

MINUTES FROM A SPECIAL MEETING ON AUGUST 10, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:04 p.m. on August 10, 2011 in the Community Room at Washington Manor, 340 Thomas Blvd, Orange, New Jersey.

The Executive Director advised that all requirements of the Sunshine Law were met.

A roll call was taken as follows:

Present

Chairman Clifford Ross
Commissioner Lillie Davis
Commissioner Joseph Seneca
Commissioner Evelyn Hudson
Commissioner Ernest Williams
Commissioner Coram Rimes

Also Present

Walter D. McNeil, Jr. Executive Director
Ernest Booker, Esq., Feinstein, Raiss, Kelin and Booker
Several Tenants
Several Employees

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Swearing in of new Board of Commissioner, Dr. Joseph M. Juliano

Commissioner Juliano said this Board is alive and well and kicking and I'm glad to be a part of it. He said he thinks the Orange Housing Authority is the only thing happening in this City of Orange. I'm glad to be here. I'm very excited.

Mr. McNeil said I'm glad to have you here. Welcome aboard

Chairman Ross called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Rimes moved to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

Chairman Ross called for discussion?

No discussion.

A roll call was taken.

All Commissioners voted in favor.

Treasures Report

Mr. McNeil said I would like to direct your attention to page 2 of the report.

Chairman Ross said is there a reason the Accountant is not here today.

Mr. McNeil said we didn't ask him to be here. We asked him to be at the next board meeting to present his report. We are living within our budget. Our budget is \$9 million we spent \$2 million year to date. We have a surplus of \$100,000.00 as of this point. Everything looks pretty decent. Some of the line items look a little bit heavier than they normally might be some of the expense that we've experienced in the beginning of the fiscal year. Mr. McNeil said that we had to pay things like health and hospitalization insurance for almost a half a year. We just went through our REAC Inspection, page 2 is the consolidated budget the details you will see in the proceeding pages if you have questions please feel free to contact me.

Resolutions

Chairman Ross called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5124-11 Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Approving Bills Resolution No. 1831. Commissioner Williams moved to adopt. Commissioner Juliano seconded.

Chairman Ross called for discussion?

Commissioner Hudson said why there are two invoices for Tenmast Software

Mr. McNeil said this is our Housing Management Software they were late sending us the bill.

A roll call was taken

All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Ross called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5125-11 Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange authorizing the Executive Director and the Chairman to purchase the attached list of properties. Commissioner Seneca moved to adopt. Commissioner Williams seconded.

Chairman Ross called for discussion?

A roll call was taken

All Commissioners voted in favor

Commissioner Williams said where we are on the Section 3 candidates for Walter G. Alexander.

Mr. McNeil said, we now have about 10 people that were hired. I'm meeting with Brenda Edmonson the Director of Section 3 for HUD for this region tomorrow. As far as contractors are concerned he's meeting his Section 3 requirements.

Commissioner Williams said how many that was hired and contractors are Orange residents.

Mr. McNeil said most of them. Mr. McNeil then went on to say he has Deborah Hurley here today to talk a little bit about the golf tournament.

Deborah Hurley said just to give you an update on some of my activities. One was the article talking about the closing and what has transpired with the development. Also were working on another piece to talk about the Development Corporation and our Board and what we're doing probably in the next 30 days. Also about 7 months ago the State sent out a notice to all the Housing Authorities that we need to comply, information need to be public like our by-laws, minutes, agendas, audit reports, financials also backgrounds or bio's of the Commissioners. We have done that. I or Joanne will be reaching out to get a blur on each of you for a bio to attach to your photos. Everything we've done press related is on the website. Ms. Hurley said that we are moving on to golf the tournament. Everyone received their packets; we have meetings every Monday up until the week of the golf tournament you are all welcome to join us. This is a report to show our activity, where we are with the budget as well as our potential donors. It will reflect that with our pledges we will raise about \$58,000.00. The pledges we have in right now is \$31,000.00. We are trying to get everyone to at least raise \$1,000.00 that will put us over by an additional \$15,000.00. This would be really good if we could start off raising significant funds to give out to our youth in the housing community. We are also taking out an ad in the Orange Transcript.

Chairman Ross called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Seneca moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Davis seconded.

Chairman Ross called for a discussion?

No Discussion

A roll call was taken.

All Commissioners voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter D. McNeil, Jr.
Executive Director/Secretary