

MINUTES OF THE ASBURY PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 11, 2020.

The session convened at 6:03 pm with the following persons present:

Present:

Chairman Gregory Hopson, Sr.

Vice Chairman Frank Syphax

Commissioner Angeline Brown

Commissioner Garrett Giberson

Commissioner Charlotte McAllister

Commissioner Carol Torre

Commissioner Donna Troppoli

Also Present:

Thomas Sahlin, Executive Director

Edwin McDonald, Director of Maintenance

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

David Solomon, 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.

Salute to the Flag led by: Thomas Sahlin

****PLEASE KEEP IN MIND**: A large portion of this recording was inaudible due to a variety of connection issues.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

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

Opposed- None

Absent- None

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.

****THERE WAS NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT THIS TIME. ****

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

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

Opposed- None

Absent- None

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 Commissioner McAllister.)

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

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

Opposed- None

Absent- None

Abstain- None

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FOR THE EMERGENCY MEETING HELD MARCH 18, 2020.

(Approval of the minutes were moved by Vice Chair Syphax, seconded by Chairman Hopson.)

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

Ayes- Commissioners Giberson, McAllister, Torre, Vice Chair Syphax, and Chairman Hopson

Opposed- None

Absent- None

Abstain- Commissioners Brown and Troppoli

RESOLUTION 05-01-2020 - RESOLUTION APPROVING EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2020, INCLUDING SECTION 8 EXPENDITURES

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

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

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

Opposed- None

Absent- None

Abstain- Commissioner Brown

Motion Passes

RESOLUTION 05-02-2020 - RESOLUTION APPROVING EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2020, INCLUDING SECTION 8 EXPENDITURES

(Acceptance of this Resolution was moved by Commissioner Giberson, seconded by Commissioner Troppoli.)

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

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

Opposed- None

Absent- None

Abstain- None

Motion Passes

RESOLUTION 05-03-2020 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VACATE TENANT BALANCE WRITE-OFF FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2020

(Acceptance of this Resolution was moved by Commissioner Giberson, seconded by Commissioner McAllister.)

Chairman Hopson – Tom, please explain to Commissioner Giberson what this means, as this may be the first time of him hearing about this.

Thomas Sahlin – To go deeper into what this is, it's either unpaid rent which the primary cause is eviction and in some cases if a unit was left in damaged condition, any work that is necessary to get that damage fixed before we can release the unit is also chargeable. In the back up to this resolution, there are details of balances for all of the sites across the board, with all tenants names redacted.

Commissioner Giberson – Thank you.

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

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

Opposed- None

Absent- None

Abstain- None

Motion Passes

Thomas Sahlin – That covers all of the official business that's on the agenda. For Matters of Information, I want to advise the board that HUD has issued a list of available waivers and other items that we are currently reviewing. We will definitely let the board know in the future and we may have to come to a vote at some point or another if we need to request or exercise any of those waivers that have been made available to us. We are also looking at other things that we could be possibly doing. The CARES did extend a little more additional funding to us for eligible expenses per HUD's definition of eligible expenses. We are looking at other services we can provide under that scope of funding. We are trying to leverage everything we have available to us to make sure that our residents do have additional resources extended to us for them. The maintenance department has been sanitizing on a more regular basis. They have been keeping up on their duties with sanitizing. Supplies have been a work in progress. We had to place several orders for a large quantity of supplies but at the time being we are doing ok. In general, the majority of our residents have been doing fine, adhering to the social distancing

recommendations but there will always be a hand full of people that don't. We've been keeping a close eye on things.

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

All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned, 6:36 p.m.

Thomas Sahlin, Executive Director

Date