

City of Worcester, Massachusetts

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WORCESTER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Friday, October 31, 2014

8:30 A.M.

Union Station

CMRPC – Union Hall

Worcester, MA 01604

Present:

Worcester Redevelopment Authority Board

Vincent A. Pedone, Chair
Steven Rothschild, Secretary
Jennifer Gaskin
David Minasian
Robert Diaz

Staff

Michael E. Traynor, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Paul Morano, Business Assistance Director
John Odell, Director, City Energy and Asset Management Division
Rick Trifero, City Energy and Asset Management Division
Erin Cahill, WRA Financial Manager
Jane Bresnahan, Executive Office of Economic Development

Pursuant to a notice given (attached), a meeting of the Worcester Redevelopment Authority was held at 8:30 A.M. on October 31, 2014.

1. Call to Order

Acting Chief Executive Officer Michael Traynor called the meeting to order at 8:40 A.M.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Traynor called the roll.

3. Minutes of the October 10, 2014 Meeting

Mr. Pedone asked the Board to review the minutes. Mr. Rothschild offered approval of the minutes with Mr. Minasian seconding the approval. The minutes were unanimously adopted without amendment.

New Business

1. Union Station Harding Street Improvements Project - Banners.

Mr. Traynor presented the Board with a rendering of the proposed outdoor banners, comparing the architect's grey background version versus a black background version. Mr. Odell explained that while the black background reflected the new signage to be installed inside the Station, the architect recommended the grey background because this area is naturally darker and the grey background would make for easier reading. After viewing the area where the banners would hang, the Board chose the grey background but asked that the letter spacing and font shown on the black version be used.

2. Sale of Washington Square Parcel.

Mr. Traynor reported that he has had two meetings with the First Bristol Corporation to discuss their desire to purchase the WRA-owned parcel on the easterly side of Washington Square and asked that the Board meet in executive session to discuss the value of the property. Mr. Pedone concurred and stated that the Authority's discussion of the matter in open session would have a detrimental effect on its negotiating position. Ms. Gaskin made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Rothschild:

To convene in executive session to discuss the value of real property because to meet in open session would have a detrimental impact on the Authority's negotiating position with the potential purchaser of the property, and to reconvene in open session.

On a roll call vote the Board voted unanimously 5-0 adopted the motion.
The Authority reconvened in open session at 9:30 a.m.

3. Union Station Tour

The Board members and staff toured the building, the Harding Street area for the future taxi-stand station and the leak damage that needs to be repaired.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Traynor,
Acting Chief Executive Officer