The members of the Lawrence Redevelopment Authority met in Regular Session on February 28, 2019, in the Planning Dept., 12 Methuen St., Lawrence, MA at 5:30PM.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Evan Silverio and upon Roll call, the following were:

Present: Evan Silverio, Chair
Elias Rodriguez, Vice Chair
Michele Melancon, Treasurer
Ana Medina, Voting Member

Also Present: Anne-Marie Nyhan Doherty, Administrative Asst.
Atty. Larry Mayo, Legal Counsel

A copy of the NOTICE OF MEETING pursuant to Section 23A of Chapter 39 of the General Laws with the Certification as to Service of Notice of Meeting attached was read and order spread upon the minutes of this meeting and filed for the record.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23A of Chapter 39 of the General Laws that a regular meeting of the Lawrence Redevelopment Authority will be held on February 28, 2019 in the Planning Dept., 12 Methuen St., 1st floor, Lawrence, MA at 5:30PM.

LAWRENCE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Anne-Marie Nyhan Doherty
Administrative Assistant
February 22, 2019

CERTIFICATION AS TO SERVICE OF NOTICE OF MEETING

I, Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty, Administrative Assistant to the Lawrence Redevelopment Authority, Lawrence, MA do hereby certify that on February 22, 2019 there was filed in the manner provided by Section 23A of Chapter 39 of the General Laws with the Clerk of the City of Lawrence a NOTICE OF MEETING of which the following is a true copy. IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Lawrence Redevelopment Authority.

[Signature]
Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty
Administrative Assistant

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Melancon, the members unanimously voted to open the public meeting.

Newly appointed member, Ana Medina was welcomed by the members.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for the members’ attention.

OLD BUSINESS

Lawrence Riverfront Industrial Park – Use of Parcel 6B-3

This agenda item remained tabled.

Urban Renewal Plan Process

Mr. Silverio explained that on February 19, 2019 the City Council was supposed to vote and it was anticipate approving the 40R and zoning changes. However, the agenda item was tabled. Due to a lack of members that were not present along with the fact that Councilor Vasquez was filling in as Acting Mayor, and the item needing 6 out of 9 votes and with one of the Councilors expressing his non-support of the matter, it was thought best that the item be tabled. Councilor Laplante had indicated that he was not in favor of more housing and was to vote consistently, thus he suggested that the matter be tabled as to not fail.

Mr. Silverio noted that he along with Ms. Church and Mr. McCarthy all addressed the Council to answer questions.
Casey Bridge

Mrs. Doherty provided the Board with information relative to the contract with Giombetti. The check from the City was presented in the amount of $69,461.97 and an invoice in the amount of $24,011.97. The check was to be deposited and the Treasurer would write a check in the amount of the invoice.

Illuminación Lawrence

Mr. Silverio stated that this project is moving forward. He said that Mass Development will award $30,000 and another matching $30,000 needed to be raised through crowdfunding.

Mr. Silverio told of other lighting projects around the City such as the Everett Mill and the display on the Library. Lighting in addition is still to be determined. Interest needs to be generated and a cultural position must be raised. He said that the clock tower is to be lit in the spring. Other ideas such as a food truck project and the launch of the Illuminación Lawrence to be done on a neutral day were discussed. He noted that the LRA will participate in the raising of funds.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Silverio stated that he had recently spoken before a real estate group which will create its own entity and if and when they see a project perhaps the LRA could partner with them.

Atty. Mayo stated that it would depend on the nature and scope.

Mr. Silverio stated that they will be making a presentation and the goal would be in line with the Urban Renewal Plan. He noted that this group is putting in their own funds.

One Mill St.

A discussion ensued on the insurance certificate. Atty. Mayo indicated that additional insurance coverage was required with regards to the liquor liability. Degnan Insurance indicated that the company that is insuring the business now will not provide additional coverage due to prior claims. Atty. Mayo felt that there were additional providers that would insure the business in the requested limits. Atty. Mayo stated that he would get in touch with Atty. Kelley, the business owners’ attorney.

Correspondence

Atty. Mayo took the annual report request by DHCD to follow up on.

Mrs. Doherty took the Annual Expenses report to follow up on.

Mrs. Doherty suggested that the LRA consider having an audit done since it has been years since one has been conducted.
BOARD BUSINESS

Insurance and Bonding issue

This agenda item remained tabled.

Acceptance of Minutes

Upon a motion made by Ms. Melancon and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, the members unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the January 30, 2019 meeting.

LRA Accounts

A handout detailing the LRA accounts was distributed to the Board.

Investment Opportunities

Mr. Rodriguez is following up on the application that was being submitted to The Massachusetts Municipal Depository (MMDT).

Invoices

Attorney Mayo

Upon a motion made by Ms. Melancon and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, the members unanimously voted to authorize payment of Atty. Mayo’s invoice dated February 1, 2019 in the amount of $956.25 to be paid from the retainer account.

Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty

Upon a motion made by Ms. Melancon and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, the members unanimously voted to authorize payment of Ms. Nyhan-Doherty’s February invoice in the amount of $250.00.

Correspondence

There was no additional Board Business for the members’ attention.

With no more business before the members,

Upon a motion made by Ms. Melancon and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, the members unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting continuing any matters as noted.