

**MINUTES OF THE ASBURY PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 8, 2020**

The session convened at 6:04 pm with the following persons present:

**Present:**

Chairman Gregory Hopson, Sr.

Commissioner Angeline Brown

Commissioner Garrett Giberson

Commissioner Charlotte McAllister (Arrived 6:09 pm)

Commissioner Carol Torre

Commissioner Donna Troppoli

**Absent:**

Vice Chairman Frank Syphax

**Also Present:**

Thomas Sahlin, Executive Director

Qaasim Johnson, Director of Housing

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Ayes- Commissioners Brown, Giberson, Torre, Troppoli, and Chairman Hopson

Opposed- None

Absent- Commissioner McAllister and Vice Chair Syphax

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 Chairman Hopson and seconded by Commissioner Giberson.)

Ayes- Commissioners Brown, Giberson, Torre, Troppoli, and Chairman Hopson

Opposed- None

Absent- Commissioner McAllister and Vice Chair Syphax

Abstain- None

### **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 8, 2020**

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

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

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

Opposed- None

Absent- Vice Chair Syphax

Abstain- None

### **RESOLUTION 06-01-2020 - RESOLUTION APPROVING EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020, INCLUDING SECTION 8 EXPENDITURES**

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

Commissioner Brown – Yes, in the List of Bills, I think the grass cutter is being paid too much and they are doing a bad job. I still say we need to find a grant writer.

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

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

Opposed- None

Absent- Vice Chair Syphax

Abstain- None

### **Motion Passes**

### **RESOLUTION 06-02-2020 – (ADDED STARTER) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO THOMAS SAHLIN FOR THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ASBURY PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY**

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

Chairman Hopson – Hopefully you all had the opportunity to review this resolution on line. You see it's time to renew our executive Directors contract. The only change in this contract was 1.5% cost of living increase, which he did not take the increase last year. Other than that, there has been no changes to his contract with the exception of the new dates being this year, going into next year.

Commissioner Brown - There is a 1.5% cost of living raise. I have no problem with that but it's been 6-7 years before our staff got a raise. He has already making enough money and until we get some decent PHAS and SEMAP scores back, I think we should wait on that. Also, we are supposed to evaluate him and what he had done so far...that's HUD rules.

Chairman Hopson – Angie, just to let you know we evaluated him last year and this evaluation will come up in October 2020.

Commissioner Brown - I think that before we sign off on anybody getting a raise, they should be evaluated first. That's just my take on it. We need to get these scores up and running. I think that if it is going to be raises, it should be everybody.

Chairman Hopson - Even though it is technically not related to him, over the past 3 years, our staff has gotten a 2.5% raise. And to clarify, the 1.5% increase was not a performance-based increase, it was a cost of living increase. We cannot hold his cost of living for his performance nor can we hold his performance for his cost of living, am I correct David?

David Soloman, Esq. - That is correct Chairman.

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

Ayes- Commissioners Giberson, McAllister, Torre, Troppoli, and Chairman Hopson

Opposed- None

Absent- Vice Chair Syphax

Abstain- Commissioner Brown

**Motion Passes**

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

All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned, 6:40 p.m.

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Thomas Sahlin, Executive Director

Date