

MINUTES OF THE ASBURY PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR BOARD MEETING JULY 9, 2018.

Meeting opened at 6:06 p.m.

Present:

Chairman Gregory Hopson
Vice Chairman Frank Syphax (6:08 p.m.)
Commissioner Angeline Brown
Commissioner Carol Torre
Commissioner Donna Troppoli
Commissioner Charlotte McAllister

Also Present:

Thomas Sahlin, Executive Director of the Asbury Park Housing Authority
Gloria Wright, Executive Director of the Long Branch Housing Authority
Lester Taylor Esq., Legal Counsel
Qassim Johnson
Natalie Turner
Lou Carretta, Maintenance

Public notice read by Thomas Sahlin

NOTICE: In accordance with the Local Public Meetings Act of 1975 and as amended, advanced notice of the meeting including the Agenda, was sent to the local newspapers, delivered to the City Clerk's Office, posted on the Asbury Park Housing Authority Web Site, and posted at all the Asbury Park Offices at least (48) hours prior to convening the meeting.

Flag Salute lead by Chairman Hopson.

Thomas Sahlin- First item on the agenda is going to be the Annual Board reorganization meeting, nominations for the chairperson and then vice chairperson.

Commissioner McAllister- I nominate Greg Hopson for Chairman.

Commissioner Brown- I second that.

All in favor.

Thomas Sahlin- Second item would be nomination of Vice Chair.

Commissioner Brown- I nominate Frank Syphax for Vice Chairman.

Chairman Hopson -- I second that motion.

All in favor.

Chairman Hopson- thank you for the confidence in having me back again. With that being said, we're going to open to the public as usual. Please adhere to the 3 minute rule.

Albert Rolleys, 701 Robinson Towers- I was at the giant flea market, and I ran into Mayor Moore, and I asked him, what is going on with the security post at Robinson Towers, and he didn't know anything about it. I called Senator Curley and he said he was on it. And John Moore said he didn't know anything about it. He never met with the police chief. And I wonder if we're getting the shaft because people here said we were going to get the substation. Cause I'm going to the City Council meeting, and call Senator Curley tomorrow.

Brenda Brown, 311 Robinson Towers- I'm having a few problems, the sharp drop where you drop syringes hasn't been emptied in months. They said there going to look into it, it hasn't been done. My second complaint is with Johnny, my family came in, my daughter didn't put her time down on the sheet, and he cursed her out. My family doesn't give anyone a problem. Something needs to be done. I don't curse and I don't appreciate anyone cursing at me.

Thomas Sahlin- If you do have a complaint you can go to me or Mr. Johnson, at extension 209 and we're here every day you can bring those complaints to us.

Johnny Westbrook, 609 Robinson Towers- I don't get into it with anybody, her daughter came in, her daughter does not want to sign in, her daughter went to calling me all kinds of names. I said I'd call the police, they told me to go ahead. This woman is very nasty.

Lester Taylor Esq. - please address your comments to the Board.

Johnny Westbrook- these people have a problem with me, I'm doing my job how it's supposed to be done. I get along with all the police that come in here.

Chairman Hopson- thank you for your comment I'm going stop you there.

Catherin Thomas, 11805 Robinson Towers- what time does the laundry room close?

Natalie Turner- 8 p.m.

Catherine Thomas- so what time is the last wash?

Natalie Turner- 6:30 p.m.

Catherine Thomas- we have some people who work full time, why does it have to close so early? We have security here, why can't it stay open later. And what time is the last security officer at the desk?

Natalie Turner- 8 p.m.

Catherine Thomas- the laundry room used to close much later, at 12. It shouldn't be closed at 5 or 6, it should be later. I appreciate the new laundry room, thank you for it.

Thomas Sahlin- we'll look into that being closed at a set time. Mr. Rolleys, it was back in April about approaching the City and working with them. We've actually been going back and forth with the Chief of Police, we are going to be sitting down this week with the Chief of Police, I apologize for the gap, but we are back at the table this week. I look forward to coming back to the meeting next month with news on that.

Motion to close Public Participation moved by Vice Chairman Syphax and seconded by Commissioner Troppoli.

RESOLUTION 07-01-2018- RESOLUTION APPROVING EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2018 INCLUDING SECTION 8 EXPENDITURES.

Motion moved by Commissioner McAllister, and seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Ayes- Commissioners Brown, McAllister, Torre, Troppoli, Vice Chairman Syphax, Chairman Hopson.
Opposed- None.
Abstained- None.
Absent- None.

RESOLUTION 07-02-2018- RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS.

Motion moved by Vice Chairman Syphax, and seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Commissioner Torre- this is a revised organizational chart?

Lester Taylor- I wouldn't say revised because I don't think one exists, what Mr. Sahlin is trying to do is set up accountability. This is more of a living breathing document, since you'll be getting recommendations for new hires. So you know what positions exist and what's coming, it's just to give direction on how to put meat on the bones and it can be revised as we go.

Commissioner Torre- for maintenance there is a Director of Maintenance and a Supervisor, that seems like too many chiefs.

Thomas Sahlin- we need that so we have a second in command. The Director does budget and planning, and the Supervisor handles more of the day to day.

Commissioner Troppoli- property managers, manages one or more Asbury Park Housing Authority projects, how many property managers in total are we looking at?

Thomas Sahlin- a total of 3. Right now we're operating within budget constraints, so there's not money for every position we'd like to hire for at the moment.

Commissioner Troppoli- is there going to be a listing for a Resident Services Coordinator?

Thomas Sahlin- yes.

Commissioner Troppoli- Property Manager?

Thomas Sahlín- yes, same as Housing Manager.

Commissioner Troppoli- security monitors, correct me if I'm wrong, I think in a previous meeting we talked about a vendor taking care of this?

Thomas Sahlín- It wasn't cost effective. Not a vendor per say, we've broached the topic of a cooperative with the City so for the time being we're not doing away with security monitors, even if we have a heavier Police presence. There's 24 hours in the day and we need to coordinate a schedule for them.

Commissioner Torre- HCV what is that?

Thomas Sahlín- Housing Choice Voucher Technician formerly the Section 8 Program.

Ayes- Commissioners Brown, McAllister, Torre, Troppoli, Vice Chairman Syphax, Chairman Hopson.

Opposed- None.

Abstained- None.

Absent- None.

Chairman Hopson- It's still early and Ms. Wright was kind enough to be here if she has any words?

Gloria Wright- I'd like to welcome Thomas Sahlín, who I worked with a bit prior to him coming here as Executive Director. We have some issues that we need to tie up, but we are actively working on those to get them resolved.

Commissioner Brown- I would like to thank Ms. Wright for coming in and catching things by the tail, and setting us to right. She travels to come here, I want to say thank you, and welcome to you, and we'd like to thank you for coming to these meetings and guiding us. Thank you and God bless.

Lester Taylor Esq.- we need to enter closed Executive Session. This is in reference to the Inter local services agreement and issues pertaining to security.

Motion to enter Executive Session moved by Commissioner McAllister, and seconded by Commissioner Brown.

All in favor.

Public Session closed at 6:39 p.m.

Public Session reopened at 7:56 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.