

MINUTES OF THE ASBURY PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 9, 2020.

The session convened at 6:07 pm with the following persons present:

Present:

Chairman Gregory Hopson, Sr.

Vice Chairman Frank Syphax

Commissioner Angeline Brown

Commissioner Garrett Giberson

Commissioner Donna Troppoli

Absent:

Commissioner McAllister

Commissioner Carol Torre

Also Present:

Thomas Sahlin, Executive Director

Qaasim Johnson, Director of Housing

Edwin McDonald, Director of Maintenance

Jaelyn S. D'Arminio, Esq., Legal Counsel Associate

Required 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, and posted at all Asbury Park Housing Authority Offices at least (48) hours prior to convening the meeting.

Chairman Hopson – Mr. Giberson, if you would like to take a moment to talk to your community.

Commissioner Giberson - Thank you all for welcoming me. Like Mr. Hopson said, I've worked with Mr. Hopson and served on the Board of Education. It's a pleasure to be appointed to serve on this commission. I have great experience with the properties of the Housing Authority and I know quite a few of the residents since I visit quite often. I'm here to do the best I can to serve you all as best as we can and work together to make things happen. My biggest concern is health and safety of our facilities and the residents and to see that their needs are accommodated. I'm here.

Salute to the Flag led by: Thomas Sahlin

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(Motion to Open Public participation moved by Chairman Hopson and seconded by Commissioner Troppoli.)

Ayes- Commissioners Brown, Giberson, Troppoli, Vice Chair Syphax, and Chairman Hopson

Opposed- None

Absent- Commissioners McAllister and Torre

Abstain- None

Thomas Sahlin – As it is customary, we will open up to Public Participation. Please be advised that there is a three minute rule for public speaking. Please give your name and address.

A. Rowley, Robinson Towers – Front Door of Robinson Towers

Thomas Sahlin – As Ed was saying, we ordering a new power module for the door.

Edwin McDonald - I'm going to order the whole unit because it's worn out.

V. Williams, Robinson Towers – Cleanliness of the Washing Machines Interior

Thomas Sahlin - Yes, we are working with the vendor.

Edwin McDonald - We are trying to get a copy of the contract now to see what their requirements are under the contract. We are trying to figure out if it's their responsibility under the contract.

Thomas Sahlin - Yes, because those machines are not our property.

Commissioner Giberson - How long is that going to take? Because if they are going to take a while, there must be something we can do in the meantime.

G. Walker, Robinson Towers – Vending Machine Refunds and Bad Customer Service

Since the last time the concern was raised over the gentleman's attitude, we did have them in the office and we made it very clear that the kind of behavior they are exhibiting towards the residents cannot be tolerated. Thank you for bringing it back to our attention. We did have a meeting some months ago and we gave them their final notice that if those kinds of issues continue, we would request that they remove their equipment from our buildings. We will have them remove their machines and find somebody else. We will take care of it.

E. Mignoli, Asbury Park Resident – Disappointed with how the City of Asbury Park, Code Enforcement, and Housing complaints are being handled.

Thomas Sahlin - Thank you for your comments and concerns.

(Motion to close Public Participation moved by Vice Chair Syphax and seconded by Commissioner Giberson.)

Ayes- Commissioners Brown, Giberson, Troppoli, Vice Chair Syphax, and Chairman Hopson

Opposed- None

Absent- Commissioners McAllister and Torre

Abstain- None

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 9, 2020.

(Approval of the minutes were moved by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Chairman Hopson.)

(There were no further discussions or comments from the Board of Commissioners.)

Ayes- Commissioners Brown, Troppoli, Vice Chair Syphax, and Chairman Hopson

Opposed- None

Absent- Commissioners McAllister and Torre

Abstain- Commissioner Giberson

RESOLUTION 03-01-2020 - RESOLUTION APPROVING EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020, INCLUDING SECTION 8 EXPENDITURES

(Acceptance of this Resolution was moved by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Chairman Hopson.)

(There were no further discussions or comments on this Resolution from the Board of Commissioners.)

Ayes- Commissioners Brown, Troppoli, Vice Chair Syphax, and Chairman Hopson

Opposed- None

Absent- Commissioners McAllister and Torre

Abstain- Commissioner Giberson

Motion Passes

RESOLUTION 03-02-2020 – RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ASBURY PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY’S FYE 3-31-2021 OPERATING BUDGET AND TRANSMITTAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA).

(Acceptance of this Resolution was moved by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Chairman Hopson.)

(There were no further discussions or comments on this Resolution from the Board of Commissioners.)

Ayes- Commissioners Brown, Troppoli, Vice Chair Syphax, and Chairman Hopson

Opposed- None

Absent- Commissioners McAllister and Torre

Abstain- Commissioner Giberson

Motion Passes

Commissioner Brown – Over the years we have people transitioning in and out of public housing. We have people in here now that are different ages. When the application for the Tenant Association was done, it does not explain what a Tenant Association is about to the new people who are moving in and out. It should have been an explanation, what the Tenant Association of the State of NJ is, it should be what they do, where its held, and when its held in regards to the hours the meetings will take place. It just asked about the person, it said nothing about what we need them to do or why it’s important to have a Tenant Association. I think we need to sit down and rewrite the whole application for the Tenant Association people.

Thomas Sahlin – We will meet and discuss the changes.

Commissioner Troppoli – In regards to the Mayor’s Rodeo, I am suggesting a full page ad.

Thomas Sahlin - We will arrange to have a full page ad placed and will let Casandra know tomorrow.

Motion to Adjourn, moved by Commissioner Troppoli, seconded by Commissioner Brown.

All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned, 6:42 p.m.

Thomas Sahlin, Executive Director

Date