

MINUTES OF THE ASBURY PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 10, 2022

The session convened at 6:08 pm with the following persons present:

Present:

Chairman Gregory Hopson, Sr.

Vice Chairman Frank Syphax

Commissioner Angeline Brown

Commissioner Garrett M. Giberson (Arrived at 6:12 pm)

Commissioner Charlotte McAllister

Commissioner Carol Torre

Commissioner Donna Troppoli

Also Present:

Thomas Sahlin, Executive Director

Qaasim Johnson, Director of Housing

Lester Taylor, Esq., Legal Counsel

Jordynn Jackson, 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(Motion to Open Public Participation moved by Vice Chair Syphax and seconded by Chairman Hopson.)

NO PUBLIC PARTICIPTION

(Motion to Open Public Participation moved by Chairman Hopson and seconded by Vice Chair Syphax.)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 13, 2021

(Approval of the minutes was moved by Vice Chair Syphax and seconded by Commissioner McAllister)

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

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

Opposed- None

Absent- None

Abstain- Commissioner Giberson

RESOLUTION 01-01-2022 - RESOLUTION APPROVING EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2021, INCLUDING SECTION 8 EXPENDITURES

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

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

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

Opposed- None

Absent- None

Abstain- None

RESOLUTION 01-02-2022 - RESOLUTION ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2022 ANNUAL PLAN OF THE ASBURY PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY (APHA) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUALITY HOUSING AND WORK RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1998 AND APPLICABLE HUD REGULATIONS, SUBJECT TO LEGAL COUNSEL OPINION

(Acceptance of this Resolution was moved by Vice Chair Syphax, seconded by Commissioner Troppoli.)

Chairman Hopson – I would just like to know from the Commissioners if you guys feel that you’ve had ample opportunity to look the budget over in order to make a conscious decision tonight?

Commissioner Brown - No, I don’t.

Commissioner Giberson – I would like a little more time.

Commissioner McAllister – I am ok.

Vice Chair Syphax – Everything is good.

Commissioner Troppoli – How much more time are you suggesting Greg?

Chairman Hopson – I haven’t gotten to that point yet. I am at 50/50 right now.

Commissioner Troppoli – Ok, my feeling is that we had a very good discussion within the finance committee but not everyone is on the finance committee. I think that if you have more than one commissioner who feels that more time is required, I think that as a curtesy to people if it isn’t going to hold us up or causes us to miss a deadline, perhaps we could postpone this.

Chairman Hopson – How about we do that with both the DCA and HUD budgets. That way, if you all feel inclined to, we could schedule a special meeting sometime later on in the month. That way, it would afford everyone the opportunity to reach out to the finance department, get their questions answered and the understanding that they need. That way, they will be able to make conscious decision on voting.

Commissioner Giberson - I agree.

Lester Taylor, Esq. – The first question I would ask to Tom is does the delay or postponement of action tonight present any challenges or issues with HUD in terms of the timeliness for your submission of the budget or annual plan to HUD?

Thomas Sahlin - Yes and no. All it would take is for me to reach out to the field office tomorrow morning just to advise them that that board requires more time and as long as they are ok with it, it’s not a problem.

Lester Taylor, Esq. – Ok, and with the representation being that the board time will likely be by the end of this month and/or early next month, that shouldn't be a problem legally.

Chairman Hopson – As long as the annual plan doesn't affect the other two items, I have no problem moving the annual plan and we will hold off on the DCA and HUD budget until everyone feels comfortable and we will have a special meeting sometimes this month.

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

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

Opposed- None

Absent- None

Abstain- None

RESOLUTION 01-03-2022 - RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ASBURY PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY'S FYE 3-31-2023 OPERATING BUDGET AND SUBMITTAL TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)
(TABLED)

(Request to table this Resolution was moved by Chairman Hopson, seconded by Commissioner Giberson.)

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

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

Opposed- None

Absent- None

Abstain- None

RESOLUTION 01-04-2022 - RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ASBURY PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY'S FYE 3-31-2023 OPERATING BUDGET AND SUBMITTAL TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA)
(TABLED)

(Request to table this Resolution was moved by Chairman Hopson, seconded by Commissioner Giberson.)

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

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

Opposed- None

Absent- None

Abstain- None

(Motion to Close Public Session and Open Executive Session moved by Chairman Hopson, seconded by Commissioner Brown.)

Lester Taylor, Esq., - The purpose is to review the contract between WatchDog Security Group LLC and the Asbury Park Housing Authority matters covered by attorney/client privilege and contract negotiations. Minutes will be released to the public if and when the need for

confidentiality no longer exists and action may be taken by the board when it comes back into public session.

(Motion to Re-Open Public Session moved by Chairman Hopson, seconded by Commissioner Brown.)

RESOLUTION 01-05-2022 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APHA TO EXTEND ITS CONTRACT WITH WATCHDOG SECURITY GROUP LLC FOR ON-SITE SECURITY GUARD SERVICES

(Acceptance of this Resolution was moved by Vice Chair Syphax, seconded by Commissioner Troppoli.)

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

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

Opposed- None

Absent- None

Abstain- None

Motion to close Board of Commissioner's Meeting of January 2022, moved by Commissioner Giberson, seconded by Commissioner Troppoli.

All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned, 7:04 pm

Thomas Sahlin, Executive Director

Date