

City of New Bern
Redevelopment Commission Special Called Meeting
May 1, 2023
300 Pollock Street- City Hall

Members Present: Chair Tharesa Lee, Co-Chair Kip Peregoy, Tabari Wallace, Beth Walker, Julius Parham, Sharon Bryant, Sarah Proctor

Ex-Officio Members Present: Alderwoman Barbara Best

Members Excused (E)/Absent (A): Leander Morgan (E), Steve Strickland (E)

Staff Present: No staff present.

1. Consider Adopting a Resolution Requesting the Board of Aldermen to allocate funds appropriated for the Executive Director's salary to the Redevelopment Commission.

Commissioner Tabari Wallace explained that there has been dialogue regarding the executive director position with the consideration of funds being moved from being under the City to being directly under the Commission. Commissioner Wallace stated that he had some concerns regarding the Commission separating from the City. Commissioner Wallace stated that he thought it would be good to discuss the pros and cons of there being a separation.

Attorney Jaimee Bullock-Mosely attempted to bring clarity to what the discussion led by the Commission entails. Attorney Bullock-Mosely stated that it seems that the Commission would be discussing possibly requesting for funds that have been allocated in the City's budget to be moved from the City's line item to the Commission's line item. Attorney Bullock-Mosely explained that no decision had to be made at this meeting and questions could be forwarded to City leadership.

Commissioner Wallace expressed concerns about the executive director no longer being considered a City employee. Commissioner Julius Parham raised questions about the Commission possibly having to find additional funds for the position.

Commissioner Sharon Bryant raised questions about whether the position would still receive benefits if these funds were appropriated to the Commission.

Co-Chair Peregoy stated that the current resolution is too ambiguous and there are some questions that need to be answered.

Commissioner Walker questioned if the Commission has statutory authority to hire employees. Attorney Bullock-Mosely responded yes.

Alderwoman Barbara Best questioned how the Commission has come forth with the idea of the position being moved under the Commission. Commissioner Wallace explained that the executive director who resigned was considering rescinding the resignation and it was expressed that this could be done if the position was moved under the Commission. Alderwoman Best

expressed support for the position remaining under the City of New Bern and being held as a City employee.

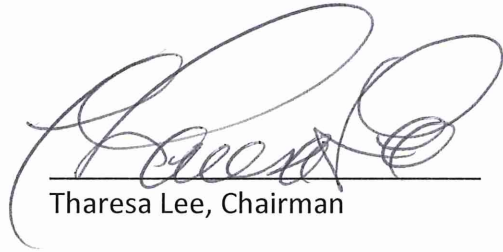
Commissioner Julius Parham made a motion to table the resolution on tonight's agenda until the May 10th regular Commission meeting, to give the Commission an opportunity to speak with City staff. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried (7-0).

2. Adjourn

Commissioner Parham made a motion to adjourn this meeting. This motion was seconded by Co-Chair Peregoy. The motion carried (7-0).

This meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

Date approved: June 14, 2023



Theresa Lee, Chairman

Attest: 
D'Aja Fulmore, Recording Secretary