The Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County was held on Friday, August 23, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in Allegheny County Economic Development’s Board Room, Chatham One, Suite 900, 112 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219.

Board Members present were: Bill Brooks, Don Smith, Doris Carson Williams, Senator Wayne Fontana, Peg McCormick Barron (by phone).

Also present were: Steve Papernick, Authority Solicitor; Jack Exler, Sr. Deputy Director; Samuel Bozzolla, Project Manager; Beth O’Donnell, Authorities Marketing Representative; Judy Jevsevar, Senior Accounting Supervisor; John Wilds, Oakland Business Improvement District; Georgia Petropoulos, Oakland Business Improvement District; Clyde Wilhelm, Manager, Swissvale Borough; Bill Poff, Rankin Borough; Will McLain, Planner; Gloria Redlinger, Contract Administrator; Brooke Gwin, Project Manager; Louis Weyard, Housing Development Coordinator; Morgan Schmidt, Accountant; Justin Artinger, Business Development Specialist; Erin Deasy, Manager, Development; Maureen Quinn, Assistant Manager, Housing & Human Services.

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order, roll was called, and a quorum was present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 26, 2019

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MS. CARSON WILLIAMS, THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

III. RATIFICATION OF BILLS

Ms. Carson Williams reviewed the Ratification of Bills Payable for the month of July, 2019 and found them to be in good and proper order.
ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY DR. SMITH, THE RATIFICATION OF THE BILLS WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT COALITION-MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Request authorization to: (i) ratify a Brownfields Assessment Coalition Memorandum of Agreement with the North Side Industrial Development Corporation, the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, and the City of Duquesne; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all necessary documents, with Solicitor approval.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. CARSON WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY SENATOR FONTANA, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

B. VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM - AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

Request authorization to: (i) enter into agreement with architect Milton Ogot for an amount not to exceed $95,000 for architectural and engineering services for nine (9) structures that were acquired by RAAC through the Vacant Property Recovery Program; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with solicitor approval.

ON A MOTION MADE BY DR. SMITH AND SECONDED BY MS. CARSON WILLIAMS, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.
C. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP) – CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION

Request authorization to: (i) record Certificates of Completion for three (3) properties that were transferred in the municipalities of Millvale, Penn Hills, and Plum; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MS. CARSON WILLIAMS, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

D. 2019 LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

Request authorization to: (i) ratify an agreement with the National Center for Healthy Housing, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $3,000 to provide assistance with Allegheny County’s application for a 2019 allocation of Lead Hazard Reduction Grant funds; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. CARSON WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY SENATOR FONTANA, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

E. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF)-SOLICITOR CONTRACT

Request Authorization to: (i) enter into a one (1) year contract with the law firm Dickie McCamey & Chilcote as the solicitor for the CITF Program effective September 1, 2019; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. CARSON WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY DR. SMITH, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.
F. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF) – SWISSVALE ACCESS TRAIL PROJECT

Request Authorization to: (i) award a grant in an amount not to exceed $160,000 to help finance the Swissvale Access Trail Project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MS. CARSON WILLIAMS, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

G. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF) – OAKLAND RETAIL PLANNING PROJECT

Request Authorization to: (i) award a grant in an amount not to exceed $150,000 to help finance the Oakland Retail Planning Project; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. CARSON WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY DR. SMITH, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO TRANSACT, ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. BROOKS AND SECONDED BY DR. SMITH THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Jack Exler, Sr. Deputy Director