

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
121 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois
Regular Meeting
September 8, 2020

MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Jorge Perez was not able to attend the meeting, so the Vice Chairman Shirley Newsome called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m. and then undertook a roll call to establish the presence of a quorum.

Present

Shirley Newsome, Vice Chairman
Gwendolyn Butler, Secretary
Adela Cepeda
Maurice Cox
Dwight Curtis
Leslie Davis
Cornelius Griggs
Latasha Thomas

Late

Eileen Rhodes
Robert Buford

Not Present

Chairman Perez
Marc Brooks
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 provided an opportunity for members of the public to submit written comments, up to twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting, through the CDC website. Members of the public wishing to speak on a matter were also given an opportunity to register in advance, also up to 24 hours before the meeting. No members of the public provided written comments or registered to speak at the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11TH MEETING (As Amended)

Amended minutes were provided to commissioners prior to the meeting, indicating a correction to the original August attendance roll call, which counted certain commissioners as absent instead of late. Motioned by Butler, seconded by Curtis. Approved 8-0. Yeas: Newsome, Butler, Buford, Cepeda, Curtis, Davis, Rhodes, Thomas, Abstain/Not Present: Chairman Perez, Brooks, Cox, Wheat, Griggs.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. ROOSEVELT/CICERO REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 24)

Request authority to advertise and issue a Request For Proposals for the purchase and redevelopment of the properties located at 4300 West Roosevelt Road and 4301 West Fifth Avenue in the Roosevelt/Cicero TIF Redevelopment Project Area.

Ethan Lassiter

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

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

Request authority for the Department of Planning and Development to negotiate a redevelopment agreement with Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation (“GAGDC”) for redevelopment of the property located at 839-845 W. 79th St. in the 79th Street Corridor Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, and to recommend to the City Council of the City of Chicago the designation of GAGDC as Developer.

William Grams

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

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C. DIVISION/HOMAN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

(WARD 26) Request authority to advertise the Department of Housing’s intention to enter into a modified City Lots for Working Families Redevelopment Agreement with L&MC Investments LLC, or a related entity, for the disposition of the property located at 1138 N Christiana Ave and 1142 N Christiana Ave in the Division/Homan Redevelopment Area, to request alternative proposals, and to approve the sale of the property to L&MC Investments LLC, or a related entity, if no responsive alternative proposals are received.

Brian O’Donnell

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

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IV. ADJOURNMENT

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