

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BERGEN COUNTY
One Bergen County Plaza – 2nd Floor, Hackensack

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2019

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM BUT ARE INSTEAD A SYNOPSIS OF WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2019 OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: Commissioner Peter Caminiti, Sr.
 Commissioner Joanne English-Rollieson
 Commissioner Daniel Ortega
 Commissioner Danielle Peterson

 Lynn Bartlett, Executive Director
 Terrence Corriston Esq., General Counsel
 Kevin McCann, Director of Finance
 Julia Orlando, BCHHH Director
 Vincent Bufis, Field Operations Manager

ABSENT: Commissioner Junior Hernandez
 Commissioner Steven Weinstein

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ortega called the meeting to order at 5:41pm and Executive Director, Lynn Bartlett, read the following statement:

Consistent with the Bryon M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act P.L.1975c231, all meetings of public bodies shall be open to the public at all times. Notice of the regular meeting was provided to The Bergen Record and posted on the Authority website on December 31, 2018 and was provided to the County Clerk for posting at the County Administration Building, at which time the date time and place were set forth. The minutes of the regular meeting will be available following the next regularly scheduled meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Ortega led all in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call Commissioners Caminiti, English-Rollieson, Ortega, and Peterson were all present.

MINUTES

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of the May 2019 meeting of the HABC Board of Commissioners. Motion was made by Commissioner Caminiti and seconded by Commissioner English-Rollieson. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Bartlett thanked all Commissioners for their patience in receiving the Board packet, due to an unexpected illness she was delayed by days out of the office. She then informed the Board that the HABC did not respond to the HUD issued deadline for the second Move to Work (MTW) cohort. The reason for the decision was predominantly the restrictions on the roll out for rent reform; the Authority had limited choice in the reforms to be applied and those that were possible would have created programmatic issues and procedural burden to change program administration in how the program is currently administered.

DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Bartlett reported that McManiman, Scotland, Bauman (MSB) has been selected to replace Holly Schepisi of Huntington Bailey whom recently retired. Bakari Lee, of MSB, whom some may recall from our RAD transition, has been exceptionally responsive and assistive in both the transition on funded projects as well as quickly moving things forward with projects applying for financing.

Ms. Bartlett pointed out the recognition of Ms. Orlando in the Board packet. She has been selected as the Larry Inserra Leader by Holy Name Medical Center and will receive the award in a reception to be held in October. In addition to this honor Ms. Bartlett reported that Ms. Orlando was selected as a District 5 Hometown Hero and will be acknowledged by Senator Gottheimer in a ceremony at Felician College on July 8th.

Chairman Ortega congratulated Ms. Orlando, who informed everyone that AJ Luna of Bergen County Veteran Services, along with Julia, will also be recognized as a 5th District Hometown Hero for their work in ending Veteran Homelessness,

ATTORNEY REPORT

Don Caminiti of Breslin and Breslin asked to move the Attorney Report to the end of the agenda to go into closed session to discuss matters of litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion was offered by Commissioner Peterson and seconded by Commissioner Caminiti to open the meeting to the public, all present Commissioners were in favor.

Seeing there was no one from the public wishing to address the Commissioners. Commissioner Caminiti made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Peterson. This was unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Caminiti and seconded by Commissioner Peterson. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

A. Resolution 2019-36

Resolution approving the routine expenditures for the HABC for the period of 05/15/19-06/12/19

B. Resolution 2019-37

Resolution approving the routine expenditures for the HDC for the period of 05/15/19-06/12/19

C. Resolution 2019-38

Resolution authorizing contract change order for Pal Park emergency generator replacement

ROLL CALL VOTE

Commissioner Caminiti - YES
Commissioner English Rollieson- YES
Commissioner Ortega – YES
Commissioner Peterson – YES

ABSENT: Hernandez, Weinstein (2)

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:48pm Chairman Ortega then asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss matters of litigation relative to a personnel matter and a Slip and Fall. Motion was offered by Commissioner Caminiti, seconded by Peterson and approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Caminiti, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to end closed session at 6:00pm.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Based on a personnel matter of litigation discussed in closed session Chairman Ortega asked for a motion to accept the terms and conditions of the proposed settlement matter under advice of counsel. This motion is to settle the lawsuit and authorizes the Executive Director to sign any documents required to settle the matter. Motion was made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner English Rollieson and approved unanimously.

At 6:03pm Commissioner Caminiti then moved to adjourn which was unanimously agreed upon.

Prepared by: Lynn Bartlett