

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING  
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY, HELD MARCH 9, 2017 AT  
165 EAST GRAND AVENUE, RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

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The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance. Chairman Ragan stated that adequate meeting notice requirements, as prescribed by NJ Sunshine Law, had been met.

Upon roll call Commissioners Lesinski, Pekarofski, Ragan, Simon, and Snowden answered present, with Commissioner Parson and Thomas absent. Also in attendance were Authority Attorney Testino, and Accountant Ciarrocca.

Chairman Ragan requested that the minutes of the December meeting be acted on. Upon a motion by Commissioner Lesinski, seconded by Commissioner Pekarofski, the minutes were approved by a vote of five (5) Ayes and two (2) Absent.

Under Directors Report Mr. Pushko stated that The Trump Administration has considered more than 6 billion in cuts in HUD, according to preliminary budget documents obtained by The Washington Post dated March 8, 2017. Mr. Pushko further mentioned according to the budget, the Community Development Block Grant and Home would be eliminated also. Mr. Pushko stated in January 2018 another Rahway Housing Authority employee will be retiring, at which time, that position will not be filled. Rahway Housing Authority is working hard to create a soft landing for the upcoming budget cuts. Lastly, Mr. Pushko stated that one of the HomeVision homes have been sold.

Chairman Ragan requested that the March bills (incurred in February) be presented for payment. Upon a motion by Commissioner Lesinski, seconded by Commissioner Simon, the bills were approved for payment by a vote of five (5) Ayes and two (2) Absent.

Commissioner Ragan presented the following Resolutions, with action taken as noted:

Res. #1533 – HOMEVISION SERVICE CONTRACTS – Upon motion by Commissioner Simon, seconded by Commissioner Lesinski, Res. #1533 was approved by a vote of five (5) Ayes and two (2) Absent.

Res. #1534 – RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (P.A.C.O.) – Upon a motion by Commissioner Simon, seconded by Commissioner Snowden, Res. #1534 was approved by a vote of five (5) Ayes and two (2) Absent.

Res. #1535 – APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016 – Upon a motion by Commissioner Pekarofski, seconded by Commissioner Simon, Res. #1535 was approved by a vote of five (5) Ayes and two (2) Absent.

Res. #1536 - ADOPTION OF A REVISED PERSONNEL POLICY – Mr. Pushko reviewed the four topics in the Personnel Policy that were being revised. Upon a motion Commissioner Lesinski, seconded by Commissioner Simon, Res. #1536 was approved by a vote of five (5) Ayes and two (2) Absent.

Under Financial Matters Mr. Ciarrocca viewed the monthly financial report. Mr. Ciarrocca also discussed the future major cuts in HUD and concerns. Mr. Ciarrocca stated RHA can manage the Operating Budget; however that does not stop the cost of future building expenses etc.

Under Legal Matters Mr. Testino stated this portion of the meeting will be held in Executive Session.

There being no Old Business; this portion of the meeting was closed.

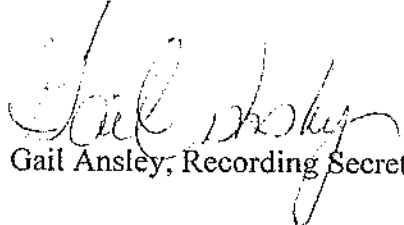
There being no members of the public present, this portion of the meeting was closed.

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There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Lesinski made a motion to go into Executive Session, which was seconded by Commissioner Simon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Ansley, Recording Secretary