

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Present: Chair Keith Carson, Christia Mulvey,
Elsa Ortiz, David Kakashiba, Derrick Bulls

Absent: Susan Rinne

Excused: Mayor Jean Quan

Staff: Fred Blackwell, Sarah Schlenk, Dan Rossi

2. Approval of minutes for May 7, 2012 meeting

A motion was made by Elsa Ortiz, seconded by Derrick Bulls to accept the minutes from the meeting held May 7, 2012. The motion passed with a vote of 4 Ayes, 1 Abstention – Mulvey, 1 Absent - Rinne and 1 Excused - Quan.

3. Legislative Update from Townsend Public Affairs (continued from April 23rd)

- a. May 11, 2012 email
- b. May 18, 2012 email

A report was made by Niccolo De Luca of Townsend Public Affairs. Niccolo updated the board on the status of several bills currently being considered by the legislature. He stated that three redevelopment related bills will be heard by the assembly on May 24, 2012. He also stated that the legislature appeared to be considering redevelopment bills as a package.

4. Retention of outside legal counsel for the Oakland Oversight Board

Sarah Schlenk of the City of Oakland's Office of the City Administrator provided a report on the progress of retaining legal services for the oversight board. She indicated that only 5 jurisdictions had responded to her request for information. Of the 5, only two (Emeryville and Fremont) had actually retained counsel as of the date of the meeting. Elsa Ortiz pointed out that having the City's attorney provide counsel for the Oversight Board is a conflict of interest and suggested that staff further explore the possibility of collaborating with other jurisdictions. Ms. Ortiz also stated that retaining counsel is an

urgent matter and should be handled as soon as possible. Christia Mulvey urged staff to continue outreach to other jurisdictions in order to gain a better understanding of how other jurisdictions are working to secure counsel. Assistant City Administrator Fred Blackwell suggested that staff be given time to work with the city attorney to develop a scope of services and/or criteria for the attorney needed. After the document is created and vetted by Board member Elsa Ortiz, Staff will release the document via a formal announcement to gauge interest. The board agreed with this course of action. Chair Keith Carson directed staff to provide the scope of services to board member Ortiz within one week of the meeting. Carson further directed staff to provide to the board on June 4, 2012 a report on this process and any updates that may be available.

5. Communication between the Department of Finance and City of Oakland as a Successor Agency

Sarah Schlenk presented to the board her communications with the Department of Finance's liaison, Kelly Wyatt. She indicated that Ms. Wyatt seemed satisfied with the most recent versions of the (Recognized Obligation Payments Schedule) ROPS. These versions include changes made by staff and suggestions from the Department of Finance. She further indicated that the analyst's satisfaction does not indicate approval and that the City is still awaiting the official approval from the Department of Finance. Mr. De Luca of Townsend Affairs stated that this uncertainty was consistent with other jurisdiction's experiences. His suggestion to the Board was to cooperate fully in order to obtain the approval. Elsa Ortiz made a request that meeting materials be made available earlier to provide board members with more time to read documents. Staff indicated that this may be difficult. Christia Mulvey suggested staff call the Department of Finance and request a list of approved projects so that those projects could move forward.

6. Adoption of resolutions approving amendments to the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedules (ROPS) for the successor agency

A motion was made by Derrick Bulls, seconded by Elsa Ortiz to approve both resolutions. The motion passed with a vote of 5 Ayes, 1 Absent - Rinne and 1 Excused - Quan.

7. Open Forum

There were no speakers during Open Forum.

8. Adjournment

Chair Carson confirmed the next meeting of the Oakland Oversight Board will be held Monday, June 4, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in Sgt. Ervin Romans Rm. (Hearing Room 2) The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.