

**David R. Martin**  
Mayor

**Thomas Madden, AICP**  
Executive Director

**Dr. Tommie Jackson**  
Assistant Director



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**James Huerta**  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Member

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**CITY OF STAMFORD**  
**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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Stamford Government Center-Stamford, Connecticut  
Special Meeting- Thursday, January 9, 2020

The Special Meeting of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, Urban Redevelopment Commission was held on **Thursday, January 9, 2020 commencing at 3pm** in the Urban Redevelopment Commission Conference Room, 888 Washington Boulevard, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Stamford, Connecticut.

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Diamond called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Mark Diamond, Stephen Fischer, James Huerta and Jonathan Winkel

Staff: Thomas Madden- Executive Director, Dr. Tommie Jackson-Assistant Director, Theresa Bowen,-Office Manager

Guests: Mayor David Martin, Michael Pollard-Chief of Staff, Vikki Cooper, John Varamo, Humberto J. Rocha

**3. Mayor's Presentation**

Mayor Martin stated that his three (3) reasons for not closing the URC were:

1. Trinity Financial – VELA on the Park (Mayor had misimpression that URC might possibly owe money to City of Stamford).
2. Need to sell Park Square West Phase 3 and Parcel 36.
4. Compliance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 8, et seq and Chapter 130. Mayor iterated that there are greater benefits than risks associated with closing URC. He wants agency to reduce operating costs. Agency should minimize legal costs and

expenses to budget. Mayor made references to prior URC administrations incurring (excessive) costs on unwarranted activities and personnel expenditures as not a good history. He asked that unfunded liabilities be kept at a minimum to avoid potential costs/payouts.

The Mayor stated URC should spend its Program Income to support City projects in the Central Business District (CBD). Mayor Martin highlighted infrastructure costs where URC Program Income could help. He said that the URC should have “comfort” in doing projects and capital expenditures. Commissioner Diamond stated that the Commission would do what it could within the Code. He asked the Mayor to participate in establishing URC priorities going forward including funds for affordable housing.

Mayor Martin spoke about the URC “unique value add.” Lastly, he discussed the timeline to close the URC in about four (4) years.

#### **5. Adjournment**

Chairman Diamond made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:25pm. Motion passed unanimously. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,



James “Jim” Huerta,  
Secretary/Treasurer Urban Redevelopment Commission