

Rahway Redevelopment Agency

MINUTES Organizational Meeting January 3, 2007 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting shall be called to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Rahway City Council Chambers

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Chairman Rack noted that this meeting has been 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 to the flag

ROLL CALL

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

Anthony Deige, Commissioner
Carlos Garay, Commissioner
Timothy Nash, Commissioner
Nancy Saliga, Commissioner
Courtney Clarke, Vice Chairman
William Rack, Chairman

The following official was absent:

James Ferrell, Commissioner

NEW BUSINESS

Elections

1. Election of Chairman for the Rahway Redevelopment Agency

A motion was made by Commissioner Clarke and Seconded by Commissioner Nash to nominate William Rack as Chairman of the Rahway Redevelopment Agency.

Yes: Commissioners Deige, Garay, Nash, Saliga, Clarke, and Rack
Absent: Commissioner Ferrell

2. *Election of Vice Chairman for the Rahway Redevelopment Agency*

A motion was made by Commissioner Nash and Seconded by Commissioner Deige to nominate Courtney Clarke as Vice Chairman of the Rahway Redevelopment Agency.

Yes: Commissioners Deige, Garay, Nash, Saliga, Clarke, and Rack
Absent: Commissioner Ferrell

Correspondence:

The following correspondence was received:

1. City Council Resolution AR-24-07 regarding the reappointment of Commissioner Nancy Saliga to the Agency

Resolutions:

01-07: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEGAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE YEAR 2007 FOR THE RAHWAY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

BE IT RESOLVED that the News Record, Rahway Progress, the Star Ledger, and the Home News Tribune, newspapers circulating in the City of Rahway be newspapers for the Rahway Redevelopment Agency for 2007 and that all ordinances, notices, advertisements, or other Agency matters that require publication by the Rahway

Redevelopment Agency may be published in said newspapers as directed by the Agency and that all advertising shall be calculated on basis of the space that a 6 point line, 8 picas wide would occupy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions heretofore adopted designating any of the official newspaper or newspapers for the publication of Agency matters be and the same are hereby repealed and rescinded.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nash and Seconded by Commissioner Deige to approve the resolution.

Yes: Commissioners Deige, Garay, Nash, Saliga, Clarke, and Rack

Absent: Commissioner Ferrell

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Rahway Redevelopment Agency, Rahway, New Jersey at a regular meeting held on January 3, 2007.

02-07: RESOLUTION APPOINTING DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE & WISLER, LLP AS GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE RAHWAY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

WHEREAS, the 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 FURTHER 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 2007 at 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, 2007; and

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Clarke and Seconded by Commissioner Nash to approve the resolution.

Yes: Commissioners Deige, Garay, Nash, Saliga, Clarke, and Rack

Absent: Commissioner Ferrell

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03-07: 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 public accounting and auditing; and

WHEREAS, Lerch, Vinci, & Higgins, LLP has proposed a fee of \$12,800 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 FURTHER 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 2007 at a fee of \$12,800 for the preparation of an annual statutory audit and a rate schedule as detailed on the attached engagement letter, said engagement terminating on December 31, 2007; and

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Clarke and Seconded by Commissioner Nash to approve the resolution.

Yes: Commissioners Deige, Garay, Nash, Saliga, Clarke, and Rack

Absent: Commissioner Ferrell

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04-07: RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILENTZ, GOLDMAN & SPITZER, P.C. AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE RAHWAY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

A motion was made by Commissioner Clarke and Seconded by Commissioner Nash to table the resolution.

*Yes: Commissioners Deige, Garay, Nash, Saliga, Clarke, and Rack
Absent: Commissioner Ferrell*

07-07: RESOLUTION APPOINTING PETER H. PELISSIER AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND SECRETARY OF THE RAHWAY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

WHEREAS, Peter H. Pelissier has attained the educational and experience requirements for an executive director as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:44-3.1(c); and

WHEREAS, Peter H. Pelissier has agreed to serve in the capacity of the Executive Director and Secretary of the Rahway Redevelopment Agency for compensation in the amount of \$130,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of Peter H. Pelissier as Executive Director and Secretary shall be in the capacity as permanent Executive Director since his qualifications have been previously approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:44-3.1(d) and he has previously served in this position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Rahway Redevelopment Agency that Peter H. Pelissier is hereby appointed as Executive Director and Secretary of the Rahway Redevelopment Agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the position shall provide for compensation in the amount of \$130,000 annually.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clarke and Seconded by Commissioner Deige to approve the resolution.

*Yes: Commissioners Deige, Garay, Nash, Saliga, Clarke, and Rack
Absent: Commissioner Ferrell*

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COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

There were no Commissioner's comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia M. Solomon
Assistant Secretary