

**MINUTES OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE  
CITY OF READING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Reading held a Hybrid meeting on ZOOM computer application and 815 Washington Street, City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference room in the City of Reading, County of Berks, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Schlegel, and on roll call, the following were present:

Mr. Ernest Schlegel,	Chairman
Mr. Wellington Santana,	Vice-Chairman, attended via Zoom
Mr. Thomas Caltagirone,	Treasurer/Secretary
Mr. Nate Rivera,	Member, attended via Zoom (arrived at 5:13 pm)
Mr. Franklyn Fleming,	Member, attended via Zoom

Also present were:

Mr. Jamal Abodalo, Executive Director  
Ms. Rafaela Lopez, Asset Manager  
Ms. Yomary Castro, Fiscal Officer  
Ms. Melissa Krishock, Esq., Bingaman Hess  
Ms. Sara Hailstone, Hailstone Economic, attended via Zoom  
Mr. Jeremy Long, Reading Eagle, attended via Zoom

Chairman Schlegel called for a motion to add Resolution 23-2021 to section VI. Mr. Caltagirone made the motion and Mr. Santana seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:**

Mr. Santana motioned to approve minutes from September's meeting. Mr. Caltagirone seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Financial report:**

Chairman Schlegel called for a motion to approve invoices for the month of September as prepared by the Fiscal Officer and received by the Board for the amount of \$10,861.27. Mr. Santana made the motion and Mr. Caltagirone seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Schlegel informed the board he didn't have time to review the operating budget for 2022.

### **Old Business:**

Chairman Schlegel informed Board of having Asset Manager randomly pick three property maintenance companies. The City has been cleaning properties for us but we need to figure something out or compensate them.

### **New Business**

Mr. Abodalo informed board Land Bank meeting went well with the Reading School District. Mr. Gehris informed Mr. Abodalo of the Reading School District being in favor of the Land Bank but it will be set up a bit different. Four members will be selected. Mr. Abodalo and Hailstone Economic will discuss during their weekly meeting. Chairman Schlegel congratulated Mr. Abodalo and Ms. Scalluori on doing a great job meeting with the Reading School District.

Mr. Abodalo informed board Land Bank was also discussed with the county. Commissioner Rivera informed us four people will be joining the committee as well.

Chairman Schlegel called for a motion to approve Resolution 21-2021 authorizing Board Chairman to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification agreement with the City of Reading for 824-842 Penn Street. Mr. Caltagirone made the motion and Mr. Santana seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Schlegel called for a motion to approve Resolution 22-2021 authorizing for application to be submitted to the PA Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) for the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP). Mr. Caltagirone made the motion and Mr. Santana seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Schlegel called for a motion to approve Resolution 23-2021 authorizing Executive Director to execute any and all documents necessary for submission of a response to a request for proposal to the Pennsylvania Housing finance agency in order to obtain funding. Mr. Caltagirone made the motion and Mr. Santana seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Chairman Report**

Chairman Schlegel addressed things said during the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting. Their minutes reflect incorrect information which can lead to confusion. The Reading Redevelopment Authority is not part of Community Development. Our capacity was questioned but our meeting minutes prove how far along we have come. Chairman Schlegel thanked the staff and board for everything.

Mr. Santana appreciated clarification on this matter and stated we have excellent staff working together to fulfill our goal.

**Mr. Rivera stated Mayor Moran has full confidence in everyone currently working with RRA and believes they are the best fit to get the job done.**

**Adjournment**

**There being no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, and all members were in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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Asset Manager

21<sup>st</sup>, October, 2021