

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
121 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois
Regular Meeting
August 11, 2020

MINUTES
AS AMENDED

I. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Jorge Perez called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and then undertook a roll call to establish the presence of a quorum.

Present

Shirley Newsome, Vice Chairman
Gwendolyn Butler, Secretary
Marc Brooks
Robert Buford
Adela Cepeda
Leslie Davis
Eileen Rhodes
Latasha Thomas

Late

Dwight Curtis

Not Present

Maurice Cox
Cornelius Griggs
Chris Wheat

In response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, prior to the meeting, the Chairman determined that an in-person meeting was not prudent or practical, and thus issued “Emergency Rules Governing the Conduct of Remote Public Commission Meetings and Provisions for Remote Public Participation” to conduct the meeting remotely on Zoom. The meeting was available to be viewed by the public via live stream through the CDC website.

The CDC also accepted written comments from the public through the CDC website, up to twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting, and members of the public wishing to speak on a matter were given an opportunity to register in advance, also up to 24 hours before the meeting. Four individuals signed up to comment, and were given the opportunity to speak at the beginning of the meeting. Carlos Nelson spoke in support of the 79th St. RFP, while Roy Donoso, Jacqueline Reed, and Quiwana Bell all spoke in support of Laramie State Bank RFP.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 14TH MEETING

Vice-Chairman Newsome provided three corrections to the July 14th meeting minutes: specifically, that in Section 2, the roll should have indicated her presence at the meeting; that Section 3 should have indicated her presence and that she voted yes; and in Section 4, that she was present, presided over the item, and voted yes. Note: These corrections were subsequently made to the July 14 meeting minutes.

Motioned by Thomas, as amended, seconded by Butler. Approved 10-0. Yeas: Newsome, Butler, Brooks, Buford, Cepeda, Curtis, Davis, Rhodes, Thomas, Perez. Abstain/Not Present: Cox, Griggs, Wheat.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION TO INVEST / SOUTHWEST

An overview of DPD's strategy to bring development/investment to Chicago's South and West side neighborhoods.

Luke Mich Presenting

B. ENGLEWOOD MALL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 16)

Request authority to advertise and issue a Request For Proposals for the purchase and redevelopment of the property located at 6204 South Green Street, 6231 South Sangamon Street, 914 West 63rd Street, 6244 South Halsted Street, and 6150 South Green St in the Englewood Mall Redevelopment Project Area and the Englewood Neighborhood Project Redevelopment Project Area.

Project Manager: Luke Mich

Motioned by Newsome, seconded by Buford. Approved 10-0. Yeas: Newsome, Butler, Brooks, Buford, Cepeda, Curtis, Davis, Rhodes, Thomas, Perez. Abstain/Not Present: Cox, Griggs, Wheat.

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C. 79th STREET CORRIDOR TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 17)

Request authority to advertise and issue a Request for Proposals for the purchase and redevelopment of the property located at 838-58 West 79th Street in the 79th Street Corridor TIF Redevelopment Area.

Project Manager: Patrick Brutus

Motioned by Thomas, seconded by Brooks. Approved 10-0. Yeas: Newsome, Butler, Brooks, Buford, Cepeda, Curtis, Davis, Rhodes, Thomas, Perez. Abstain/Not Present: Cox, Griggs, Wheat.

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D. AUSTIN COMMERCIAL TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 37)

Request authority to acquire the property located at 5200-5224 West Chicago Avenue in the Austin Commercial Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area.

Project Manager: Ethan Lassiter

Motioned by Brooks, seconded by Cepada. Approved 10-0. Yeas: Newsome, Butler, Brooks, Buford, Cepeda, Curtis, Davis, Rhodes, Thomas, Perez. Abstain/Not Present: Cox, Griggs, Wheat.

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E. AUSTIN COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 37)

Request authority to advertise and issue a Request For Proposals for the purchase and redevelopment of the property located at 5200-5224 West Chicago Avenue in the Austin Commercial TIF RPA.

Project Manager: Ethan Lassiter

Motioned by Rhodes, seconded by Curtis. Approved 9-0. Yeas: Newsome, Butler, Brooks, Buford, Cepeda, Curtis, Rhodes, Thomas, Perez. Abstain/Not Present: Cox, Davis, Griggs, Wheat.

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IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Newsome. Voice vote, all yeas.
Meeting adjourned at 2:23.