

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY, HELD MARCH 2, 2023 AT
165 EAST GRAND AVENUE, RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance. Chairman Pekarofski stated that adequate meeting notice requirements, as prescribed by NJ Sunshine Law, had been met.

Roll Call:

Upon roll call Commissioners Lesinski, Pekarofski, Ragan, Gonzalez and Simon answered present. Chairman Thomas and Thomas-Petit were absent. Also in attendance were Attorney Testino and Accountant Ciarrocca.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Pekarofski presented the minutes of the February 9, 2022 meeting. Upon a motion by Commissioner Lesinski, seconded by Commissioner Simon, the minutes were approved by a vote of five (5) Ayes and two (2) Absent.

Director's Report: Ms. Wenson Maier

Discussed the need for the City of Rahway to submit to Union County for additional HOME Funds in order to make the RAD project feasible. The necessary component of that application is to have a signed Memorandum of Understanding which is one of the resolutions being presented. The other resolution protects the Housing Authority financially so that if the City of Rahway is unsuccessful in its request, the developer cannot pursue the Housing Authority for reimbursement of funds expended.

Bills List:

Vice Chairman Simon requested that the bills list (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.

Resolutions:

Chairman Pekarofski requested a mover and seconder for **RESOLUTION NO. 1687 – APPROVAL FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN LETTER FROM THE ALPERT GROUP, WHICH PROTECTS THE RAHWAY HOUSING AUTHORITY FROM FINANCIAL LIABILITY FOR COSTS INCURRED BY THE DEVELOPER WHILE AWAITING DECISION FROM UNION COUNTY FOR ADDITIONAL HOME FUNDS.** Upon a motion by Commissioner Simon, seconded by Commissioner Lesinski, the resolution was approved by a vote of five (5) Ayes and two (2) Absent.

Chairman Pekarofski requested a mover and seconder for **RESOLUTION NO. 1688 – APPROVAL FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN MOU FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF GLENDENNING HOMES**. Upon a motion by Commissioner Lesinski, seconded by Commissioner Simon, the resolution was approved by a vote of five (5) Ayes and two (2) Absent.

Chairman Pekarofski requested a mover and seconder for **RESOLUTION NO. 1689 – ACCEPT MODIFICATION TO THE ACOP REGARDING 5LB. DETERMINING UNIT SIZE TO INCLUDE:**

Females should be sharing rooms with other females.

Males should be sharing rooms with other males.

Two children of the same sex should not be sharing a room after one of the children becomes 18 years old.

Females or males over the age of 18 should be sharing a room with another non-custodial adult of the same sex over 18.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Simon, seconded by Commissioner Lesinski, the resolution was approved by a vote of five (5) Ayes and two (2) Absent.

Public Comment:

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

Financial Matters:

David Ciarrocca stated that the financial report was more favorable due to the Shortfall Funds of which the Housing Authority has received the first payment.

Legal Matters:

Ed Testino reported that clear title was obtained by McNally & Bellino for the parcel at the Family Site.

Old Business:

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

New Business:

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

Chairperson's Comments:

Chairperson Pekarofski thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, upon a motion by

Commissioner Lesinski, Seconded by Commissioner Simon, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm, by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Wenson Maier
Executive Director/Recording Secretary