate of \$155.00 per hour for all attorneys and \$75.00 per hour for all paralegal work, said engagement terminating on December 31, 2005; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Chairman and Secretary are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents related to said engagement.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Rahway Redevelopment Agency, Rahway, New Jersey adopted at the re-organizational meeting held on January 18, 2005, on the following vote:

Motion made by: Commissioner Nash                      Motion seconded by: Commissioner Rack  
Ayes: Clarke, Leso, Nash, Rack, Saliga, and Deige  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

3-05 RESOLUTION APPOINTING LERCH, VINCI & HIGGINS, LLP AS AUDITOR FOR THE RAHWAY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

WHEREAS, the firm of Lerch, Vinci, & Higgins, LLP has submitted an engagement letter to the Rahway Redevelopment Agency for auditing and financial advisory services related to the operation and management of the Agency, a copy of which is attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, Lerch, Vinci, & Higgins, LLP has extensive experience in the public sector accounting and auditing; and,

WHEREAS, Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP has proposed a fee of \$15,000.00 for the preparation of an annual statutory audit and a rate schedule as detailed on the attached engagement letter for all work related to the Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Rahway Redevelopment Agency that it hereby authorizes the appointment of Lerch, Vinci, & Higgins, LLP as auditor and financial advisor for the Agency for 2005 at a

fee of \$15,000.00 for preparation of an annual statutory audit at a rate schedule as detailed on the attached engagement letter, said engagement terminating on December 31, 2005; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chairman and Secretary are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents related to said engagement.

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Motion made by: Commissioner Leso      Motion seconded by: Commissioner Rack  
Ayes: Clarke, Leso, Nash, Rack, Saliga, and Deige  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

4-05 RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILENTZ, GOLDMAN & SPITZER, P.C. AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE RAHWAY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

WHEREAS, the firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.C. has submitted an engagement letter to the Rahway Redevelopment Agency for legal services as bond counsel related to the operation and management of the Agency, a copy of which is attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer has extensive experience as bond counsel in the public sector and has acted as bond counsel to the Rahway Redevelopment Agency since its creation in 2001; and,

WHEREAS, Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer has proposed a fee rate schedule as detailed on the attached engagement letter for all work related to the Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Rahway Redevelopment Agency that it hereby authorizes the appointment of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.C. as bond counsel for the Agency for 2005 at a fee rate schedule as detailed on the attached engagement letter, said engagement terminating on December 31, 2005; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chairman and Secretary are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents related to said engagement.

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Motion made by: Commissioner Rack      Motion seconded by: Commissioner Leso  
Ayes: Clarke, Leso, Nash, Rack, Saliga, and Deige  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

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**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

*Commissioners provided comments at this time. Commissioner Deige inquired as to when the meeting calendar for the Redevelopment Agency is adopted. Agency Counsel, Frank Regan answered that the calendar is adopted in December.*

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**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 P.M.*

*Motion made by: Commissioner Rack      Motion seconded by: Commissioner Leso*

*Ayes: Clarke, Leso, Nash, Rack, Saliga, and Deige*

*Nays: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: None*

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*Peter H. Pelissier*  
*Secretary/Executive Director*