

**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**

**February 26, 2021 10:30 a.m.**

The Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County was held, via teleconference, on Friday, February 26, 2021 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, Authorities Coordinator (via teleconference);

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 22, 2021**

ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. CARSON WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY MS. MCCORMICK BARRON 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 January 2021 and found them to be in good and proper order.

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

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NO COMMENTS

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF)- GREATER PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK FACILITY EQUIPMENT & FIXTURES

Request Authorization to: (i) re-assign the CITF grant from the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to the GPCFB Support Corporation; and (ii) allow the Director to execute 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.

- B. ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM FUND (CITF)-SOUTHSIDE SLOPES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC. PUBLIC STAIRCASE REPAIR

Request authorization to: (i) change the scope of services to include the upgrading of lighting to an existing pylon sign at 18<sup>th</sup> and Josephine street; 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.

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

Request Authorization to: (i) extend the amendment with Dickie McCamey & Chilcote as the solicitor for the Community Infrastructure & Tourism Fund Program on a month to month basis; 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. ACTIVE ALLEGHENY GRANT CONTRACT- BRACKENRIDGE AGREEMENT EXTENSION

Request authorization to: (i) extend the term of the Active Allegheny grant agreement to February 28, 2022; (ii) increase the original \$20,500.00 grant by an additional \$2,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$22,500.00; and (iii) 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.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. ACTIVE ALLEGHENY GRANT PROGRAM-SUB-GRANT AWARDS

Request authorization to: (i) award four (4) Active Allegheny Grant Program sub-grants in an amount not to exceed \$105,000; 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.

B. ALLEGHENY LEAD SAFE HOMES-ACCEPT FUNDS, ENTER INTO CONTRACT, AND ESTABLISH A BRIDGE LOAN

Request authorization to: (i) accept an amount not to exceed \$5 million in grant funds from the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development (ACED) to be used for the Allegheny Lead Safe Homes Program; (ii) enter into contract with Allegheny County Department of Economic Development; (iii) establish a bridge loan in the amount of \$500,000; and (vi) allow the Director to execute all 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

C. ALLEGHENY LEAD SAFE HOMES-ACCEPT A GRANT FROM ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Request authorization to: (i) accept a grant in the amount of \$800,000 from Allegheny County Economic Development in Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) dollars to be used for the Allegheny Lead Safe Homes Program; (ii) enter into contract with Allegheny County Department of Economic Development; and (iii) allow the Director to execute all 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. ALLEGHENY LEAD SAFE HOMES-RFP FOR LEAD RISK INSPECTION/ASSESSMENT FIRMS

Request authorization to: (i) issue a request for proposals for firms to conduct lead based paint inspections/risk assessments, clearance testing, and Healthy Homes initial and final inspections for the Allegheny Lead Safe Homes Program; (ii) hire and enter into contract with the selected vendor(s); and (iii) allow the Director to execute all 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

E. BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK- LEASE FOR VACANT LOTS

Request authorization to: (i) execute a lease with Borough of Braddock for 2 vacant lots along Braddock Avenue in the Braddock Borough; (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

F. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP) – CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION

Request authorization to: (i) record Certificates of Completion for three (3) properties that were transferred through the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program in the municipality of Collier; 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 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 Etna, Elizabeth Borough, Millvale, Leet, South Park, Stowe, and Tarentum (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

**OFF- AGENDA**

- COVID-19 HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY RECOVERY PROGRAM (CHIRP)

Request authorization to: (i) enter into an agreement or agreements with the County of Allegheny and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation (SPC) allowing RAAC to act as a disbursement agent for COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program funds; and (iii) 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

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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Jack Exler, Sr Deputy Director