

Red Bank Redevelopment Agency
Executive Session Minutes
June 22, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioners Beebe, Massey, Reynolds-Lewis & Wouters and Councilwoman Triggiano

ABSENT: Commissioner Huber and Councilwoman Horgan

ALSO PRESENT: Consultant DeRoberts, Borough Clerk Borghi and Attorney Gordon.

Topics to be discussed:

- Personnel

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Commissioner Massey asked for more information on the candidate for the position of Executive Director.

Consultant DeRoberts said Ms. Rountree have been accused and sued but the case had been thrown out of court. He said the only remaining pending case was a lawsuit claiming retaliation.

Commissioner Beebe asked about a reference that had been made regarding the candidate working in Eatontown.

Mr. DeRoberts reviewed issues in that town regarding a Mayor and Council that he said was dysfunctional.

Commissioner Reynolds-Lewis questioned why the Agency's Commissioners had not been informed of these issues.

Mr. DeRoberts said there was always ongoing litigation in the public sector.

Commissioner Reynolds-Lewis asked about the case that was still pending.

Mr. DeRoberts said it involved a claim of retaliation from a disgruntled employee.

Commissioners Beebe and Reynolds-Lewis expressed concern that they had not been informed so had been unable to respond to the speaker that brought the information forward.

Commissioner Wouters disagreed stating that the Agency was not hiring but was only making a recommendation. He agreed that people in the public sector were targets. He agreed that the information could have been disclosed. In regard to the speaker, he said they should only listen and thank them for their comments. He said he understood it was a surprise but said a Google search revealed it was not a big deal.

A discussion followed on how they might have responded if they had known the information.