

**EAST HARTFORD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING
May 27, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the East Hartford Redevelopment Agency was called to order at **6:02 p.m.** on **Wednesday, May 27, 2009** by Chairperson Robin Pearson

2. ROLL CALL

EAST HARTFORD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Present:

Robin Pearson, Chair
Gerald Maine
Ellen McCreery

Absent:

Daniel Dube
John Ryan

Others in Attendance:

Jeanne Webb, Director of Development
Richard Gentile, Corporation Counsel
Melody Currey, Mayor

3) BILLS LIST

- a) **\$100.00 – Clerk**

MOTION by Ms. McCreery, seconded by Mr. Maine
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) April 15, 2009

MOTION by Mr. Maine, seconded by Ms. McCreery
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5) BURNSIDE AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT

- a) 482-484 Burnside – Progress Report
 - i) Construction of the 2nd Floor is close to completion
- b) 550 Burnside Avenue – Discussion of Draft RFP
 - i) Ms. Webb reiterated the previous position the Development Office had taken to hold off on releasing this RFP, giving time to weigh in on the economy and hold for future distribution.
- c) 590 Burnside Avenue – Progress Report
 - i) A meeting was held with neighbors and area seniors. Approximately 70 residents showed.

- ii) Ms. Webb will begin the process of transferring the title from the Town to the Redevelopment Agency.
- d) 671 Burnside Avenue – Progress Report
 - i) Mr. Malapetsas has until July 1, 2009 to submit plans to the Agency.

6) MAIN STREET REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

- a) Gateway Square – Discussion of Tract A
 - i) Larry Nirenberg from First Merchants spoke to the Agency regarding the current economic climate and that inability to attract viable tenants. Mr. Nirenberg claims that fast food chains are currently the only bankable option.
 - ii) Ms. Webb will give Mr. Nirenberg the contact information for the Hartford Restaurant Group (Wood-n-Tap, Vaughn's, Agave)
 - iii) Mr. Nirenberg will get an updated itemized financial statement regarding Tract A to the Agency at their September 16, 2009 meeting.

MOTION by Ms. McCreery, seconded by Mr. Maine to reopen for discussion, Item 5d on the agenda

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5) BURNSIDE AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT

- d) 671 Burnside Avenue – Progress Report
 - i) Mr. Malapetsas requested that the Agency give him the land to maintain and pay taxes on until he is financially able to expand
 - ii) Ms. Pearson requested that Ms. Webb draw up a proposal for what action will be taken in regards to Mr. Malapetsas and said property
 - iii) Mr. Malapetsas will have until the next regularly scheduled meeting, June 17, 2009, to submit his plans.

7) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. McCreery, seconded by Mr. Maine, to adjourn.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY at 7:04p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Currey
Clerk

cc: Town Clerk
Mayor
EHRA Department