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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Economic Development & Housing

Dewitt Walton, Chair; Tom Baker, Patrick Catena, Sam DeMarco, Nick Futules, Bob Macey and John Palmiere, Members

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager or designee(s)
Lance Chimka, Director, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development

Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Mr. Chimka and Ms. Collins were present from the Department of Economic Development.

Mr. Barker was present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 1 - DeWitt Walton

Members Absent: 4 - Patrick Catena, Sam DeMarco, Bob Macey and John Palmiere

Members Phone: 2 - Tom Baker and Nick Futules

Members 1 - Sue Means

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

[10944-19](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018 meeting of the Committee on Economic Development and Housing.

A motion was made by Baker, seconded by Futules, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[10924-19](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the conveyance of the County of Allegheny's interest in two parcels of land located in the Borough of Braddock known as Block 302-J, Lot 351 and Block 302-J, Lot 358 to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Ms. Collins summarized its provisions, noting that both parcels at issue are owned jointly by the Borough of Braddock, Woodland Hills School District, and the County, and that the ordinance would approve the sale of the County's portion of the ownership interest. Ms. Collins noted that RAAC already owns the other properties on the block, and is in the process of attempting to preparing it for development. Mr. Chimka indicated that the consolidated parcel would end up being approximately 5 acres in size, and all environmental preparation work is completed.

In response to a question from Mr. Baker, Mr. Chimka noted that the site assembly has the approval of Braddock's council, and Ms. Collins noted that both the Borough and School District have already approved their portions of the sale.

In response to questions from Ms. Means, Ms. Collins noted that the sale price would be for nominal value, and Mr. Chimka indicated that there has already been some interest in developing the property for light industrial use and that this would be consistent with the current zoning, but that nothing has been finally decided as of yet.

A motion was made by Futules, seconded by Baker, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10.