

PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
JULY 28, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Chairperson Angel L. Alamo, Vice Chairman Michael B. Jordan, Commissioner Falio Leyba Martinez and Commissioner Barry Moore

Staff and Consultants Attending:

The Honorable Dana L. Redd, Mayor
Willie E. Hunter, Sr., Executive Director
Joe Myers, VP & COO --- Cooper's Ferry Partnership
Charles Holmes -- Holmes & Company
Brett Wiltsey, Esq. — Dilworth & Paxson — Special Counsel
Robert Corrales, City Business Administrator
Marc Riondino, Esq. — City Attorney
Glynn Jones — City Finance Director
Brian K. Coleman, Councilperson Ward 2

Others Present

Colandus "Kelly" Francis, NAACP Camden County Director/
Community Activist
Juliet Terruso , Philadelphia Inquirer
Daniel Ricketti , Resident/Medical Student

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Public Notice:

Mr. Wiltsey stated that the Parking Authority of the City of Camden gave notice of the time, place and date of this meeting by providing such notice by legal advertisement in the Courier Post Newspaper. A copy of the meeting notice was delivered to the Press Room in City Hall (in compliance with Open Public Meetings Law, P.L. 1975 e. 231).

The Chair recognized and yielded the floor to Mayor Redd.

The Honorable Dana L. Redd, Mayor

Prefacing her remarks, the Mayor thanked the Board for allotting this time to speak with them and distributed hard copies of a PowerPoint presentation.

Summarizing her presentation, Mayor Redd highlighted the initiatives in play for "MOVING CAMDEN FORWARD — RESTORING THE PRIDE".

Referencing the Economic Opportunity Act (EOA) some of the points Mayor Redd highlighted were:

- the City's past as an industrial hub and our present-day focus of bringing jobs back to Camden
- Camden has received a Bond Rating for the first time in fifteen years (BBB+)
- thanked the PACC for their work in safeguarding the revenue
- spoke of pending demolitions and how this relates to safety
- also in terms of public safety, the City/County police transition is working
 - there are now close to 400 foot patrols
 - businesses are looking at Camden as a viable location
 - there has been a reduction of close to 29 to 30% in violent crime since the beginning of 2014
 - referenced the Eye in the Sky technology
 - the police force is involved in gang intervention work and teaching alternatives to violence
 - plans to continue coordinating with County Metro to increase tech support
- referenced the need to also use a holistic approach and how the Choice
- Neighborhoods Initiative is being/will be used to impact Whitman Park, Centerville, Liberty Park, Cooper Landing
- emphasized the focus on our children; we overcome poverty by getting an education;
- noted the importance of community engagement
- eight million dollars is being sought for the demolition of 600+ abandoned buildings over the course of the next year
- the Administration is working with the new schools Superintendent to turn around our children's high truancy/low graduate rates
- many initiatives are in the pipeline — not all of which may be made public at this time per non-disclosure agreements
- the push to draw businesses back to Camden is major; one pending item will mean the creation of 3,000 jobs
- communicating the EOA incentive for small businesses will be done both in English and in Spanish

- emphasis was made that improvements are happening in the neighborhoods — not just on the Waterfront and in the downtown district
- the proposed Kroc Center should prove a boon to the City in terms of family engagement, cultural activities, etc.
- looking ahead the viability and functioning of the City's autonomous agencies is important with projects such as expansion of the Rutgers and Rowan campuses, the Health Sciences building, the 76ers Training Facility, there will be an increased need for parking — the Mayor believes the PACC is the Authority to answer the need; and also looks to the Authority to take the lead in hiring City residents; it's about retaining the City's middleclass and attracting new families; with an eye toward resetting/rethinking/sharing both externally and internally, the Mayor would like to see the Members privy to professional development resources
- suggest the Members look at the best practices under Local Government Services to avoid black eyes
- Camden is being touted as the model for transforming an urban center

Prior to turning the floor back over to Chairman Alamo, Mayor Redd stressed that in keeping with the guidelines of the Municipal Rehabilitation and Economic Recovery Act (MRERA), copies of the Board's Meeting Minutes should be forwarded for her review and approval. Having this documentation at her disposal means the actions of the PACC will have full effect.

Chairman Alamo thanked the Mayor for her report.

Brian Coleman

The Chair recognized Councilman Brian Coleman. Councilman Coleman spoke on behalf of the residents of the City in terms of re-employment. He has observed a number of people he knows here working and glad to be at the PACC; he thanked the ED and Members. Councilman Coleman lauded the Mayor's efforts and thanked her for her work.

Charles Holmes

Mr. Holmes summarized the COMPILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — June 30, 2014 and 2013 with Supplemental Information, making note of the uptick in revenue over expenses as compared to this time last year.

In response to Commissioner Moore, Mr. Holmes stated that the margin is steadily improving relative to temporary expenses.

Joe Myers

Mr. Myers reported as follows:

- stated that the infrastructure he'd been working on in concert with the Executive Director is a success in spite of opposition faced
- Cooper's Ferry Partnership is working with the Mayor's office on community

development

- thanked Commissioner Moore for his role in collaborating with the Royal Court homeowners
- the recent Freedom Fest boasted record attendance; events were spread out over a number of days; visitors came and stayed — not just for the fireworks
- 2015 New Year's planning is already under way

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hunter thanked all meeting attendees for their presence/input after which he briefly summarized how the season has been progressing, and the projects which have been completed as well as those in the works. Mr. Hunter commended the work of the Director of Operations, Trent Middleton. In closing, Mr. Hunter emphasized how well all partners are doing in terms of a united effort.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chair called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 23, 2014 Meeting.
Motion by: Commissioner Jordan seconded by Commissioner Moore

Roll Call:	Moore	Yes
	Martinez	Abstain
	Jordan	Yes
	Alamo	Yes

The Members entered into Closed Session at 6:50 p.m.

The Meeting returned to Open Session at 7:20 p.m.

Motion to approve the following Resolutions by Consent Agenda:
Motion by: Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Jordan.

R2014-07:52 Approving Cash Disbursements for the Balance of the Months of June 2014 and for the Month of July 2014

R2014-07:54 Authorizing an Agreement between the Parking authority and Dranoff Properties

R2014-07:55 Authorizing Agreement for professional services with DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP

R2014-07:56 Authorizing an Agreement with BRB Valuation & Consulting Services

R2014-07:57 Authorizing the Parking Authority to Request for Proposals (RFP) of radio

communication systems

R2014-07:58 Approving an Agreement with Dilworth Paxson for Special Counsel according to Non-Fair and Open Contract - Amended to reflect fee of \$175.00 per hour.

R2014-07:59 Approving Camden City Attorney Marc A. Riondino to provide General Legal Counsel Services to the Parking Authority of the City of Camden for an unexpired term pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:11A5.

Roll Call:	Alamo	Yes
	Jordan	Yes
	Moore	Yes
	Martinez	Abstain

R2014-07:60 Authorizing Parking Authority to hold a Closed Session Meeting to discuss legal, personnel and property matters.

Motion by Commissioner Martinez to enter in Closed Session seconded by Commissioner Moore.

Roll Call:	Alamo	Yes
	Jordan	Yes
	Moore	Yes
	Martinez	Yes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Kelly Francis:

The Chair yielded the floor to Mr. Francis. Mr. Francis summarized his various affiliations and activist endeavors. Mr. Francis lauded the PACC for their fiscal responsibility and stated he is happy overall with the job the PACC is doing.

Following Mr. Francis' comments Mayor Redd emphasized the value of Mr. Francis' positive comments.

- Daniel Ricketti

Mr. Ricketti was in attendance to speak on behalf of the students living in Residential Parking Zone 2 whose parking concerns need addressing. The Executive Director asked the gentleman to jot down his contact information.

- Juliet Terruso

Ms. Terruso introduced herself as a reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer. To date, Ms. Terruso had not attended a PACC Board Meeting; she thought it prudent to do so this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Cooper's Ferry Partnership

The Executive Director yielded the floor to Joe Myers. Mr. Myers briefed the Members on a development project whereby an agreement will be sought for 250 parking spaces to be utilized as partner parking. These are for those in the City/coming into the City whose efforts are focused on helping to revitalize.

Following Mr. Myers' comments, Commissioner Martinez commended Cooper's Ferry Partnership on their role in keeping the Board informed.

Newly Approved General Legal Counsel

Marc Riondino, Esq. formally introduced himself and emphasized his commitment to the PACC. Mr. Riondino stated there cannot be economic development without parking.

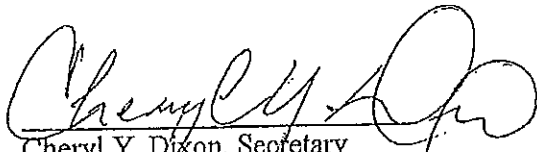
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Moore

All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By:


Cheryl Y. Dixon, Secretary
Parking Authority of the City of Camden