

**EASTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**September 21, 2011**

**Roll Call**

The regular meeting of the Easton Redevelopment Authority was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room, One South Third Street, Easton, PA. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Ms. Lauritzen. Members present: Ms. Lauritzen, Ms. Moser-Collins, Mr. Houston and Mr. Pesaresi. Mr. McAteer sent his regrets. Staff present: Ms. Longenbach and Ms. Woolverton. Solicitor Dan Cohen was also present.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Annual Meeting on August 17, 2011 was made by Ms. Moser-Collins, seconded by Mr. Houston, approved by all.

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**New Business**

**Approval of Bills.** Copies of the bills for August were distributed to the Board. A motion to approve payment of the bills was made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Ms. Moser-Collins, approved by all.

**Change of Salary and wages for Michael Brett.** Ms. Longenbach said Mr. Brett is willing to increase the number of hours he works, and has declined health and pension benefits. Therefore, she wanted to increase his pay rate, retroactive as of September 1, 2011. A motion to approve the resolution to was made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Ms. Moser-Collins, approved by all.

**Purchase of 54 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street.** Ms. Longenbach explained the ERA was seeking to purchase 54 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street. She said the location was near the NSP area, but this property would be rehabilitated using CDBG funding. She said the property needs less rehabilitation than the previous properties did. She added that since the sale of 1008 Ferry Street, the ERA has been receiving purchase offers on the properties before the rehabilitation is even completed. A motion to approve the resolution to purchase 54 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street was made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Pesaresi, approved by all.

**Purchase of 129 Northampton Street parking lot.** Ms. Longenbach said this purchase had been discussed at the August meeting, and before City Council. She said the purchase of the parking lot would help facilitate the redevelopment of 118 and 120 Northampton Street by providing tenant parking for the buildings. She said the plan is for the City to loan the purchase price to the redevelopment Authority. A motion to approve the resolution to purchase 129 Northampton Street for \$62,000 was made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Pesaresi, approved by all.

**Grant application to DCED for Monroe County Share Grant funds.** Ms. Longenbach said this will be the third time funds were applied for, the other two times funding was received for Victory Brewing and the Lipkins Building. She explained this application would be for \$300,000 and would be for the WEST and A & D Tile buildings. She added the grant manager had visited the City and reviewed all three projects and was impressed. She said the plans for these two buildings are a great concept, with over 24 residential units. She said it is a multi million dollar project with a proven developer, and the funds, when repaid, will benefit the Main Street program. A motion to approve the resolution authorizing the grant application was made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Pesaresi, approved by all.

**Executive Director's Report.** A copy of the Executive Director's report had been included in the packet.

- Lafayette College Cleanup Day at the Silk Mill is scheduled for October 7.
- Demolition of the Francis Building is scheduled to begin immediately after the Movies at the Mill Event on September 24.

- 2012 CDBG applications have been received and applicants have presented to City Council.
- The ERA is looking at the possibility of purchasing 4 residential parcels in one transaction, however, some currently have tenants and that needs to be addressed.

As there was no further business to attend the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

ATTEST:

BY:

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Nancy Moser-Collins  
Secretary  
DATE:

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Richard McAteer  
Chair  
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