

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM

10 EAST CHURCH STREET; BETHLEHEM, PA 18018

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024 - 3:00 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING WITH ZOOM

VIEWING AVAILABLE

CONFERENCE ROOM A100

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING AT BETHLEHEM CITY HALL

SPECIAL MEETING – AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ITEM REQUIRING BOARD ACTION
 - 1. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 1516** – The RDA Board has been asked to review and consider Resolution Number 1516, which authorizes the RDA to utilize a 10-year amortization process for the payment of an unfunded liability to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) as part of the RDA pension plan requirements.
- B. ADJOURNMENT

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 1516

A RESOLUTION OF BETHLEHEM CITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ELECTING TO AMORTIZE, OVER A TEN (10) YEAR PERIOD, AN UNFUNDED LIABILITY IN THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM PENSION PLAN WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PMRS) AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW AS AMENDED AND APPLICABLE TO MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES.

WHEREAS, the Bethlehem City Redevelopment Authority (the Authority) agreed that the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) would administer the pension plan for the RDA effective March 1, 1969 and as restated effective September 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Authority entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement, dated August 19, 2021, with the City of Bethlehem (City) in which the Authority was reorganized and as a result ceased independent and active employees as of August 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, all past and present Authority employees were classified as retired and/or vested in the Authority pension plan with PMRS; and

WHEREAS, such change in the organization of the Authority had a direct impact upon the funding of the Authority pension plan with the Authority being notified by PMRS of an unfunded liability for the Authority Pension Plan in the amount of \$131,148; and

WHEREAS, due to the financial burden to pay this unfunded liability in one sum payment, under Act 205 as set forth in the Municipal Pension Handbook, the Authority has elected to take a one-time option to make an irrevocable election to amortize the entire balance of the unfunded liability for the Authority Pension Plan over a ten (10) year period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Bethlehem City Redevelopment Authority, being a member municipality of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, hereby agrees to the following:

- 1) The Bethlehem City Redevelopment Authority agrees to a one-time irrevocable election to amortize the entire balance of the unfunded liability for the RDA Pension Fund calculated at \$131,148 over a ten (10) year period.
- 2) The Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman is authorized to sign any and all documents consistent with this Resolution, with same to be attested to by the Secretary.
- 3) All other terms and conditions of the Authority Pension Plan shall remain in full force and effect as previously authorized and approved.
- 4) The provisions of this Resolution shall become effective upon approval at a duly called, advertised and lawful meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Bethlehem.