

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
October 21, 2015**

PLACE: Community Center
299 Gregory Avenue
Passaic, New Jersey 07055

READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

As required by NJSA 10:4-6 et seq. known as the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner: On December 12, 2014 notice of this meeting specifying the date, time and location was transmitted to the Herald News and The Record and to the Clerk of the City of Passaic. Notice was also posted at all HACP sites.

PRESENT: Beatrice Johnson, Commissioner
Alan Juszcyk, Commissioner
Angel LaBoy, Commissioner
L. Daniel Rodriguez, Commissioner
Germaine Williams, Commissioner
Ronald Van Rensalier, Chairman
Terrence J. Corrison, Esq.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Victor Cirilo
Vincent Wynter
Andrew Barcia
Amalio Barreto
Glenny Candelaria
Jeffrey Gorley
Joann Arroyo
Joanna Lara
Yetla Martinez

Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

On roll call: Commissioner Johnson: Present; Commissioner Juszcyk: Present; Commissioner LaBoy: Present; Commissioner Navarro: Present; Commissioner Rodriguez: Present; Commissioner Williams: Present; Commissioner Ronald Van Rensalier: Present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

A Motion was made Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

On roll call vote: Commissioner Johnson: Aye; Commissioner Juszcyk: Aye; Commissioner LaBoy: Aye; Commissioner Navarro: Aye; Commissioner Rodriguez: Aye; Commissioner Williams: Aye; Commissioner Ronald Van Rensalier; Aye.

The Executive Director asked that the Special Resident Council Presentation be postponed so that all Resident Council Members may be present.

REMARKS BY CITIZENS

The following was read: In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq.) The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic opens every public meeting for comments of the public. Each person choosing to speak at the meetings will be limited to five minutes, to speak on any subject, on or off the agenda. All speakers must state their name and address for the record.

However, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 “nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the discretion of a public body to permit, prohibit or regulate the active participation at any meeting”

Therefore, please be advised that the Housing Authority of the City of Passaic will not entertain any comments from persons who communicate obscene material, make statements which are considered bias intimidation in which a person intends to intimidate any individual or group because of race, color, religion, gender, handicap, sexual orientation or ethnicity or makes comments intending to harass or speak in any offensive language. The person who makes these statements will relinquish their allotted five minutes for public discussion. Any person who persists in speaking out of turn, or interrupts the peace and order of the meeting will be escorted off the premises.

Jaroslaw Jackiw- 266 Lafayette Avenue

- **Can the Executive Director advise all the residents of the status of the renovations for the Senior HACP facilities.**

The Executive Director Responded: In the Executive Director’s report, the two entries include the status of all renovation projects. One of the reports is about RAD and where we are in the process. The second entry includes the status of all major capital improvements currently in place.

- **Has the HACP resolved all issues with computer servers so that the Commissioners can receive PDFs with their respective emails?**

The Executive Director responded: The servers have a limited capacity due to issues with viruses. The amount of data is limited due to this reason.

- **Will the HACP and Board of Commissioners approve purchase of body cameras for staff?**

The Board and Executive Director agreed that there are no changes to the response since the last Board Meeting on September 16, 2015.

- **Who are the Officers/ Board Members who signed the agreement for the Passaic Affordable Housing Coalition borrower?**

The Executive Director responded: Mr. Jackiw OPRA the document and has all the information pertaining to this question. The Executive Director requested that Mr. Jackiw contact him if he had any remaining questions.

- **HACP loan to the Passaic Affordable Housing Coalition benefit the residents living within the HACP facilities?**

The Executive Director stated that the HACP would profit \$935.00 a month in interest. The Interest amount is higher than the money sitting in reserves.

- **Has the Executive Director and staff completed their presentation to the Resident Council for all of the fall and winter activities for 2015-2016? What was the total budgeted amount for all the activities for the fall and winter 2015-2016?**

The Executive Director responded: A presentation has never been presented to the Resident Council in the past. The information being requested is not available at hand but Mr. Jackiw can request it via email.

A Motion was made Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Navarro to close remarks by citizens.

On roll call vote: Commissioner Johnson: Aye; Commissioner Juszcyk: Aye; Commissioner LaBoy: Aye; Commissioner Navarro: Aye; Commissioner Rodriguez: Aye; Commissioner Williams: Aye; Commissioner Ronald Van Rensalier; Aye.

RESOLUTIONS

CHAIRMAN VAN RENSA LIER STATED THAT ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD MAY REQUEST THAT ANY ITEM BE REMOVED FROM THE CONCENT AGENDA AND BE CONSIDERED SEPERATELY. ALL REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE CONCIDERED TOGETHER.

Commissioner Juszcyk requested that resolution 2015-63 be voted on separately.

2015-63 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO AND FROM ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY BY THREE (3) COMMISSIONERS AND THREE (3) STAFF MEMBERS TO ATTEND A NJNAHRO PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & NETWORKING EVENT FOR COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF ON NOVEMBER 17-18, 2015

Commissioner Juszcyk stated that in the past attendees have shared rooms on a volunteer basis. He suggested that if any attendees for this conference would like to voluntarily share rooms, it would save the Housing Authority some money.

The Executive Director stated that he is not aware of anyone at the moment but would look into it as an option in the future to be considered.

A motion was made by Commissioner Navarro and seconded by Chairperson Van Rensalier to approve Resolution 2015-63.

On roll call vote: Commissioner Johnson: Aye for other 5, abstain for herself; Commissioner Juszcyk: Aye for other 5, abstain for himself; Commissioner LaBoy: Aye; Commissioner Navarro: Aye; Commissioner Rodriguez: Aye; Commissioner Williams: Aye for other 5, abstain for herself; Commissioner Ronald Van Rensalier; Aye.

ACTION: APPROVED

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC AS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 2015-59 RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2015 THROUGH OCTOBER 16, 2015
- 2015-60 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO SHARP BUSINESS SYSTEMS FOR THE LEASE OF TWO (2) SHARP MX-M565N DIGITAL BLACK & WHITE MULTIFUNCTION DEVICES FOR THE AMP 1 ALFRED SPEER VILLAGE AND HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM OFFICES
- 2015-61 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO AND FROM PERTH AMBOY, NEW JERSEY FOR A TWO DAY RAD MANDATORY TAX-CREDIT CERTIFICATION COURSE ON OCTOBER 29-30, 2015
- 2015-62 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO AND FROM MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY BY JOHN DE LA CRUZ TO ATTEND THE ONE (1) DAY SEMINAR TITLED PAYROLL LAW ON OCTOBER 26 2015
- 2015-64 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH US-VOIP, INC. FOR 36 MONTHS FOR HOSTED PBX TELEPHONE SERVICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Juscyk and seconded by Commissioner Navarro to approve the consent agenda resolutions.

On roll call vote: Commissioner Johnson: Aye; Commissioner Juszyk: Aye; Commissioner LaBoy: Aye; Commissioner Navarro: Aye; Commissioner Rodriguez: Aye; Commissioner Williams: Aye; Commissioner Ronald Van Rensalier; Aye.

ACTION: APPROVED

RESIDENT COUNCIL REPORTS

Ms. Rene Griggs, President, Alfred Speer Village Resident Council

Ms. Griggs thanked Ms. Katie for working with her over the years in servicing the residents.

Ms. Griggs congratulated the new incoming President and Resident Council members and stated that she is looking forward to helping with their new transition.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT/ DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT

Submitted.

DIRECTOR OF HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM'S REPORT

Submitted.

DIRECTOR OF RESIDENT SERVICE'S REPORT

Submitted.

SECURITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

Special Resident Council Presentation.

Ms. Candelaria and the Mr. Corrison swore in the newly elected Vreeland Village Resident Council members and Building Reps.

Vreeland Village Resident Council

Angerlener Austin, President

Katie Soriano, Vice President

Sharlene Casiano, Secretary

Betsy Barbosa, Treasurer

Eula Washington, Chaplin

Building Reps

Paulette Gathers

Maris Duran

Katie Soriano

Ms. Austin stated that she was the Vice President to Ms. Katie.

Ms. Austin thanked Ms. Katie for everything she has taught her and for all she's done to help the community.

Ms. Austin stated that she will do everything in her power to help the residents with hard work and dedication.

Ms. Soriano thanked everyone who voted for her that the reason she ran for Vice President is to speak for the Hispanic community. As a vice president she wants to represent the people who don't want to come out.

Ms. Soriano stated that she wants to get kids more involved in the programs that they have and she will try her best to achieve that.

Ms. Washington stated that joining the Resident Council is about helping others and coming together as one.

The Executive Director and Chairman thanked the newly elected Resident Council for their positive energy and excitement.

The Chairman spoke on behalf of the Board and stated that forming a partnership is crucial. He also stated that the Board is there to help and offer any tools they need to be successful.

Commissioner Johnson congratulated the newly elected Resident Council and announced that Commissioner Williams will be the first lady inducted in the Optimus Club in Passaic.

Commissioner Williams expressed that she is ecstatic about the new Resident Council and all their future projects.

Commissioner LaBoy congratulated Commissioner Navarro for his performance at the Freeholder Meeting at the City Council Chamber.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

AJOURNMENT

8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Cirilo
Executive Director/Secretary