

**MINUTES OF THE ASBURY PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 10, 2020**

The session convened at 6:05 pm with the following persons present:

**Present:**

Chairman Gregory Hopson, Sr.

Vice Chairman Frank Syphax (Arrived at 6:18 pm)

Commissioner Angeline Brown

Commissioner Garrett Giberson

Commissioner Carol Torre

Commissioner Donna Troppoli

**Absent:**

Commissioner Charlotte McAllister

**Also Present:**

Thomas Sahlin, Executive Director

Qaasim Johnson, Director of Housing

Edwin McDonald, Director of Maintenance

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 Brown and seconded by Commissioner Giberson.)**

Thomas Sahlin – Please be advised that there is a three minute rule for speaking. Please give your name and address.

**\*\*THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT THIS EVENING; NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION\*\***

**(Motion to close Public Participation moved by Chairman Hopson and seconded by Commissioner Giberson.)**

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 13, 2020**

(Approval of the minutes was moved by Chairman Hopson, seconded by Commissioner Giberson.)

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

Opposed- None

Absent- Commissioner McAllister and Vice Chair Syphax

Abstain- None

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 4, 2020**

(Approval of the minutes was moved by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Torre.)

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

Opposed- None

Absent- Commissioner McAllister and Vice Chair Syphax

Abstain- Commissioner Giberson

**RESOLUTION 08-01-2020 - RESOLUTION APPROVING EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 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 Commissioners.)**

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

Opposed- None

Absent- Commissioner McAllister

Abstain- None

**RESOLUTION 08-02-2020 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PLYMOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL CO. INC. FOR MOLD REMEDIATION AT ASBURY PARK VILLAGE, LUMLEY HOMES, AND WASHINGTON VILLAGE**

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

Commissioner Brown – The people that live in the apartments directly next door to these apartments, is there any kind of treatments or does anyone look into their apartments due to the fact that the heating systems are all hooked up together?

Thomas Sahlin - I am not sure if the heating systems are entirely connected. But any unit that was affected by it, we had an environmental company come in and inspect and there was no indication that it carried over to the neighboring units that are occupied.

Commissioner Brown – What is the estimated time for having these units started or done?

Thomas Sahlin - Following the award of a contract, they will be receiving a Notice to Proceed tomorrow and an executed contract by the end of the week. Hopefully we can get them lined up with our engineer because our engineer because our engineer will be coordinating the progress. I believe Plymouth did have a schedule that was attached that said “within 75 days of completion for all of the units.”

Commissioner Brown – The residents that live in that area, do they have to do anything special?

Thomas Sahlin - have precautionary measures they take such as sealing off the units so that nothing escapes, air filtration, a lot of protective equipment they use.

Vice Chair Syphax – This contract is good for how long?

Thomas Sahlin - Until completion. Part of the bid asked each contractor to give us a time frame for how quickly they can get it done.

Vice Chair Syphax – Once the contract is executed, they will give you a time frame?

Thomas Sahlin - Yes, according to their bid, they have the staff that can get in done within two and a half months.

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

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

Opposed- None

Absent- Commissioner McAllister

Abstain- None

**(Chairman Hopson moved to untale Special Meeting held on 8-4-2020, Resolution 08-03-2020 Award of a Contract for On-Site Security Guard Services to G4S Secure Solutions (USA) Inc., seconded by Commissioner Giberson.)**

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

Opposed- None

Absent- Commissioner McAllister

Abstain- None

**RESOLUTION 08-03-2020 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO G4S SECURE SOLUTIONS (USA) INC. FOR ON-SITE SECURITY GUARD SERVICES AT VARIOUS ASBURY PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY SITES**

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

David Solomon – If I may, if we are going to be discussing any involving the safety and security of the Housing Authority, I recommend we move into Executive Session.

**(Chairman Hopson motioned to close Public Session and go into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Brown.)**

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

Opposed- None

Absent- Commissioner McAllister

Abstain- None

**(Chairman Hopson motioned to close Executive Session and go into Public Session, seconded by Commissioner Giberson.)**

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

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

Opposed- None

Absent- Commissioner McAllister

Abstain- None

Thomas Sahlin – As a matter of information, I have been in contact with JCP&L this week in regard to the extended power outage. There may be additional resources this week that JCP&L may be able to provide to assist our residents. It would probably happen through our non-profit A.R.I.E., rather than directly from JCP&L. A.R.I.E will be used mainly as a pass through.

**Motion to close, moved by Chairman Hopson, seconded by Commissioner Giberson.**

All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned, 7:13 p.m.

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Thomas Sahlin, Executive Director Date