

# Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Koppers Building, 436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 600

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

May 25, 2023, at 2:00 PM, Confluence Room

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The Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County was held on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 2:00 pm. in the Confluence Room, Koppers Building, 436 Seventh Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219.

Board Members participating were: Councilman Walton, Peg McCormick Barron, and Jason Markovich

Also participating were: Lance Chimka, Director; Simone McMeans, Deputy Director; Steve Papernick, Authorities Solicitor; Keilah Boyles, Project Manager; Ray Englert, Project Manager; Dan Bish, Manager Business Development; Erin Deasy, Manager Development; Beth O'Donnell, Marketing Coordinator; and Shellye Webster, Administrative Assistant

### **I. ROLL CALL:**

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

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 23rd, 2023**

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. MARKOVICH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WALTON, THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED

### **III. RATIFICATION OF BILLS**

Senator Fontana reviewed the Ratification of Bills Payable for April, 2023 and found them in good and proper order

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. MARKOVICH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WALTON, THE RATIFICATION OF THE BILLS WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

### **V. OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **A. MINORITY, WOMEN, AND VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM**

Requesting authorization to extend/amend our agreement with Axiom Advancement Corporation to administer the Minority, Women, and Veteran Small Business Loan Program

for 1 year; re-capitalize the program with \$350,000- the remaining balance from the sunset M/W/DBE Contractor Working Capital Loan Program and allow the Director to execute necessary documents with Solicitor approval

ON A MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMAN WALTON AND SECONDED BY MR. MARKOVICH, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED

**B. BRADDOCK BUSINESS COMMUNITY INITIATIVE**

Request authorization to amend an agreement with Milton Ogot Architects to expire on December 1, 2023 and allow the Director to execute necessary documents with Solicitor approval

ON A MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMAN WALTON AND SECONDED BY MR. MARKOVICH, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. WESTPORT TIF DISBURSEMENT**

Request authorization to instruct the Trustee to disburse excess Series A funds to participating taxing bodies and allow the Director to execute necessary documents with Solicitor approval

ON A MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMAN WALTON AND SECONDED BY MR. MARKOVICH, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED

**B. REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM (RACP)**

Request authorization to submit an application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for assistance under the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 accept said grants and allow the Director to execute necessary documents with Solicitor approval

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. MARKOVICH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WALTON, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED

**C. REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM (RACP)**

Request authorization to submit an application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for assistance under the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program for an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, accept said grants; and allow the Director to execute necessary documents with Solicitor approval

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. MARKOVICH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WALTON, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED

D. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP)

Request authorization to approve various resolutions related to the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program for various properties located in the municipalities of Ross and Sharpsburg and allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor Approval

<u>Block and Lot No.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Municipality</u>
219-N-123	116 Mary St	Ross
168-K-34	Main St	Sharpsburg
168-K-35	Main St	Sharpsburg

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. MARKOVICH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WALTON, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED

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

Request authorization to approve a Certificate of Completion for one property in the Borough of West Mifflin, which was transferred through the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program; and allow the Director to execute the necessary documents with Solicitor approval

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. MARKOVICH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WALTON, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED

F. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP) – PARTICIPATION BY CITY OF DUQUESNE

Request authorization to allow the City of Duquesne to participate in the County’s AVPRP; allow RAAC to receive funds from the City or entities authorized by the City for the purpose of paying for all costs associated with acquiring properties through the AVPRP; and allow the Director to execute all the necessary documents with Solicitor approval

ON A MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMAN WALTON AND SECONDED BY MR. MARKOVICH, THE ABOVE REQUEST WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED

**ADJOURNMENT**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO TRANSACT, ON A MOTION MADE BY PEG McCORMICK BARRON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WALTON, THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

  
**Simone McMeans, Assistant Secretary**