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1                   MR. DRENNAN: All right, we are going  
2 to start, we have members present. Thank you. In  
3 compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, at  
4 least 48 hours notice of this meeting was sent by  
5 way of Secretary of State to the following  
6 newspapers: The Star Ledger, the Trenton Times, the  
7 Trentonian, the Courier Post, the Atlantic City  
8 Press, the Asbury Park Press, and the Bergen  
9 Record. Roll call. Marilyn Davis?

10                   MS. DAVIS: Here.

11                   MR. DRENNAN: Michelle Richardson.

12                   MS. RICHARDSON: Here.

13                   MR. DRENNAN: Lopa Kolluri.

14                   MS. KOLLURI: Here.

15                   MR. DRENNAN: Donna Pearson.

16                   MS. PEARSON: Here.

17                   MR. DRENNAN: Ambar Abelar.

18                   MR. ABELAR: Here.

19                   MR. DRENNAN: Lewis Hurd? Not here.

20 Kevin Drennan, I'm here. We have a quorum.

21                   We are going to move to the approval  
22 of February 14, and March 14 minutes. Can I have a  
23 motion for approval?

24                   MS. RICHARDSON: Motion.

25                   MR. DRENNAN: Motion Michelle. Can I



1 have a second?

2 MS. DAVIS: Second.

3 MR. DRENNAN: Second Marilyn. All in  
4 favor? Opposed? I abstain, I was not here.

5 MS. DAVIS: Same here.

6 MR. DRENNAN: You were not here?

7 MS. DAVIS: Uh-uh.

8 MR. DRENNAN: Two abstentions in the  
9 affirmative. Moving on to new business. Our first  
10 project is from Asbury Park to request for \$70,000  
11 for a police vehicle program. Tom Gilmour.

12 MR. GILMOUR: Good morning. Greetings  
13 from Asbury Park. Here with me today I'm very proud  
14 to introduce Mark Kinmon, Mark is our new police  
15 chief. Very recently we eliminated the position of  
16 director of public safety and recreated the position  
17 of police chief. And I'm very happy to have Mark  
18 here. You may have read about him in the New York  
19 Times on Sunday, we had a very positive article  
20 about what we're doing as far as law enforcement is  
21 concerned in Asbury Park.

22 Today in front of you we have a  
23 project we're requesting \$70,000 worth of zone  
24 assistance funds to purchase four new police cars.  
25 As you've heard me say many times, the City



1 financially is still getting back on its feet right  
2 now. And until some of the real estate that's being  
3 built in the city right now actually ends up on our  
4 tax rolls, we are still struggling almost on a  
5 day-to-day basis. So we are asking for \$70,000 of  
6 zone assistance funds. And in this request we also  
7 have \$11,000 worth of second generation funds to  
8 purchase four police cars. At present we have 44  
9 police cars, our police force is approximately--

10 MR. KINMON: Eighty-nine.

11 MR. GILMOUR:-- 89 officers. A lot has  
12 changed with the police since I wrote this  
13 proposal. But in any event, we really need  
14 additional police cars, a lot of the police cars  
15 that are in our fleet right now are very old, and a  
16 lot of them are somewhat unreliable. So this will  
17 be a big boost, certainly from an image standpoint,  
18 that we are working on our infrastructure in the  
19 City to really promote a better image of what we're  
20 doing. The police are very visible in our  
21 commercial district, as we recruit new businesses  
22 it's very, very important that we do have a police  
23 presence down there. Because, as you also know, we  
24 have developed over the last 30 years an unfortunate  
25 image of being an unsafe place to go, which is not



1 true. But we are fighting that image right now. So  
2 that's our request.

3 MR. DRENNAN: Can I have a motion to  
4 make a motion for \$70,000?

5 MS. BRUCK: A motion to consider.

6 MR. DRENNAN: I'm sorry, a motion to  
7 consider Asbury Park's request for \$70,000 for  
8 police program?

9 MS. DAVIS: So moved.

10 MR. DRENNAN: Marilyn. Second?

11 MS. PEARSON: Second.

12 MR. DRENNAN: Any discussion? Will the  
13 cars display the UEZ logo?

14 MR. GILMOUR: Absolutely.

15 MS. DAVIS: Good question.

16 MR. GILMOUR: That's why they cost  
17 \$70,000.

18 MR. DRENNAN: Any further discussion?  
19 I'll take a vote. All in favor? Opposed?

20 (All in favor, no opposed)

21 MR. DRENNAN: Our next project is City  
22 of Bridgeton, which has two requests, one for  
23 \$190,000 for the North Laurel Street Riverfront rear  
24 facade program. Second is a contract amendment  
25 extension request number five for UEZ 05-02 for



1 central business district improvement and also a  
2 change in the program methodology.

3 MS. BRUCK: Take them separately.

4 MS. ZAPOLSKI: Good morning, I'm Sandy  
5 Zapolski.

6 MR. DRENNAN: We are going to take  
7 these separately.

8 MS. ZAPOLSKI: Okay.

9 MR. DRENNAN: She can present them both  
10 at the same time.

11 MS. BRUCK: No, we take them  
12 separately.

13 MR. DRENNAN: We will take the North  
14 Laurel Street first.

15 MS. ZAPOLSKI: This is Kevin Robago, he  
16 is my assistant in the office, he helps write the  
17 projects for me. This morning we are asking for  
18 \$190,000 in urban enterprise zone funds, 47,500 will  
19 be the building owner's responsibility. The total  
20 project ends up being \$237,500 for a facade program  
21 for the buildings between our Broad Street and  
22 Commerce Street main arteries of the city. The rear  
23 facade that we're looking at is the area where we  
24 hold many of our summer projects. We have a  
25 farmer's market from June to October on Fridays



1 there. We have eight Sunday night concerts in that  
2 area. And we have eight programs called Out to  
3 Lunch on the Fountain Plaza in that same area.  
4 These buildings have really been in disrepair for  
5 the last few years. There is boarded up windows and  
6 trash compactors all over the place, and trash  
7 receptacles all over the place.

8                   What we are trying to do is clean the  
9 area up, get it back into a nicer looking area that  
10 when people come in and they see that riverfront  
11 they also want to see the rest of the city. The  
12 fronts of the buildings and the actual businesses on  
13 the Laurel Street side are doing very well, it's  
14 just the rear of the buildings need quite a bit of  
15 repair. So we're trying to, at this point, do a  
16 project that will make the city look better in that  
17 area, and then we will spread it down as we go.

18                   MR. DRENNAN: Okay. Thank you. At  
19 this time we will take a motion for--

20                   MS. BRUCK: Consider.

21                   MR. DRENNAN: Consider, thank you, the  
22 \$190,000 for the North Laurel Street Riverfront  
23 program.

24                   MS. PEARSON: Motion.

25                   MR. DRENNAN: Second?



1 MS. DAVIS: Second.

2 MR. DRENNAN: Second by Marilyn.

3 Discussion, questions?

4 MR. ABELAR: No.

5 MR. DRENNAN: None? Hearing none, all  
6 in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

7 MS. PEARSON: One.

8 MR. DRENNAN: All in favor, one  
9 abstain.

10 MS. BRUCK: From Ms. Pearson.

11 MR. DRENNAN: Abstention by Ms.  
12 Pearson. Thank you. Vote's in the affirmative.

13 MS. BRUCK: Motion carries.

14 MR. DRENNAN: Motion carries, thank  
15 you. Now the second project contract amendment  
16 extension request number five is for UEZA 05-02.

17 MS. ZAPOLSKI: Okay, I was told that I  
18 had to kind of present something because it had been  
19 extended so many times. The first three extensions  
20 I was not in the City, I have only been with the  
21 City since September, so I can't speak to those, the  
22 last two. The first extension I did was for a  
23 six-month period, because I didn't know that it  
24 would take so long to get a quote that we needed to  
25 buy the lights, and the light fixtures, and the



1 poles, and so on that needed to be put in that  
2 area.

3                   What had happened was this was  
4 originally written without the lamps and poles in  
5 the project, but instead of closing the project  
6 down, rewriting a whole new one, I thought just  
7 change the scope of the project a little bit and add  
8 in the lights. And what held it up was the quotes  
9 anyway. And so now we have the proper quotes and  
10 everything is the way it needs to be, and we need to  
11 extend it further so we can finish the project.

12                   MR. DRENNAN: All right, thank you.  
13 I'll take a motion to consider the contract  
14 amendment extension request number five for UEZA  
15 05-02 central business improvement and also a change  
16 in program methodology.

17                   MS. RICHARDSON: So moved.

18                   MR. DRENNAN: Michelle. Second?

19                   MS. DAVIS: Second.

20                   MR. DRENNAN: Marilyn. Discussion,  
21 question?

22                   MS. RICHARDSON: Question.

23                   MR. DRENNAN: Michelle.

24                   MS. RICHARDSON: I was looking at the  
25 budget, I'm trying to understand. So you're buying



1 six new lamp poles?

2 MS. ZAPOLSKI: Right, to replace  
3 damaged ones.

4 MS. RICHARDSON: Right. But when I  
5 look at the budget you're reducing the construction  
6 line item and increasing the professional services  
7 line item, so I was wondering about where the  
8 company's associated with installation to labor  
9 costs are?

10 MS. ZAPOLSKI: The City does that. The  
11 City itself, the public works department will do the  
12 labor.

13 MS. RICHARDSON: They provide the  
14 labor?

15 MS. ZAPOLSKI: Uh-huh.

16 MS. RICHARDSON: Okay. So was the  
17 construction line item overstated from the outset?

18 MS. ZAPOLSKI: I don't know, because I  
19 haven't been there, I wasn't there during the entire  
20 project.

21 MS. RICHARDSON: Okay.

22 MS. ZAPOLSKI: So I don't know exactly  
23 where that would have been different.

24 MS. RICHARDSON: So when this came  
25 through initially in the budget there would have



1 been a notation saying the City was anteing up a  
2 certain amount of funds toward this project?

3 MS. ZAPOLSKI: Right.

4 MS. RICHARDSON: Okay.

5 MR. DRENNAN: Any other questions?

6 MS. DAVIS: When do you anticipate this  
7 project will be complete?

8 MS. ZAPOLSKI: I honestly don't know  
9 how long it will take to get the supplies in once  
10 this is approved, but I would hope not more than six  
11 months.

12 MR. DRENNAN: Any further discussion?  
13 Seeing none, all in favor? Opposed? Abstain?

14 MS. PEARSON: One.

15 MR. DRENNAN: One abstention, Ms.  
16 Pearson, motion carries.

17 Our next project is from Hillside,  
18 request for \$237,000 for marketing promotion year  
19 two.

20 MR. AUBOURG: Good morning. My name is  
21 Yves Aubourg, A-U-B-O-U-R-G, and I'm presenting  
22 Hillside on marketing promotion for year two. This  
23 is a year project, with that project I include  
24 Comcast project spotlight, the Star Ledger, and  
25 there are some welcome banners that we need to



1 change. Also we are going to have some street fair  
2 and health care that usually holds in the Township,  
3 and it will be company sponsored as a program. And  
4 then we have a Union County Alliance newspaper that  
5 we always participate in, and this year we are going  
6 to get the money from the marketing. It's been  
7 called by the business that the UEZ needs to support  
8 them in promoting what they're selling, what they're  
9 doing, and I think this project is supporting that.

10 MR. DRENNAN: Okay. Take a motion for  
11 the request to consider Hillside's request for  
12 \$237,000 for marketing promotion year two.

13 MS. DAVIS: So moved.

14 MR. DRENNAN: Ms. Davis. Second?

15 MS. PEARSON: Second.

16 MR. DRENNAN: Ms. Pearson. Discussion  
17 or questions?

18 MS. KOLLURI: Question.

19 MR. DRENNAN: Sure, Ms. Kolluri.

20 MS. KOLLURI: Do you have to go through  
21 the bidding process to select Comcast?

22 MR. AUBOURG: No, Comcast is the only  
23 one that sells the broadcasting outside, and mostly  
24 northeast of Union County, so there's no really  
25 bidding process.



1 MS. KOLLURI: Okay, thank you.

2 MR. AUBOURG: And I have been using  
3 them for the past three years too.

4 MR. DRENNAN: Any further discussion?  
5 Hearing none, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

6 (All in favor, no opposed)

7 MR. DRENNAN: Motion carries. Thank  
8 you.

9 MR. AUBOURG: Thank you.

10 MR. DRENNAN: Our next project, Jersey  
11 City's request for \$304,205 for Martin Luther King  
12 block front blocks five and six.

13 MS. FARBER: Good morning all. This is  
14 for a continuation of a project for Martin Luther  
15 King Drive, which is one of the low income areas of  
16 the city. This is for continuation for block fronts  
17 which have been ongoing. There was a shortfall  
18 because of change orders, so we are looking for  
19 funding just to complete the project.

20 MR. DRENNAN: Okay. And this is Ms.  
21 Roberta Farber for Jersey City. Thank you.

22 MS. FARBER: You're welcome.

23 MR. DRENNAN: I will take a motion to  
24 consider Jersey City's request for \$304,205 for  
25 Martin Luther King block front blocks five and six.



1 MS. PEARSON: So moved.

2 MR. DRENNAN: Ms. Pearson. Second?

3 MS. DAVIS: Second.

4 MR. DRENNAN: Ms. Davis. Discussion or  
5 questions?

6 MR. ABELAR: No.

7 MR. DRENNAN: Hearing none, all in  
8 favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

9 MS. RICHARDSON: Recused.

10 MR. DRENNAN: Ms. Michelle Richardson  
11 with abstention.

12 MS. RICHARDSON: Recuse.

13 MR. DRENNAN: I'm sorry, recusal.  
14 Motion carries, thank you.

15 Our next project for Millville's  
16 request for \$90,000 for tourism wayfinding signage  
17 program phase one, Mr. Don Ayres.

18 MR. AYRES: Thank you. Good morning.  
19 Yes, we're about to enter an exciting new phase in  
20 our goal to become a tourism destination, and this  
21 request for \$90,000 is for professional services to  
22 help us do the planning and design and prepare for  
23 wayfinding signage throughout the city.

24 Our three main destinations are our  
25 downtown, which as many times before I have been



1 before the Board with projects related to our glass  
2 town arts district project, which it is having  
3 significant success in drawing people to the  
4 downtown.

5                   We also have an approximately 1.5  
6 miles one to the east and one to the west of the  
7 downtown two other major tourist draws that we're  
8 trying to enhance and tie into the mix, one is  
9 Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center, which brings in  
10 about 80,000 people a year currently and is changing  
11 the art center's mission to become more broad based  
12 and not exclusively focused on glass, which is our  
13 heritage in Millville.

14                   The other is Millville Airport, where  
15 we have the Millville Army Airfield Museum, which  
16 celebrates the history there of being a training  
17 base for fighter pilots for World War II. And  
18 Millville Airport the museum has now created a  
19 historic district and is restoring older buildings  
20 and recently been the beneficiaries of a donation of  
21 1.7 million dollars, one of the last flying P-47  
22 Thunderbolts for which we're named there with a  
23 promise of future donations of world war planes that  
24 actually can still fly. So we think that will be a  
25 tremendous draw.



1                   Along with the recent signing of  
2 legislation by Governor Corzine to allow the  
3 Thunderbolt Raceway, which is a New Jersey motor  
4 sports park to go forward, which we expect to be  
5 about a 150 million dollar project that will in year  
6 one, hopefully, in 2008, draw 200,000 visitors to  
7 the city and increasing about 500,000 visitors a  
8 year by year five.

9                   The idea is to tie all of this  
10 together with wayfinding and so that each of these  
11 destinations can be interrelated. All three of the  
12 destinations are in the UEZ. And the Army Airfield  
13 Museum a lot of the businesses in the downtown  
14 Wheaton Arts are all UEZ certified. So our request  
15 is to do phase one with the planning and design of  
16 the wayfinding system.

17                   MR. DRENNAN: Okay, thank you. Take a  
18 motion to consider Millville's request for \$90,000  
19 for tourism wayfinding sign program phase one.

20                   MS. PEARSON: So moved.

21                   MR. DRENNAN: Ms. Pearson. Second?

22                   MR. ABELAR: Second.

23                   MR. DRENNAN: Mr. Abelar. Discussions  
24 or questions?

25                   MS. KOLLURI: I have a couple



1 questions. First question was with regards to what  
2 kind of expertise and skill set would you be looking  
3 for in a consultant?

4 MR. AYRES: Someone who is experienced  
5 in tourism signage. We have identified a list of  
6 people that we will be soliciting bids from. But  
7 there are firms out there that specialize in doing  
8 this and tourism destination areas, and it's kind  
9 of-- as I've learned it's a kind of a specialty onto  
10 itself.

11 MS. KOLLURI: And then what's the time  
12 line for the entire project?

13 MR. AYRES: The entire project we hope  
14 that this project can be implemented in short order,  
15 followed right on we have to raise the money for the  
16 second project. But we have been encouraged by  
17 state officials, you know, to seek centers of place  
18 and other types of monies for phase two. But we  
19 would like it to be in place. Our goal is for it to  
20 be in place when the motor sports facility opens in  
21 2008.

22 MS. KOLLURI: Thank you.

23 MR. DRENNAN: All right. Further  
24 discussion or questions? Hearing none, all in  
25 favor? Opposed? Abstentions?



1 (All in favor, no opposed)

2 MR. DRENNAN: Motion carries.

3 MR. AYRES: Thank you very much.

4 MR. DRENNAN: Thank you, Don.

5 Next project, Mount Holly's request  
6 for \$400,000 for the Heller School acquisition,  
7 phase three. Kevin--

8 MR. MIZIKAR: Mizikar.

9 MR. DRENNAN:-- Mizikar. Thank you,  
10 Kevin.

11 MR. MIZIKAR: No problem, my pleasure.  
12 Mount Holly is requesting \$400,000 in zone  
13 assistance funds for the third and final phase of  
14 the acquisition of the former Heller School  
15 building. This under utilized 26,000 square foot  
16 building sits on seven acres, it's part of our west  
17 Rancocas redevelopment area, which is our largest  
18 redevelopment area within the township. On this  
19 site in working with the developer we looked to  
20 build at least two additional commercial tax  
21 ratables. The developer was named last year on this  
22 project, which is Keating Urban Partners, and we  
23 will be working with them more closely on the final  
24 project to determine the final end use for this  
25 property.



1                   MR. DRENNAN: Thank you, Kevin. At  
2 this time I will take a motion to consider Mount  
3 Holly's request for \$400,000 for the Heller School  
4 acquisition phase three.

5                   MR. ABELAR: So moved.

6                   MR. DRENNAN: Mr. Abelar. Second?

7                   MS. KOLLURI: Second.

8                   MR. DRENNAN: Ms. Kolluri. Thank you.  
9 Discussion or questions?

10                  MS. RICHARDSON: Just a quick  
11 question. I was looking at the '08 budget,  
12 administrative budget, at the discussion; I didn't  
13 see this mentioned, and I wasn't quite sure what  
14 that meant, there wasn't discussion of this  
15 project. Does that mean you don't plan to come back  
16 for funding?

17                  MR. MIZIKAR: This is the final part,  
18 this is the final phase of the acquisition for the  
19 school, so there wouldn't be anything ongoing in  
20 '08. As far as the development of the site itself,  
21 we would like to the developer to fund that, you  
22 know, entirely. Probably we would advise them by  
23 offering them a lower market rate for, you know, the  
24 cost of the property.

25                  MS. RICHARDSON: But there's still work



1 being done on the project in the next year, right?

2 We are going to agree to continue working on this  
3 project in the next year?

4 MR. MIZIKAR: The overall  
5 redevelopment?

6 MS. RICHARDSON: Right, including this  
7 project.

8 MS. BRUCK: This project is just the  
9 acquisition.

10 MR. MIZIKAR: This is just the purchase  
11 of the property, this is our final payment on this  
12 property.

13 MS. RICHARDSON: But will you be  
14 spending any time on this project?

15 MR. MIZIKAR: I don't foresee any, no.

16 MS. RICHARDSON: Okay.

17 MR. MIZIKAR: It's simply the final  
18 payment.

19 MS. RICHARDSON: Okay.

20 MR. MIZIKAR: The Township and the UEZ  
21 will have ownership of the property.

22 MS. RICHARDSON: Okay.

23 MR. DRENNAN: It's currently occupied  
24 by the school, and there is offices there?

25 MR. MIZIKAR: Just small offices. Of



1 the 26,000 square feet they have about 2,000 square  
2 feet of office space within there, it's just  
3 administrative, their administrator and two  
4 administrative assistants in that building.

5 MR. DRENNAN: Are they being  
6 relocated?

7 MR. MIZIKAR: They would be, we have  
8 basically a lease that we could request them to  
9 leave within 60 days of our notification. So once  
10 we're ready to move forward with the development of  
11 it or demolition, what's going to happen we would  
12 ask them to move.

13 MR. DRENNAN: Do they have a place to  
14 relocate to?

15 MR. MIZIKAR: Yes, with the rest of the  
16 administrative staff for the school district.

17 MR. DRENNAN: Okay. Further discussion  
18 or questions? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

19 (All in favor, no opposed)

20 MR. DRENNAN: Motion carries.

21 MR. MIZIKAR: Thank you.

22 MR. DRENNAN: Thank you.

23 Our next project City of Orange's  
24 request for \$431,439 for litter collection services,  
25 phase four. Mr. Marty Mayes.



1                   MR. MAYES: Good morning. This request  
2 is for \$431,439. I apologize, in the body of the  
3 application there is a mistake in there, it says  
4 483.

5                   MR. DRENNAN: I'm sorry?

6                   MR. MAYES: But it is 431,439, to be  
7 accurate.

8                   MR. DRENNAN: Okay.

9                   MR. MAYES: This is for our litter  
10 collection services phase four, and it's basically  
11 to fund 10 personnel that work alongside with our  
12 public works department, and they focus primarily on  
13 the UEZ. Their times are staggered, so when public  
14 works people are working they are typically not  
15 working, and they work later during the day, and  
16 they also work weekends. It's pretty much an offset  
17 from when the public works employees work. They are  
18 highly visible in our UEZ. Very important that I  
19 bring this up, we did a number of surveys over the  
20 last couple years, and a lot of the businesses have  
21 ranked this project second to our policing project.  
22 So that's pretty much it. And also there is one  
23 more mistake in here, it says that it will include  
24 overtime, it includes no overtime.

25                   MR. DRENNAN: Okay. Thank you. At



1 this time I will take a motion to consider Orange's  
2 request for 431,439 for litter collection services  
3 phase four.

4 MS. RICHARDSON: So moved.

5 MR. DRENNAN: Ms. Richardson. Second?

6 MS. DAVIS: Second.

7 MR. DRENNAN: Ms. Davis. Thank you.

8 At this time I will take questions or discussion.

9 MS. DAVIS: Of the ten individuals that  
10 you are going to hire, have they been identified  
11 yet?

12 MR. MAYES: These individuals are  
13 already hired, this is our fourth phase.

14 MS. DAVIS: Okay.

15 MR. MAYES: So we started out with  
16 five, the first year that we did this, then we had  
17 to expand it. Because, you know, we have a serious  
18 litter problem, and debris, and just a little bit of  
19 everything. Because I am also in charge of code  
20 enforcement for the City, so it's a real important  
21 project for us. And without these employees we  
22 would have an even more serious problem. But they  
23 have already been hired and identified, and we have  
24 had some guys come and leave and they have been  
25 replaced.



1 MS. DAVIS: Okay.

2 MR. DRENNAN: Further discussion,  
3 questions?

4 MR. ABELAR: Are the employees union,  
5 belong to an employee union?

6 MR. MAYES: Yeah, they do.

7 MR. ABELAR: And the salaries are  
8 negotiated between the union and the township?

9 MR. MAYES: I believe they are standard  
10 salaries based on the titles of civil service, like  
11 laborer and truck driver, you know, in our salary  
12 ordinance they are, yeah.

13 MR. ABELAR: Thank you.

14 MR. MAYES: Uh-huh.

15 MR. DRENNAN: Further discussions?  
16 Hearing none, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

17 (All in favor, no opposed)

18 MR. DRENNAN: Motion carries. Thank  
19 you.

20 Next project, Paterson's contract  
21 amendment extension request number six for UEZA  
22 02-80 for business improvement grant program, Ms.  
23 Jan Northrup. Thank you.

24 MS. NORTHRUP: Thank you. Good morning  
25 everyone. I was not part of the initiation of this



1 project when it began in Paterson. However, I will  
2 say this is a good program for Paterson. This is a  
3 business improvement grant, this is offered to  
4 registered qualified businesses, it's a \$35,000  
5 matching grant, 50/50. And as you can see from the  
6 list of businesses that we've offered it to, we have  
7 approximately 40 businesses that took advantage of  
8 this project.

9                   And the problem and why we needed so  
10 many contract extensions is because of the very  
11 nature of this project. These are for facade  
12 improvements, so they have to get permits. They  
13 come in, they have to show us the drawings, they  
14 have to fill out the application, we have to go  
15 through the whole process of approving them. We go  
16 out and we take before shots, when they complete the  
17 project we take the after shots.

18                   We also now have an added component  
19 before we offer the grant money to any of these  
20 businesses we have to make sure they are in tax  
21 compliance. And now even if they are in tax  
22 compliance when they begin the project, the projects  
23 sometimes go on for facade improvements for three,  
24 four, five months, depending on how long it takes to  
25 get permits, and at the end before we can even give



1    them the 50/50 matching grant we have to make sure  
2    that they are still in compliance.

3                    So now it's becoming very time  
4    consuming to do this type of project.  But it is a  
5    good project for Paterson.  As you can see there is  
6    40 businesses here that took advantage of this.

7                    We have a phase two.  We expect, by  
8    the way, to be completing this by July 1st.  We have  
9    three businesses now that we just received tax  
10   compliance clearance on, and we will be processing  
11   their paperwork.  So we expect to be closing this  
12   out within the next, I'd say, three months for  
13   sure.  We have a phase two of this, and we are  
14   almost complete with that, quite honestly, because  
15   this is a very popular project to Paterson.  Thank  
16   you.

17                   MR. DRENNAN: Thank you.  At this time I  
18   will take a motion to consider Paterson's contract  
19   amendment extension request number six for UEZA  
20   02-80 for business improvement grant program.

21                   MR. ABELAR: So moved.

22                   MR. DRENNAN: Mr. Abelar.

23                   MS. PEARSON: Second.

24                   MR. DRENNAN: Second, Ms. Pearson.

25   Discussion, questions?



1 MS. DAVIS: Do you have any pictures to  
2 show us?

3 MS. NORTHRUP: No, I didn't know you  
4 were going to ask me for any. We have some great  
5 pictures, I didn't know you were going to ask. I  
6 was here to discuss the contract amendments and why  
7 we need so many.

8 MS. DAVIS: Is it possible to provide  
9 us with pictures for reference?

10 MS. NORTHRUP: Absolutely, I will be  
11 here next month.

12 MR. ABELAR: Or visit Paterson.

13 MS. NORTHRUP: Yes, I will definitely  
14 bring them down, I have to present next month  
15 anyway.

16 MR. DRENNAN: Thank you. Further  
17 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor? Opposed?  
18 Abstentions?

19 (All in favor, no opposed)

20 MR. DRENNAN: Motion carries. Thank  
21 you very much.

22 MS. NORTHRUP: Thank you.

23 MR. DRENNAN: Next project Perth  
24 Amboy's request for \$500,000 for King Plaza  
25 Redevelopment project phase two. Mr. Bob McCoy.



1                   MR. McCOY: Good morning. This UEZ  
2 funding for the project will be dedicated for the  
3 exclusive use of providing public parking for the  
4 King Plaza Redevelopment project. King Plaza is a  
5 multipurpose project comprised of residential,  
6 retail with private and public parking facilities  
7 that are going to be developed, or is being  
8 developed on three and a half acres surrounding our  
9 central business district. The retail component of  
10 the project will contain a 30,000 square foot  
11 supermarket, 36,000 square feet of general purpose  
12 retail space.

13                   The street level surface parking  
14 spaces will be provided for retail customers as well  
15 as the general public. And that will be constructed  
16 in two phases. There's a parking deck and  
17 additional parking surface parking lot that provides  
18 direct benefits to shoppers, patrons and visitors to  
19 our central district. All of this within the  
20 boundaries, the entire project is located within our  
21 UEZ boundaries.

22                   There is a projection for the creation  
23 of 200 construction related jobs and 100 permanent  
24 management and clerical jobs through the  
25 construction of the supermarket along with new



1 retail shops and the construction of the residential  
2 buildings. The public parking spaces provide  
3 two-hour free downtown shoppers parking, and this is  
4 all part of the overall 70 million dollar  
5 redevelopment project.

6                   To date, there is more than three  
7 million dollars worth of work on the commercial  
8 component that's been completed with approximately  
9 70 percent of the work directly attributable to the  
10 construction of the parking spaces.

11                   There is a total request for funding  
12 of two million dollars that's been approved by our  
13 zone development corporation board of directors to  
14 be supported by four disbursements of \$500,000  
15 each. And during this phase of the project we're  
16 requesting the second disbursement of \$500,000. And  
17 I request your consideration of this application.

18                   MR. DRENNAN: Thank you. I will take a  
19 motion to consider.

20                   MS. DAVIS: So moved.

21                   MR. ABELAR: Second.

22                   MR. DRENNAN: Thank you, second Mr.  
23 Abelar. Questions or discussions?

24                   MS. RICHARDSON: Question.

25                   MR. DRENNAN: Ms. Richardson.



1 MS. RICHARDSON: I was taking a look at  
2 the budget. So you're anticipating two million in  
3 UEZ?

4 MR. McCOY: Yes.

5 MS. RICHARDSON: So when I look at the  
6 budget, the proposed budget on page eight, the UEZ  
7 grant portion's showing a million five, and then in  
8 a paren a million, I wasn't clear on how it was  
9 being portrayed.

10 MR. McCOY: That was the original  
11 request, that had subsequently been revised and made  
12 a request for the two million dollars, that was our  
13 original application. The first disbursement, first  
14 installment of that was approved in this past  
15 December before this Board.

16 MS. RICHARDSON: So this page is the  
17 original?

18 MR. McCOY: That's correct.

19 MS. RICHARDSON: Okay.

20 MS. DAVIS: I have a question.

21 MS. KOLLURI: Question.

22 MS. DAVIS: Go ahead.

23 MS. KOLLURI: Thanks. Have you already  
24 identified a developer for the parking?

25 MR. McCOY: Yes.



1 MS. KOLLURI: The same developer?

2 MR. McCOY: The same developer, King  
3 Plaza, LLC.

4 MR. DRENNAN: Ms. Davis.

5 MS. DAVIS: You reference here that you  
6 are going to hire approximately 200 people.

7 MR. McCOY: Construction-related jobs,  
8 yes, for the entire project.

9 MS. DAVIS: Are you hiring locals from  
10 Perth Amboy?

11 MR. McCOY: We have-- with all of our  
12 redevelopment projects we have what's called a first  
13 source agreement that the redevelopers have to enter  
14 into for any development or redevelopment of Perth  
15 Amboy they have to look to, businesses, merchants  
16 and vendors for the City of Perth Amboy, before  
17 going out for any that are qualified or certified.

18 MS. DAVIS: How is the City preparing  
19 its residents to be marketable for these jobs?

20 MR. McCOY: We have quality of life  
21 meetings, which are scheduled every two weeks,  
22 actually beginning this month in April, that run all  
23 the way through the end of August. We do this every  
24 year where we mandate that all of the contractors,  
25 as an example, that do work in the City of Perth



1 Amboy have to be certified to do any work. Of  
2 course they are certified through the State as  
3 well. And when they come we invite them to our City  
4 Council Chambers where we articulate all of the  
5 projects, all of the development that's there. We  
6 also require all of the redevelopers to be there as  
7 well to explain what the projects are and the jobs  
8 that are available. Any of those jobs, of course,  
9 that can be met by local residents without, what do  
10 you call it, union certification, of course we  
11 mandate that they get first source opportunities for  
12 employment.

13 MS. DAVIS: I am not sure if you're  
14 aware, the Department of Labor, through funds from  
15 the Department of Treasury, has a department called  
16 New Jersey Bill to help women and minorities have  
17 the skills they need for an apprenticeship program.  
18 If you haven't already developed a program, perhaps  
19 you should go to the One Stop in Perth Amboy to  
20 speak with staff developing a program unique for  
21 Perth Amboy.

22 MR. McCOY: We actually invited, and  
23 she has attended a number of our meetings, I can't  
24 remember her first name, last name is Shatrissi (sp)  
25 from Department of Labor, Ann Shatrissi, yes.



1 MS. DAVIS: Okay.

2 MS. BRUCK: May I note for the record  
3 that I made a mistake in signing this in that I  
4 signed off according to this on March 3rd, and I  
5 think that should have been March 30th. That's  
6 all.

7 MS. RICHARDSON: Did CREDA  
8 reauthorize?

9 MR. McCOY: Pardon me?

10 MS. RICHARDSON: Did CREDA  
11 reauthorize?

12 MR. McCOY: Yes, it did.

13 MR. DRENNAN: Any further questions,  
14 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor? Opposed?  
15 Abstentions?

16 (All in favor, no opposed)

17 MR. DRENNAN: Motion carried. Thank  
18 you.

19 MR. McCOY: Thank you very much.

20 Next project is Plainfield's \$30,000  
21 for UEZA 04-144, public relations and marketing  
22 program increasing the project from 250,000 to  
23 \$280,000.

24 MR. AWALD: Good morning.

25 MR. DRENNAN: Thank you, Mr. Wayne



1 Awald.

2 MR. AWALD: A-W-A-L-D.

3 MR. DRENNAN: Thank you.

4 MR. AWALD: The City of Plainfield is  
5 presenting to you this morning first a project which  
6 is an existing project with an increase in budget of  
7 12 percent, and it is through new policy extension  
8 number five, and therefore needs to come before the  
9 Board. This project is an ongoing one. Part of the  
10 city's marketing project for the UEZ with our  
11 approximately 10 percent decrease in certified  
12 businesses and anticipated loss of sales tax revenue  
13 for the upcoming year's approximately of 18  
14 percent.

15 We need to go out and recruit new  
16 businesses aggressively. Part of this campaign is  
17 going door-to-door, which we are going to start  
18 doing now that the weather is a little bit nicer.  
19 But in addition to this, we need to have materials  
20 to attract people to the program. These are  
21 materials that will be developed by the marketing  
22 consultant, are hand materials that will have  
23 contact information to draw businesses back to our  
24 offices to make contact, UEZ newsletter to highlight  
25 the programs that we have within the City, including



1 facade and other incentives that are specifically  
2 program based within the UEZ programs, but also ones  
3 that our programs run through our zone assistants  
4 funds. So in addition the UEZ website with the  
5 application forms then can be downloaded directly by  
6 the businesses, and then anything to make it easier  
7 and more efficient for businesses to become  
8 certified within the program is our goal. So we  
9 present this to you for your approval.

10 MR. DRENNAN: Thank you. Motion to  
11 consider Plainfield's marketing program increase?

12 MS. PEARSON: So moved.

13 MR. DRENNAN: Thank you, Ms. Pearson.

14 MS. DAVIS: Second.

15 MR. DRENNAN: Second, Ms. Davis.

16 Question or discussion?

17 MS. KOLLURI: Just a question about you  
18 mentioned a loss of businesses.

19 MR. AWALD: Yes.

20 MS. KOLLURI: I was curious as to what  
21 the cause of decrease in UEZ businesses was, if  
22 you've done anything to understand that?

23 MR. AWALD: We have a major percentage  
24 of our businesses are small, family-own businesses,  
25 mom and pops. Through the UEZ current legislation



1 the hiring requirements of the program they are in a  
2 catch 22. To be able to stay within the program,  
3 take advantage of the benefits of the program they  
4 have to hire additional persons, as you know, the 25  
5 percent rule, and each year when they're within the  
6 program if they can't meet these goals, obviously we  
7 can ask for a conditional approval, but after that  
8 it becomes more difficult for them to remain in the  
9 program. So we constantly have small businesses on  
10 a two-year cycle leaving the program. And it's  
11 become an issue, especially with the number of small  
12 businesses that we have within the city.

13 MS. KOLLURI: Thank you.

14 MR. DRENNAN: Further discussion?  
15 Hearing none, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

16 (All in favor, no opposed)

17 MR. DRENNAN: Motion carries. Thank  
18 you.

19 Next project is Plainfield's project  
20 for \$37,869 for UEZA 05-106 SID operating budget  
21 year one increasing the project by 33 percent.

22 MR. AWALD: This project again is a  
23 continuation of an existing project within the City  
24 of Plainfield, we have a special improvement  
25 district which has received UEZ funding in the



1 past. Through I guess the budget items between both  
2 the SID, special improvement district, and the city  
3 our budget cycles have become disjointed, we are no  
4 longer on the same fiscal year. In addition, the  
5 SID did not receive a UEZ match for its fiscal '06  
6 budget. Therefore to align the budget cycles so  
7 that both can progress in the same time frame this  
8 partial match to UEZ budget is a 37,869 and will  
9 align our fiscal years and allow us both to proceed  
10 on the same budget time frame.

11 MR. DRENNAN: Okay, I'll take a motion  
12 to consider.

13 MS. DAVIS: So moved.

14 MS. PEARSON: Second.

15 MR. DRENNAN: Thank you.

16 MS. BRUCK: Do you want to put their  
17 names on the record?

18 MR. DRENNAN: Yes, Ms. Davis moved,  
19 second by Ms. Pearson. Discussions or questions?

20 MS. BRUCK: I have a question, and that  
21 is I don't normally review these beforehand, but  
22 your current end date is noted as July 30, '07. Are  
23 you not asking for a proposed new end date of  
24 6/30/07, or does the budget carry through to the end  
25 of July?



1                   MR. AWALD: With most of our projects  
2 reimbursement requests typically take longer than,  
3 so I just put a one month cushion there to be able  
4 to--

5                   MS. BRUCK: But the expenses cover  
6 through June 30.

7                   MR. AWALD: Expenses cover through June  
8 30, and if there are any additional expenses.

9                   MS. BRUCK: They won't be incurred  
10 beyond June 30, it might be a matter of submitting  
11 reimbursement requests.

12                   MS. KUBE: Yes.

13                   MR. AWALD: The current project end  
14 date is 7/30, so I think that's what we are going to  
15 stay with. But having that one month cushion to be  
16 able to handled this, you know, reimbursement is  
17 what we are really looking for.

18                   MS. BRUCK: I understand. I thought  
19 maybe it was a typo.

20                   MS. RICHARDSON: I agree, I thought it  
21 was a typo as well, because I thought this year  
22 reflected the fiscal year rather than the cushion  
23 for administrative.

24                   MS. BRUCK: I will defer to staff on  
25 that, because if the end date of the contract is



1 6/30/07, for example, would that preclude you from  
2 submitting a reimbursement request that has been  
3 incurred by that date?

4 MR. AWALD: Well the current contract  
5 end date is 7/30/07 based on a previous contract  
6 amendment.

7 MS. BRUCK: Right. But my understanding  
8 is you're trying to bring this in to make the fiscal  
9 years the same, so that this next year if you were  
10 to ask for another request for use of funds that it  
11 would be from June 30, '07-- or, I'm sorry, July  
12 1st, '07 through June 30, '08.

13 MR. AWALD: I understand your  
14 question. And I guess it specs back to the current  
15 misalignment of the budgets and trying to give us a  
16 one-month cushion, so to speak, to be able to cover  
17 those reimbursements.

18 MS. BRUCK: I do see your budgets run  
19 through June 30, so I defer to staff.

20 MS. KUBE: I agree, it should be June  
21 30, we will get it corrected.

22 MS. BRUCK: Thank you.

23 MR. AWALD: Okay. We're deferring to  
24 staff, I guess we go June 30.

25 MR. DRENNAN: Does this have to be



1 amended on the motion?

2 MS. BRUCK: I think you can still take  
3 the motion, and with the understanding that the  
4 contract amendment will reflect that it's also a  
5 change in contract term, since the current end date  
6 is 7/30 to the proposed new end date 6/30/07.

7 MR. AWALD: That's fine.

8 MR. DRENNAN: Okay.

9 MS. DAVIS: Just for clarification,  
10 when is the fiscal?

11 MR. DRENNAN: We didn't take a motion  
12 yet.

13 MS. BRUCK: You did.

14 MR. DRENNAN: Go ahead, sorry.

15 MS. DAVIS: Tell me the fiscal year for  
16 the city and for SID.

17 MR. AWALD: Fiscal year should be as we  
18 were just discussing.

19 MS. DAVIS: July 1st and June 30th the  
20 city.

21 MR. AWALD: Correct. But the city  
22 budgets haven't been passed on time, and neither  
23 have SID budgets, so that's the crux of the problem.

24 MS. DAVIS: Okay.

25 MR. DRENNAN: Okay. So now, just to



1 clarify, when we take the vote it's for the new  
2 proposed end date of June 30, '07, just as  
3 reflected. Okay. Any other further discussion?  
4 Okay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

5 (All in favor, no opposed)

6 MR. DRENNAN: Motion carries.

7 MR. AWALD: Thank you very much.

8 MR. DRENNAN: Next project,

9 Pleasantville's extension number nine for UEZA 00-85  
10 for demolition and foreclosure, Mr. Roger Tees.

11 MR. TEES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

12 This project is a continuing project that we have  
13 had since 1999, 2000. We identified early on that  
14 there were two areas of the economic redevelopment  
15 of our city that needed some financial support. One  
16 was the foreclosure of properties within the urban  
17 enterprise zone. Normally the city would pursue  
18 those foreclosures, keep those properties and sell  
19 them off for usually residential development, and we  
20 felt it better to have those properties kept for  
21 commercial or retail redevelopment. And so we fund  
22 an attorney to pursue those foreclosures as they  
23 come up.

24 The second part of this particular  
25 project is to have funding available for demolition



1 properties within the urban zone. There are times  
2 you have unsafe structures, abandoned structures or  
3 properties that we have acquired that need to be  
4 taken down to fund their economic use. The City  
5 funds demolition funding for its non UEZ properties,  
6 and this is a way for the zone to provide those  
7 services through the zone assistance fund, so we  
8 want to extend this project. We do have an ample  
9 project for demolitions, we're currently going after  
10 four properties in foreclosure, and there is no  
11 reason to stop the project now when we do have that  
12 available balance. This is strictly an extension,  
13 no additional funds are being requested.

14 MR. DRENNAN: Thank you. Take a motion  
15 on the project extension number nine for UEZA  
16 extension demolition and foreclosure.

17 MS. KOLLURI: So moved.

18 MR. DRENNAN: Ms. Kolluri. Second?

19 MS. DAVIS: Second.

20 MR. DRENNAN: Ms. Davis. Questions?  
21 Discussion? Hearing none, all in favor? Opposed?  
22 Abstentions?

23 (All in favor, no opposed)

24 MR. DRENNAN: Motion carries. Consider  
25 Pleasantville's extension number eight for UEZA



1 01-17 for brownfields redevelopment.

2 MR. TEES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

3 Again this is an ongoing project that provides  
4 services in support of our economic redevelopment,  
5 and what we've done is to create a fund for  
6 preliminary investigations the phase one  
7 investigations, primarily of properties in the zone  
8 that are either available for development, people  
9 have interest in, or the property owner is trying to  
10 determine the best way to reuse the property.

11 So we have made grant awards over the  
12 years to do these preliminary assessment site  
13 investigations. We have used these funds to help  
14 offset the cost of negotiating memorandums of  
15 agreement with the DEP, and to get no further action  
16 determinations on the property. And the city we  
17 also use this project to leverage with the economic  
18 development HDSRF, hazardous discharge site  
19 remediation fund. We've received about \$400,000 in  
20 those grants for these phase one investigations, and  
21 we also received a million dollar grant for a  
22 brownfields remediation project, which was a  
23 landfill closure. So this is a very important  
24 project to us to make sure that those contaminated  
25 properties are identified, investigated, and put



1 back into reuse through redevelopment. No additional  
2 funds are being requested at this time, just an  
3 extension of the project.

4 MR. DRENNAN: Thank you. At this time I  
5 will take a motion to consider Pleasantville's  
6 extension for the brownfields development.

7 MR. ABELAR: Moved.

8 MS. RICHARDSON: Second.

9 MR. DRENNAN: Mr. Abelar, Ms.  
10 Richardson, thank you. Questions or discussion?  
11 Hearing none, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

12 (All in favor, no opposed)

13 MR. TEES: Thank you.

14 MR. DRENNAN: Union City's request for  
15 \$235,000 for facade improvement project phase four,  
16 Ms. Avila.

17 MS. AVILA: Good morning. This is  
18 Union City's request for \$235,000 for the  
19 continuation of a facade improvement program. As  
20 important as all the other projects funded by the  
21 UEZ are to Union City, we feel that the facade has  
22 been instrumental in the turn around that we have  
23 had in the commercial area.

24 So may I show you exhibit A. This  
25 whole block was a showcase, and what's happening is



1 that this building looked very dilapidated, the  
2 second floor. We did the front and all the way down  
3 to the corner. What's happening when we start doing  
4 the facade is that the owners of the building decide  
5 that it is in their best interest to also include  
6 the exterior on the second and third floor. And  
7 that has a domino effect, that goes to the building  
8 next, and it has been very, very successful.

9                   In Union City what we had was  
10 businesses that had shocking colors next to someone  
11 that had a very attractive front. Like Pepto-Bismol  
12 next to very nice. We don't allow this anymore.  
13 You cannot have shocking colors, it has to be a  
14 color scheme. Even though we are respecting each  
15 business identity, we wanted to be original, but we  
16 have a historic area on Summit Avenue where the real  
17 beauty is to look up. Historically what the store  
18 owners or the building owners were doing was  
19 covering. And now we're going in the opposite  
20 direction, because this is our true value.

21                   The grants can go anywhere from 2,000,  
22 4,000 up to \$15,000. And this is another case where  
23 the whole thing was taken down. And this is  
24 another. So this change in the landscape has been  
25 instrumental, we have a nearly zero vacancy rate.



1 And here is another example, this whole front it's  
2 very, very bad, and now it's not, and it is another  
3 showcase.

4                   So, I mean, it has helped us attract  
5 new businesses, and there is a new restaurant that  
6 is going to be opening the end of April, it's an  
7 Irish pub on Park Avenue, and they have invested two  
8 million dollars, it has three floors. And the way  
9 we look at it is that the commercial area has to be  
10 as attractive as possible. And we are always trying  
11 to stretch our dollars, get the most out, you know,  
12 champagne taste Coca-Cola prices. We always, always  
13 try. So and I have some, if I may, some additional  
14 letters of support.

15                   MR. DRENNAN: Thank you. I will take a  
16 motion to consider Union City's request for facade  
17 improvement project phase four.

18                   MS. PEARSON: So moved.

19                   MR. DRENNAN: Thank you, Ms. Pearson.  
20 Second?

21                   MS. DAVIS: Second.

22                   MR. DRENNAN: Second Ms. Davis.

23 Questions or discussion?

24                   MR. ABELAR: I had a question. You  
25 mentioned that the city is keeping some uniformity--



1 MS. AVILA: Yes, absolutely.

2 MR. ABELAR:-- of the designs, right?

3 MS. AVILA: Yes.

4 MR. ABELAR: I disagree with you that  
5 the shocking colors are bad, I think they're good,  
6 that's what is the flavor of Union City.

7 MS. AVILA: To a certain extent.  
8 That's why I said we are going to try to keep our  
9 originality, but within limits.

10 MR. ABELAR: It's the biggest open mall  
11 in New Jersey, I think it should keep the vibrancy  
12 of the shocking colors.

13 MS. AVILA: We bring our own flavor,  
14 but within limits, in good taste.

15 MS. DAVIS: We are going to paint  
16 Ambar's house Pepto pink.

17 MR. ABELAR: All right.

18 MR. DRENNAN: Further discussion or  
19 questions? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

20 (All in favor, no opposed)

21 MR. DRENNAN: Motion carries, thank  
22 you.

23 Next item, Vineland's request for  
24 \$1,024,405 for radio system upgrade. And Ms. Denise  
25 Jackson and Sandy Forosisky.



1 MS. FOROSISKY: Sandy Forosisky.

2 MR. DRENNAN: Thank you.

3 MS. FOROSISKY: Sandy Forosisky,  
4 Director of Redevelopment for the City of Vineland.  
5 And I brought Sergeant Tim McLaughlin and Captain  
6 Anthony Bardosar from the fire department. The City  
7 of Vineland is requesting \$1,024,405 to upgrade its  
8 existing radio system. This amount represents 56  
9 percent of the total amount for the system.

10 Vineland is 69 square miles, it's the  
11 largest city in New Jersey geographically. Public  
12 safety is a key component to maintaining a high  
13 level quality of life, which is essential in  
14 promoting economic activity in the zone. And  
15 communication is one of the vital components of any  
16 public safety delivery system.

17 In Vineland our industrial park is  
18 located at the very northern boundary of our city.  
19 Our shopping mall is located at the very southern  
20 boundary of our city. And our new regional medical  
21 center is located at the very west boundary of our  
22 city, this 69 square mile city. And currently we  
23 only have one-site system, one tower, which makes  
24 communication very sporadic in these outlying areas,  
25 which is where our key commercial and industrial



1 areas are. And this request would allow us to add  
2 two additional sites with antennas within the zone.  
3 And the sergeant and captain are here to answer any  
4 questions you may have on this system.

5 MR. DRENNAN: Okay. At this time I  
6 will take a motion to consider Vineland's request  
7 for the radio system upgrade.

8 MS. PEARSON: So moved.

9 MR. DRENNAN: Ms. Pearson. Second?

10 MS. DAVIS: Second.

11 MR. DRENNAN: Ms. Davis. Questions or  
12 discussion?

13 MR. ABELAR: I had a question.

14 MR. DRENNAN: Mr. Abelar.

15 MR. ABELAR: This is borderline with  
16 the authorized municipal services that--

17 MS. FOROSISKY: Seventy percent of the  
18 eighty.

19 MR. ABELAR: Well 34, 47 you can spend  
20 up to 35 percent eligible municipal services. And  
21 this is borderline. And there is no technical  
22 problem, but this is essentially a municipal  
23 function to provide this communication. The  
24 connection with the purpose of the Urban Enterprise  
25 Zone Act is somewhat removed. I will go for it, but



1 it seems to me that it's essentially a municipal  
2 function, it should be funded by the town or by the  
3 City of Vineland. That's my concern.

4 MS. FOROSISKY: Thank you.

5 MR. DRENNAN: Further discussion?  
6 Hearing none, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

7 (All in favor, no opposed)

8 MR. DRENNAN: Motion carries. Thank  
9 you.

10 At this time I would like to consider  
11 taking a consent agenda in one motion, if there's no  
12 objection from the members.

13 MS. PEARSON: No.

14 MR. ABELAR: You want a motion?

15 MR. DRENNAN: May I have a motion?

16 MR. ABELAR: So moved.

17 MR. DRENNAN: Second?

18 MS. PEARSON: Second.

19 MR. DRENNAN: Any discussion?

20 MS. RICHARDSON: I am recusing.

21 MS. BRUCK: The record will note that  
22 Ms. Richardson is recusing herself from item number  
23 20, to the extent that it includes Jersey City UEZA  
24 05-54 extension, UEZA 06-140 change. Otherwise--

25 MS. PEARSON: I said abstain before in



1 the previous two for Bridgeton, I want to recuse  
2 myself from those two as well as this one,  
3 Bridgeton.

4 MR. DRENNAN: And Ms. Pearson, that's  
5 five A and B Ms. Pearson is recused, and on the  
6 consent agenda 17 is recusal for Ms. Pearson as  
7 well. We took a motion to consider it, now we  
8 stipulated, so we can take a vote with those  
9 considerations, correct?

10 MS. BRUCK: Any questions or comments?

11 MR. DRENNAN: Any questions or  
12 comments? No. So now we are, just to clarify, we  
13 will be taking a vote on the consent agenda items  
14 with recusals on 17 from Ms. Pearson and 20 under  
15 the Jersey City section from Ms. Richardson. On  
16 that motion, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

17 (All in favor, no opposed)

18 MR. DRENNAN: Motion carries with the  
19 consent agenda. Moving on into old business. This  
20 is the opportunity for the Board if they have  
21 anything to say?

22 MR. ABELAR: None.

23 MR. DRENNAN: None. At this time we  
24 have open to the public for public comment. Any  
25 public comment? Seeing none, I take a motion for



1 adjournment.

2 MS. DAVIS: So moved.

3 MS. RICHARDSON: Second.

4 MR. DRENNAN: First by Ms. Davis,  
5 second by Ms. Richardson, motion carries.

6 (Adjourned at 11:15 a.m.)

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