

**REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**REGULAR and PUBLIC HEARING**

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Board Room, Suite 900**

**Chatham One, 112 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

**October 28, 2021 2:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County was held, via teleconference, on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 2:00 p. 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, Peg McCormick Barron, Senator Fontana and Doris Carson Williams (all via teleconference)

Also present were: Lance Chimka, Director, Jack Exler, Senior Deputy Director; Susheela Nemani-Stanger, Deputy Director; Steve Papernick, Authority Solicitor; and Samuel Bozzolla, Authorities Coordinator.

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 23, 2021**

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

**III. RATIFICATION OF BILLS**

Ms. Williams reviewed the Ratification of Bills Payable for the month of September 2021 and found them to be in good and proper order.

ON A MOTION MADE MS. MCCORMIK BARRON AND SECONDED BY SENATOR FONTANA THE RATIFICATION OF THE BILLS WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED

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**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE  
TOURISM FUND (CITF)-CARNEGIE FREE LIBRARY OF SWISSVALE-SCOPE AMENDMENT**

Request authorization to: (i) change the scope of the project from the replacement of the building systems to the replacement of the roof; and (ii) to 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

**B. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE &  
TOURISM FUND (CITF)-MCKEESPORT HERITAGE CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT- SCOPE  
CHANGE**

Request authorization to: (i) change the scope of the project by adding HVAC improvements to the McKeesport Heritage Center; and (ii) to 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

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (EDF)- BRIDGE LOAN**

Request authorization to: (i) extend an Economic Development Fund (EDF) Bridge Loan to the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development for an amount to not to exceed \$300,000 to advance funds for administrative costs incurred for GEDF, GEDTF & CITF programs; and (iii) to 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

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B. BRADDOCK PARCEL- ENTER INTO A SALES AGREEMENT

Request authorization to: (i) enter into a Sales Agreement to convey RAAC-owned parcel located at Block and Lot Number 237-D-167 in the Borough of Braddock for \$600.00 to Darian and Shanna Cochran; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all 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

C. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN-ALLEGHENY COUNTY CONTRACT

Request authorization to: (i) enter into a contract with the County of Allegheny to receive American Rescue Plan funds in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000; (ii) accept said funds and spend the same as permitted under the applicable statute; and (iii) to 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. 2021 ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT-AMENDMENT

Request authorization to: (i) amend the 2021 Administrative Agreement with Allegheny County for \$1,007,732 to reflect an increase in the amount of funding by \$15,000 for a total not to exceed \$1,022,732; and (ii) allow the Director to execute 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

E. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS-ELECTRONIC CHECKING FEES

Request authorization to (i) enter into intergovernmental agreement(s) with the Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority, the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority, the Allegheny County Residential Finance Authority, The Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority and the Allegheny County Authority For Improvements in Municipalities (the "Other Authorities") for this Authority to make certain payments for such Other Authorities through electronic checking and provide that the Other Authorities will reimburse this Authority for costs and fees in connection with electronic checking; and (ii) allow the Director to execute all 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

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F. BRADDOCK BUSINESS COMMUNITY INITIATIVE DEVELOPMENT-CONTRACT EXTENSION

Request authorization to: (i) extend the contract with Milton Ogot Architects regarding assessments of several buildings in Braddock, Pennsylvania until June 30, 2022; (ii) to allow the Director to execute 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

G. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP)-CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION

Request authorization to: (i) approve Certificates of Completion for ten (10) properties in the Frazer, Glassport, Munhall, North Braddock, Penn Hills, Ross, Sharpsburg, Stowe, Swissvale, and Wall, which were transferred through the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program; 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

H. 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 municipalities of Coraopolis, East Deer, Frazer, Homestead, McKees Rocks, Millvale, Munhall, Pitcairn, West Mifflin, West View, and White Oak; and (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 SENATOR FONTANA AND SECONDED BY MS. MCCORMICK BARRON, THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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*Jack Exler*  
Jack Exler, Sr. Deputy Director