

MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING JUNE 18, 2020

A Regular 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 June 18, 2020 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
Commissioner Clifford Ross
Commissioner Hashim Garrett
Commissioner Betty McLeod
Treasurer Joseph Juliano
Commissioner Kurt Mills

Absent

Also Present

Walter D. McNeil, Jr., Executive Director
Marsha Moore, Esq.
Brad Leak, Assistant Executive Director
Shanda Hammond, Director of Housing
Carlos Cuevas, Acting Superintendent of Maintenance
HACO Staff

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Vice Chairman Ross called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Juliano moved to adopt the agenda and Commissioner McLeod seconded.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report.

Walter McNeil, the Executive Director presents the end of the year report for March 2020.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director reviewed the Management Report and Section 8 report. He discussed the restrictions implemented to Washington Manor due to Covid-19. He discussed the ongoing restrictions on visitors, the continued closing of the community room, the cleaning of the building, and the remote work schedule for the employees.

PUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Williams opened the meeting for public session. No one spoke

RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution 5580-20 - Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange approving Bills.
Commissioner Ross moved to adopt. Commissioner Garrett seconded.

Chairman Williams called for discussion
A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5581-20 - Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange authorizing the Executive Director to pay bills for the summer months of July and August 2020.
Commissioner Ross moved. 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. 5582-20 - Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange New Jersey to enter into a contractual relationship with the Orange Housing Development Corporation to utilize and pay for labor expenses associated with Covid-19 expenses from the Section 8 reserve fund.
Commissioner McLeod moved. Commissioner Garrett seconded.

Chairman Williams called for discussion

Vice Chairman Ross asked for clarity on the resolution.
The Executive Director explained that PHA's received additional funds received by PHAs from the Government to prepare for, prevent, and respond to a **coronavirus** outbreak for the public housing programs. He explained that the maintenance and security staff has been working overtime to clean and secure the property and we were awarded additional monies to compensate them.

A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5583-20 - Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange to pay the Orange Housing Development Corporation for all employee expenses incurred relating to the Covid-19 outbreak.

Commissioner Ross moved. 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. 5584-20 - Resolution Introducing the 2021 Budget.

Commissioner Ross moved. Commissioner Juliano 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 McLeod moved to adjourn. Commissioner Garrett seconded.

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

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter D. McNeil, Jr., PhD
Secretary