

**REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
Minutes of Meeting
January 28th, 2019**

The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency of Franklin Township was held at 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The Sunshine Law was read and the roll was taken.

Present: Kimberly Francois; Ike Agudosi; Robert Mettler; Carl Wright; Nina Jordan
Absent: Dennis Sanders; Michael F. Gianotto
Also Present: Everett Johnson, Attorney; Anne Babineau, Attorney; Mark Healey, Executive Director

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Mettler nominated Mr. Gianotto for Chairman, seconded by Mr. Agudosi and unanimously approved by voice vote. With no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Mr. Mettler nominated Ms. Francois for Vice Chairwoman, seconded by Mr. Agudosi and unanimously approved by voice vote. With no further nominations, nominations were closed.

RESOLUTION No. 01-2019 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Mettler made a motion to adopt Resolution 01-2019 which appointed Mr. Gianotto as Chairman and Ms. Francois as Vice Chairwoman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Agudosi and unanimously approved by voice vote.

RESOLUTION No. 02-2019 – AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR AGENCY ATTORNEY

Mr. Mettler made a motion to adopt Resolution 02-2019 which awarded a contract to Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. as the Agency attorney. The motion was seconded by Mr. Agudosi and unanimously approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of November 29, 2018 were approved with amendment of one typographical error, with a motion made by Mr. Mettler seconded by Ms. Jordan and unanimously approved by a voice vote.

RPM UPDATE

Mr. Healey summarized the written update by RPM.

LEEWOOD UPDATE

No update was provided.

ATTORNEY INVOICES

A motion was made by Mr. Mettler to approve attorney invoice 40714655 seconded by Mr. Agudosi and unanimously carried by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 03-2019: AMENDMENT TO 2019 MEETING CALENDAR

Mr. Mettler made a motion to adopt Resolution 03-2019 which corrected the meeting date for February 2019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jordan and unanimously approved by voice vote.

RESOLUTION 04-2019: AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

Mr. Healey described Resolution 04-2019 which amendment would allow the Executive Director to pay invoices on behalf of the Agency if such invoices were related to services conducted under a contract previously approved by the Agency (e.g., invoices from the Agency attorney). The Agency amended the resolution to clarify that the Executive Director may also pay invoices for services not under a contract previously approved by the Agency provided written authorization is provided by the Chair or Vice Chair. Mr. Mettler made a motion to adopt Resolution 04-2019 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Agudosi and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

619 SOMERSET STREET

Mr. Healey reviewed a concept received by the Township for the potential redevelopment of the Frank's Hardware site and some surrounding properties involving a climate-controlled self-storage facility and two new retail pads along Somerset Street. If the concept proceeds actions may include: amending the redevelopment plan; expanding the redevelopment zone; drafting of a redevelopment agreement and redeveloper designation; and vacation of the undeveloped ("paper street") portion of Kevin Appuzio Ave (with the existing improved street remaining).

PUBLIC SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Mettler to open the public session. Said motion was seconded by Ms. Jordan and unanimously carried by a voice vote. Mr. John Tibbs expressed concerns about development on Hamilton Street. Mr. Tibbs was informed that Hamilton Street was not in the Redevelopment Area and therefore not under the jurisdiction of the Agency. He was informed that such concerns could be raised to the Hamilton Street Advisory Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Mettler and seconded by Ms. Jordan to close the public session. Said motion was carried unanimously carried by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm