

MINUTES FROM A SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2022

A Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on November 10, 2022, via Zoom web-based application, in light of Governor Murphy's Executive Order 107, and to maintain the necessary social distance to avoid the spread of Covid-19. The Executive Director advised that all requirements of the Sunshine Law were met. A roll call was taken as follows:

Present

Chairman Ernest Williams
Vice Chairman Clifford Ross
Parliamentarian Joseph Juliano
Commissioner Betty McLeod
Treasurer Chris Jackson
Commissioner Shara Morrow (Late)

Absent

Commissioner Hashim Garrett

Also Present

Walter D. McNeil, Jr., Executive Director
Marsha M. Moore, Esq., Counsel
Shanda Hammond, HACO staff
Amanda Rivera, HACO staff
Carlos Cuevas, HACO staff
Pamela Valdez, HACO staff
Cristina Mateo, HACO staff

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 Jackson 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 and/or correction of the Minutes from a Regular Board Meeting on October 10, 2022. Commissioner McLeod moved to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Ross seconded.

Chairman Williams called for discussion

No discussion

A roll call was taken

Jackson abstained from voting because he didn't have time to review the minutes

All other Commissioners voted in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Executive Director advised that he met with the treasurer to review the financial accounts, and recent deposits into the Capital Fund Account. He also advised that the financial report has not been completed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. McNeil reminded the Board about the League of Municipalities and advised them to be sure to take classes that would impact on the government of our agency. He requested the Board to attend the JIF Meeting.

He advised the Board that the Annual Plan has been completed.

PUBLIC SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5714-22 approving Bills. Commissioner Ross moved to adopt. Commissioner McLeod seconded.

Chairman Williams called for discussion
McNeil reviewed the bills list with the board via screen share
A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor

A moment was taken to introduce the new Board Member, Ms. Shara Morrow. She was sworn in by Council, Marsha Moore, Esq.

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution No: 5715-22 Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to advertise and hold a Public Hearing on the Annual Plan for fiscal year 2022
Commissioner Juliano moved to adopt. Commissioner Ross seconded.

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

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution No: 5716-22 authorizing an amendment to reflect the 10% retainage to change order (5704-22) to a contract with IWS Development, Resolution No. 5611-21, for the redevelopment of 198 Parrow Street, Orange, New Jersey.
Commissioner McLeod moved to adopt. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Chairman Williams called for discussion
Commissioner Ross if this change order completed the construction of 98.
Amanda advised that the change order reduces the amount of the previous change order because a 10% deduction had not been taken off. She wanted to correct the change order before making the payment.
A roll call was taken

All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution No: 5717-22 authorizing payment to IWS Development for an amount not to exceed \$6000.00 to cover the cost of secure storage space and supplies due to covid.

Commissioner Ross moved to adopt. Commissioner Garrett seconded.

Chairman Williams called for discussion

Ross asked for an explanation.

McNeil advised that the contractor had to get a secure space to store supplies.

A roll call was taken

All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5718-22 Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract for the sale of 315 Elizabeth Street, Orange New Jersey.

Commissioner Ross moved to adopt. Commissioner McLeod seconded.

Chairman Williams called for discussion

McNeil advised that the offer was for \$320,000.00 with a seller's concession of &10k

No discussion

A roll call was taken

All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5719-22 authorizing the Executive Director to donate the 2004 Ford Pick-Up.

Commissioner Ross moved to adopt. Commissioner McLeod seconded.

Chairman Williams called for discussion

Jackson was opposed to donating to Kars for Kids and suggested we find another charity to donate the vehicle to. The Board was in agreement and suggested that we do research to find a charity. The chairman suggested the Resolution be approved and the Board be advised of the chosen charity prior to donation.

No discussion

A roll call was taken

Ross voted No

All other Commissioners voted in favor

Unfinished Business/New Business

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

Chairman Williams called for discussion

No discussion

A roll call was taken

All Commissioners voted in favor

Meeting ended at 3:35pm

Respectfully submitted,