NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015
EDA 3rd Floor Conf. Room, 2:00 P.M.
36 WEST STATE STREET
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES

Notice of Public Meeting: Read by DCA Designee Maureen Hassett: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, at least 48 hours notice of this meeting was sent by way of the Secretary of State to the following newspapers: The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Trentonian, The Courier Post, The Atlantic City Press, The Asbury Park Press, The Bergen Record, and The Home News.

The following recusal process will be followed at all UEZ Board meetings:

1) To the extent feasible, meeting materials involving a matter from which a Board member must recuse himself or herself will not be distributed to the Board member.
2) At the subject Board meeting, the Board member must place his or her recusal and the reason therefor on the record prior to any discussion of the matter and shall not participate in any discussion or comment leading up to the vote nor shall the member participate in the vote. The recusal shall be noted in the minutes of the Board meeting.
3) In the event the matter in question shall be discussed at any non-public portion or executory session of the meeting, the Board member shall leave the meeting room and not return until the meeting has returned to public session.

Roll Call: Maureen Hassett, Chair Designee, Sean Thompson, DCA Designee, Roger Cohen, Treasury Designee, John Raue, Labor Designee, Christopher Tattory, DAG, Elizabeth Renaud, DAG, and George Loeser, DAG participated in person while; Public Member Eric Jaso and Michael Collins of the Governor’s Authorities Unit both participated via teleconference.

Approval of April 8, 2015 UEZ Authority Meeting minutes: MOTION TO APPROVE: Maureen Hassett SECOND: Roger Cohen AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 RECUSALS: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Motion Carried with a (5/0/0/0/0) vote

AUTHORITY DISCUSSION: Public Member Eric Jaso noted for the record there was a typo in the April 8, 2015 minutes; page 1, item #2, remove the “e” from the end of the word “therefor”.

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New Business:

MOTION TO APPROVE: Roger Cohen  SECOND: Sean Thompson
AYES: 5  NAYS: 0  RECUSALS: 0  ABSENTIONS: 0
Motion Carried with a (5/0/0/0/5) vote

AUTHORITY DISCUSSION: Chair Designee Hassett stated that the Audit Committee met on September 29, 2015 and approved the 2014 Audit and is asking the Members to accept the Audit to submit to the Governor’s Office to fulfill our annual obligation. Ms. Hassett also noted that we will be moving forward with the selection of a new Auditor for the 2015 Audit.

Joseph Cirafici, Administrative Analyst, Urban Enterprise Zone Program, gave an overview of the Report of Significant Actions stating that on-line Certification system was 100% operational, and that a participation level of 6,800 firms was being maintained. During the economic situation, Extensions for Recertification were continuing to be granted but at a much reduced rate compared to 2012.

PROJECT: Approval of 2016 Authority Meeting Calendar
MOTION TO APPROVE: Roger Cohen  SECOND: Sean Thompson
AYES: 5  NAYS: 0  RECUSALS: 0  ABSENTIONS: 0
Motion Carried with a (5/0/0/0/5) vote

AUTHORITY DISCUSSION: NONE
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OLD BUSINESS:

OTHER

Joseph Cirafici noted that Counsel advised there was no legal reason barring moving forward on a multi-year bid for the UEZ Audit.

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NONE

ADJOURNMENT: 2:13pm
MOTION TO ADJOURN: Sean Thompson  SECOND: Roger Cohen
AYES: 5  NAYS: 0  RECUSALS: 0  ABSENTIONS: 0
Motion carried with a (5/0/0/0/5) vote

I, Lisa Migliaccio taken at the October 14, 2015
Urban Enterprise Zone Authority Special Meeting