

MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on September 19, 2019 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 Ernest Williams
Treasurer Joseph Juliano
Commissioner Coram Rimes
Commissioner Betty McLeod
Commissioner Clifford Ross (Late)

Absent

Commissioner Hashim Garrett
Commissioner Francis Audain

Also Present

Walter D. McNeil, Jr., Executive Director
Brad Leak, Assistant Executive Director
Brian Hak, Esq., from Eric Bernstein & Associates
Several Employees

The pledge of allegiance was said.

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

Chairman Williams called for discussion
No discussion
A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The bills list and May's financial report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. McNeil said that August report is due, but due to technical difficulties it has not yet been prepared.

McNeil said there is a Management Report and Section 8 report for your review in your packets.

McNeil gave a report of the Golf Scholarship Outing saying that it was the most successful outing thus far with 97 golfers. HACO gave out \$8,000 in Scholarships, the most that we've ever given.

Chairman William acknowledged Commissioner Rimes and the HACO's staff for doing a great job with the Golf Scholarship Outing.

McNeil updated the Board on the repairs to unit 5k and the common areas that were affected as a result of the fire in May 2019.

McNeil spoke about the summer interns and their responsibilities, stating that they did a great job.

PUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Williams congratulations Lance Hammond on his upcoming retirement.

RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5540-19 approving Bills. Commissioner Ross moved to adopt. Commissioner McLeod seconded.

Chairman Williams called for discussion
No discussion
A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution 5541-19 Authorizing the Executive Director to Sign an Agreement with Lance Hammond Pertaining to his Retirement. Commissioner Ross moved to adopt. Commissioner McLeod seconded.

Chairman Williams called for discussion
No discussion
A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution No 5542-19 Approving Salary Increases for Non-Union Employees Effective April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2023
Commissioner Juliano moved to adopt. Commissioner McLeod seconded.

Chairman Williams called for discussion
No discussion
A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution No 5543-19 Approving Agreement with Local 32 Union Employees and the Housing Authority Effective April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2023. Commissioner Ross moved to adopt. Commissioner McLeod seconded.

Chairman Williams called for discussion
No discussion
A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution No 5544-19 Authorizing PNC Bank and TD Bank as Banks of Record and Deposits, Withdrawals and Transfers.

Commissioner Ross moved to adopt. Commissioner McLeod seconded

Chairman Williams called for discussion
No discussion
A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution No 5545-19 Authority of the City of Orange entering into a contract with the winning bidder for Replacement of Existing Rooftop Kitchen and Corridor Exhaust Fans, at Washington Manor in the amount not exceed \$81,000.00.

Commissioner Ross moved to adopt. Commissioner McLeod seconded.

Chairman Williams called for discussion
No discussion
A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor

Unfinished Business/New Business

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ross moved to adjourn. Commissioner McLeod seconded.

Chairman Williams called for discussion
No discussion
A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Walter D. McNeil, Jr.
Secretary