



HOUSING AUTHORITY

OF THE CITY OF HOBOKEN

400 HARRISON STREET, HOBOKEN, N.J. 07030

(201) 798-0370

FAX (201) 798-0164



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING – February 21, 2017, 7:00pm

PRESENT: Chairwoman Dana Wefer
Vice Chairman James Sanford
Commissioner David Dening (arrives late)
Commissioner Hovie Forman
Commissioner David Mello
Commissioner LaTrenda Ross

COUNSEL: Harold Fitzpatrick, ESQ.
Matthew Fitzpatrick, ESQ.
Joseph Manfredi, ESQ.

STAFF: Marc A. Recko, Executive Director
Lourdes Priestley, Director of Administration
Richard Goddin, Maintenance Director
Emil Kotherithara, Chief Financial Officer

MINUTES:

Chairwoman Wefer stated that in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 of the State of New Jersey, the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Hoboken announces that the regular February board meeting has been re-scheduled for Tuesday February 21st, 2017 at 7:00pm in Monroe Gardens, 221 Jackson Street, Hoboken, NJ. Notice was sent to The Jersey Journal and Star Ledger on Monday, February 13th, 2017, as notification to the general public of said meeting and sent to the City Clerk of Hoboken on Monday, February 13th, 2017, with a copy of the agenda to be posted on the bulletin board in City Hall, Hoboken Library and Hoboken Police Department.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Recko made the roll call; Chairwoman Wefer, Vice Chairman Sanford, Commissioner Forman, Commissioner Mello and Commissioner Ross were present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners on January 12, 2017



Commissioner Mello made the motion and Vice Chairman Sanford seconded.

There being no questions, comments or discussion Mr. Recko took the roll on the resolution. On roll call vote, Chairwoman Wefer, Vice Chairman Sanford, Commissioner Forman, Commissioner Mello and Commissioner Ross voted "Yes".

2017-02.02 Resolution authorizing the payment of the monthly list of bills

Commissioner Mello made the motion and Commissioner Forman seconded.

A discussion on some of the bills ensues.

There being no further questions, comments or discussion Mr. Recko took the roll on the resolution. On roll call vote, Chairwoman Wefer, Vice Chairman Sanford, Commissioner Forman, Commissioner Mello and Commissioner Ross voted "Yes".

2017-02.03 Resolution of the Housing Authority of the City of Hoboken to Sponsor Three Girls' Softball Teams

Commissioner Mello made the motion and Vice Chairman Sanford seconded.

A discussion ensues.

Commissioner Dening arrives.

There being no further questions, comments or discussion Mr. Recko took the roll on the resolution. On roll call vote, Chairwoman Wefer, Vice Chairman Sanford, Commissioner Forman, Commissioner Mello and Commissioner Ross voted "Yes". Commissioner Dening Abstained.

2017-02.04 Resolution of the Housing Authority of the City of Hoboken approving and authorizing certain organizational changes as recommended by the Executive Director

Commissioner Mello made the motion and Commissioner Forman seconded.

Mr. Recko provides some background on the resolution and a discussion ensues.

Chairwoman Wefer makes a motion to amend the resolution to add after "administration" in the second to last paragraph, "as outlined in Director Recko's February 20th, 2017 memorandum to the Board concerning the creation of three new positions," and then, "Be it further resolved that the position of Director of Special Projects is eliminated."



Commissioner Forman seconded.

Mr. Recko took the roll on the amendments. On roll call vote, Chairwoman Wefer, Vice Chairman Sanford, Commissioner Dening, Commissioner Forman, Commissioner Mello and Commissioner Ross voted "Yes".

A further discussion ensues.

There being no further questions, comments or discussion Mr. Recko took the roll on the resolution. On roll call vote, Chairwoman Wefer, Vice Chairman Sanford, Commissioner Dening, Commissioner Forman, Commissioner Mello and Commissioner Ross voted "Yes".

2017-02.05 Resolution of the Housing Authority of the City of Hoboken to amend its Administrative Plan for the Section 8 Voucher Program

Commissioner Mello made the motion and Commissioner Dening seconded.

Mr. Recko provides some background on the resolution and a discussion ensues.

There being no further questions, comments or discussion Mr. Recko took the roll on the resolution. On roll call vote, Chairwoman Wefer, Vice Chairman Sanford, Commissioner Dening, Commissioner Forman, Commissioner Mello and Commissioner Ross voted "Yes".

2017-02.06 Resolution of the Housing Authority of the City of Hoboken to execute an agreement with Code-IT, Inc.

Commissioner Mello made the motion and Commissioner Forman seconded.

A discussion ensues.

There being no further questions, comments or discussion Mr. Recko took the roll on the resolution. On roll call vote, Chairwoman Wefer, Vice Chairman Sanford, Commissioner Dening, Commissioner Forman, Commissioner Mello and Commissioner Ross voted "Yes".

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

PUBLIC PORTION

2017-02.07 Resolution of the Housing Authority of the City of Hoboken to go into closed session

When and if it shall be in the best interests of the Authority, and depending upon the need for continuing confidentiality of the issue or issues discussed, the



Authority shall make available the transcript of that portion of the meeting reflecting such session and shall make known to the public the topics discussed at such session and any action taken by it in closed session.

Vice Chairman Sanford made the motion and Commissioner Mello seconded.

There being no questions, comments or discussion Mr. Recko took the roll on the resolution. On roll call vote, Chairwoman Wefer, Vice Chairman Sanford, Commissioner Dening, Commissioner Forman, Commissioner Mello and Commissioner Ross voted "Yes".

CLOSED SESSION

The board members went into closed session to discuss litigation matters.

(Open session continued at 9:30pm)

2017-02.08 Resolution of the Housing Authority of the City of Hoboken approving and authorizing the appointment of Raymond L. Hamlin, Esq. and Mary C. McDonnell, Esq. as replacement insurance defense counsel in the Acevedo c. HHA case

Commissioner Dening made the motion and Vice Chairman Sanford seconded.

Mr. Recko provides a summary.

There being no questions, comments or discussion Mr. Recko took the roll on the resolution. On roll call vote, Chairwoman Wefer, Vice Chairman Sanford, Commissioner Dening, Commissioner Forman, Commissioner Mello and Commissioner Ross voted "Yes".

Commissioner Mello makes a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dening seconded.

All board members answered in the affirmative.

(The meeting concluded at 9:35pm)

