

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BERGEN COUNTY
One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, New Jersey

MINUTES OF ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING OF MAY 27, 2021

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM BUT ARE INSTEAD A SYNOPSIS OF WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 27, 2021 – A ZOOM VIRUTAL MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT:

Chairman Daniel Ortega
Commissioner Peter Caminiti, Sr.
Commissioner Angelo D’Arminio, Jr.
Commissioner Junior Hernandez
Commissioner Danielle Peterson
Commissioner Harvey Sohmer

Lynn Bartlett, Executive Director
Terrence Corriston, General Counsel
Vincent Bufis, Field Operations Director
Miglena Golemanova, Accounting Manager
Shahin Rahvar, Housing Programs Assist Dir.
John Biale, Director of Development
Julia Orlando, BCHHH Director

ABSENT:

Commissioner Joanne English-Rollieson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm. Executive Director, Lynn Bartlett read the following statement:

Consistent with the Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act: P.L.1975c231 - All meetings of public bodies shall be open to the public at all times. Notice of the virtual meeting schedule of the HABC Board of Commissioners setting forth the date, time and hyperlink information was posted by The Record on January 2, 2021. The same notice was posted on the Authority website and provided to the County Clerk for posting at the County Administration Building on January 21,2021. The minutes of this regular meeting will be available following the next regularly scheduled meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Ortega led all in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call all Commissioners were present but Commissioner English Rollieson.

MINUTES

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of the May 27, 2021 meeting of the HABC Board of Commissioners. Motion was made by Commissioner Caminiti and seconded by Commissioner D’Arminio; upon roll call the motion carried unanimously by all Commissioners present.

VOTE:

Caminiti – YES
D’Arminio – YES
English-Rollieson - ABSENT
Hernandez – YES
Ortega – YES
Peterson – YES
Sohmer – YES

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Ms. Bartlett pointed out that she had previously circulated the report. She added that the Finance report was streamlined to specifically identify CARES Act funds received from HUD. Also, an itemized list was provided and identified additional CARES Act awards from other funding sources. Including \$7M in funds targeting households that are precariously housed or homeless.

The only other update would be the HHH opening. The County is mandating vaccinations for shelter employees, as well as any partner agencies operating at the shelter. Due to this requirement, some staffing issues have arisen and has pushed back the opening of the shelter to a tentative date of June 7th.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Terry Corrison reported that notice from the Courts has been received stating that they are preparing to open back up to proceed with eviction actions. The eviction process will change with more emphasis placed on settling rather than evicting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Ortega asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion was made by Commissioner D'Arminio and seconded by Commissioner Caminiti.

A. Resolution 2021-30

Resolution approving the routine expenditures for the HABC for the period of 04/16/21 - 05/20/21.

B. Resolution 2021-31

Resolution approving the routine expenditures for the HDC for the period of 04/16/21 - 05/20/21.

C. Resolution 2021-32

Resolution to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using CDBG COVID-19 program funds for homeless prevention arrears and subsistence payments.

D. Resolution 2021-33

Resolution authorizing a contract with Novogradac and Company to conduct auditing services.

E. Resolution 2021-34

Resolution authorizing a contract with Alexena Consulting to conduct diversity, equity, and inclusion training to the staff of the HABC.

F. Resolution 2021-35

Resolution authorizing a contract with Elevator Maintenance Corp. for elevator maintenance and repair for thirteen buildings for a period of two years starting June 1, 2021.

G. Resolution 2021-36

Resolution authorizing a contract with Breslin & Breslin for general counsel services for the period of June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2024.

VOTE:

Caminiti – YES

D'Arminio – YES

English-Rollieson - ABSENT

Hernandez – YES

Ortega – YES

Peterson – YES

Sohmer – YES

Seeing no further business to discuss Chairman Ortega moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 pm which was unanimously approved by all Commissioners present.

Prepared by: Heather Wei