The Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County was held, via teleconference, on Friday, December 18, 2020 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: Chairman William Brooks, Senator Wayne Fontana, Doris Carson Williams, Margaret McCormick-Barron and Dr. Don Smith (all via teleconference)

Also present were: Lance Chimka (via teleconference), Director, Jack Exler (via teleconference), Senior Deputy Director; Steve Papernick, Authority Solicitor (via teleconference); Samuel Bozzolla, Project Manager (via teleconference);

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 23, 2020

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. MCCORMICK BARRON 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 November 2020 and found them to be in good and proper order.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. MCCORMICK-BARRON AND SECONDED BY MS. CARSON WILLIAMS THE RATIFICATION OF THE BILLS WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED
IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NO COMMENTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF) – BLACKRIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION REVITALIZATION PROJECT- GRANT INCREASE

Request authorization to: (i) increase amount of the grant award for the Blackridge Civic Association Revitalization Project by $2,990.00 from $150,000 to $152,990; and (ii) allow the Director to execute 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.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET

Request authorization to: (i) approve the 2021 Annual Budget as presented; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

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

B. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP)-REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT TRI-COG LAND BANK-RATIFICATION

Request authorization to: (i) ratify a Revocable License Agreement with Tri-COG Land Bank for one RAAC-owned property located in the Borough of Pitcairn; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.
ON A MOTION MADE BY MS MCCORMICK BARRON AND SECONDED BY MS. CARSON WILLIAMS, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED

C. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP)-REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT-CITY OF BRIDGES COMMUNITY LAND TRUST-RATIFICATION

Request authorization to: (i) ratify a Revocable License Agreement with City of Bridges Community Land Trust for two RAAC-owned properties located in the Borough of Etna; and (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

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

D. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP) – CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Request authorization to: (i) record Certificates of Completion for seven (7) properties that were transferred through the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program in the municipalities of Braddock, Harrison, Glassport, Moon, and Wilkinsburg; 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

E. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP)

Request authorization to: (i) approve various resolutions related to the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program for properties located in the Brackenridge, Coraopolis, Frazer, North Versailles, Penn Hills, Ross, Shaler, South Park, Tarentum, Wilkinsburg, and Wilmerding (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

ON A MOTION MADE BY SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MS. MCCORMICK BARRON, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED
OFF-AGENDA:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (EDF)- ACTION HOUSING INC.-CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT RENT RELIEF PROGRAM

Request authorization to: (i) extend an Economic Development Fund (EDF) bridge loan to Action Housing Inc. for an amount not to exceed $3,500,000.00 for the CARES Rent Relief Program; (ii) allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval.

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO TRANSACT, ON A MOTION MADE BY MS MCCORMICK BARRON AND SECONDED BY SENATOR FONTANA, THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Jack Exler, Sr. Deputy Director