

WHITE PLAINS URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

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Special Meeting of the White Plains Urban Renewal Agency

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Mayor's Conference Room, 9:30 AM

MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order.

Mayor Thomas Roach, Chairman

Time: 9:30 A.M.

1. Roll Call – Executive Director Christopher Gomez called the roll.

<i>Thomas Roach</i>	<i>Norm DiChiara</i>	<i>James Glatthaar</i>	<i>Dan Moriarty</i>	Tracey Corbitt
Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present

Staff Present: Chris Gomez, Executive Director; Sergio Sensi, Finance; Arthur Guntekunst; Counsel; Kristi Knecht, Planner

Others Present: 1 Water Street Team: Mark P. Weingarten, Jamie Cali, Roseland – Mack Cali; Chris Boone, Lessard Design; Maria Acfaro, Lessard Design

2. Minutes for the meeting held on February 7, 2019 were moved, seconded, and approved with the following votes:

Motion by	Seconded by	Votes	
		Yes	No
Dan Moriarty	Tracey Corbitt	4	0

3. Action Items

Mr. Roach introduced the following Resolutions:

Resolution 03-2019 - to Approve the Inclusion of Urban Renewal Property in an Application to the Common Council for Site Plan Approval

Motion by	Seconded by	Votes	
		Yes	No
Tracey Corbitt	Norm DiChiara	4	0

A presentation was made by the 1 Water Street team, including Mark P. Weingarten, Jamie Cali of Roseland – Mack Cali, and Chris Boone, an architect from Lessard Design. A robust discussion ensued and included the following topics:

- Are there utilities on Ferris Avenue;
- Will the 24-foot wide remainder of Lexington Avenue become a dedicated street or a private right-of-way;
- The 15-foot wide Con Edison easement and its effect on the value of the parcel to be purchased by the City, since it will be less buildable;
- Garage screening along Lexington Avenue (not just the corner at Water Street).

SEQRA Resolution on WPURA Resolution 04-2019

Motion by	Seconded by	Votes	
		Yes	No
Tracey Corbitt	Norm DiChiara	4	0

Staff will circulate the short form Environmental Assessment Form that accompanied the SEQRA Resolution.

Resolution 04-2019 – Authorize the White Plains Urban Renewal Agency To Grant Certain Permanent Easements To Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company Related To The Renovation Of The White Plains Train Station.

Motion by	Seconded by	Votes	
		Yes	No
Norm DiChiara	Dan Moriarty	4	0

The Board asked why easements are being requested now, since the renovation has been on-going for almost a year. The Mayor explained that as the renovation to the White Plains Train Station continues, the MTA has made certain decisions along that way that require the need for permanent easements on URA property (gas lines to heat the platforms and north platform stairs to permit a 12-car train). Since this will be a model train station for the entire system, many decisions have been made “ad hoc” as the project progresses, including those that require easements on City or URA lands.

4. Other Business

None

5. Adjournment

Following the completion of official business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was moved and approved with the following votes:

Motion by	Seconded by	Votes	
		Yes	No
Tracey Corbitt	Mayor Roach	4	0

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Minutes Adopted: February 24, 2020