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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Monday, January 28, 2019
Commencing at 6:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- NOEL QUILES, CHAIRMAN
- EDWARD J. DABAL
- RICHARD GIACOMARRO
- EDWARD PUZIO
- ROSEMARIE RIBAUDO
- JUDITH SUSINO

ALSO PRESENT:

- MICHAEL P. DE MARCO, ESQ.
HOUSING AUTHORITY ATTORNEY
- MARGARET A. FIORE
OFFICE MANAGER

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1 Notice of the time, date and place of this
2 meeting has been provided at least 48 hours in advance
3 by publication in The Record and by posting a notice of
4 this meeting on the community bulletin board at the
5 Garfield Housing Authority and Garfield City Hall.

6 MS. FIORE: Roll call for our regular meeting
7 held on January 28, 2019.

8 MR. DABAL: Here.

9 MS. RIBAUDO: Here.

10 MS. SUSINO: Here.

11 MR. GIACOMARRO: Here.

12 MR. PUZIO: Here.

13 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Yes.

14 MS. FIORE: Present?

15 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Yes. I'm sorry. Yes.

16 MS. FIORE: Approval of the minutes from the
17 transcripts of the caucus and regular meeting held on
18 December 17, 2018. Motion?

19 MR. PUZIO: I'll make a motion.

20 MR. DABAL: I'll second.

21 Yes.

22 MS. RIBAUDO: I'm sorry. I was talking.

23 MS. FIORE: Approval of the minutes.

24 MS. RIBAUDO: Abstain.

25 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

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1 MR. GIACOMARRO: Yes.

2 MS. BARCKETT: Absent.

3 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Yes.

5 MS. FIORE: Bills presented for payment on
6 January 28, 2019. Operating account expenses in the
7 amount of \$265,753.20. Capital fund 501-17 expenses in
8 the amount of \$76,969.26. Ross Grant 17 expenses in
9 the amount of \$10,595.78. For a total amount of
10 \$353,318.24.

11 Do we have a motion?

12 MR. DABAL: Make the motion.

13 MS. FIORE: Second?

14 MR. GIACOMARRO: I second it.

15 MR. DABAL: I abstain on check number 1090,
16 check number 1095, and check number 1099. Yes on the
17 rest.

18 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

19 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

20 MR. GIACOMARRO: Yes.

21 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Yes.

23 MS. FIORE: Then the new business. I just
24 need those. Perfect. Resolution 2019-01. 2019
25 Authority Budget Resolution.

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1 MR. DE MARCO: Introduction of.

2 MS. FIORE: The introduction of. I'm sorry.

3 Do we have a motion?

4 MR. GIACOMARRO: I make a motion.

5 MR. DABAL: I'll second.

6 Yes.

7 MS. RIBAUDO: Excuse me one minute. Can I

8 ask Bill something or --

9 MR. DE MARCO: Yes, you can.

10 MS. RIBAUDO: Bill, what I don't understand,

11 every year we go through this, like he said and I said.

12 We don't know what's going on. Why couldn't or can't

13 you come in like for a meeting and sit with us and

14 guide us through all this so that we know what we're

15 looking at and talking about?

16 MR. KATCHEN: I could attend whatever

17 meetings the board so desires.

18 MS. RIBAUDO: Because it's hard at a meeting,

19 and everybody's trying to get it all together, and --

20 don't you think that would be a good idea?

21 CHAIRMAN QUILES: I think if he sent it to

22 our office two weeks ago, I think it should have been

23 in our packages. Right off the bat. This should have

24 been part of our package.

25 MS. RIBAUDO: And we got it two weeks ago

1 here?

2 MR. DABAL: Ten days.

3 MS. FIORE: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN QUILES: So I'm not -- listen, I'm
5 not blaming anybody here for anything. I mean, listen,
6 if this has been going on for a long time, then so be
7 it. We discussed this last year. We discussed it this
8 year. I'm just not going to sign off on something I
9 feel very uncomfortable doing.

10 I know Mr. Katchen represents the best
11 interest of this authority. I do understand that. And
12 I thank you for that, sir.

13 MR. KATCHEN: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN QUILES: But I don't feel
15 comfortable signing off on something that I haven't
16 read. Simple as that. That's all I'm saying.
17 Everybody here has their vote.

18 MS. RIBAUDO: I can't vote on it. I'm sorry.
19 No.

20 MS. FIORE: Abstain?

21 MS. RIBAUDO: Uh-huh.

22 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

23 MR. GIACOMARRO: Yes.

24 MS. BARCKETT: Absent.

25 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN QUILES: No.

2 MS. FIORE: No?

3 CHAIRMAN QUILES: I'm abstaining.

4 MS. FIORE: You're abstaining.

5 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Yes.

6 MS. RIBAUDO: And that's because we asked
7 last year to be notified that we would get this in
8 time --

9 MR. PUZIO: That's our job.

10 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Absolutely. We're going to
11 question Mr. Geisler about that.

12 MS. RIBAUDO: That's what I'm saying.

13 MR. PUZIO: I agree with you.

14 MS. RIBAUDO: Or have Bill come in and show
15 us and teach us and guide us through it so that you
16 know what you're signing.

17 MR. PUZIO: I'm not an accountant, so I would
18 like to see him come in.

19 MR. DE MARCO: Okay.

20 MR. PUZIO: But we get it in our packages,
21 and then we have a sit-down with him.

22 MS. RIBAUDO: That's what I said. I think
23 that would be good to keep on record that this stops
24 this year and will continue the new way.

25 MR. PUZIO: Good. I'll go with that.

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1 CHAIRMAN QUILES: So you have --

2 MR. DE MARCO: Four votes.

3 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Four?

4 MR. DE MARCO: Four yeses, two abstain. So
5 it passes.

6 MS. RIBAUDO: Okay.

7 MS. FIORE: So then the next resolution we
8 need approval --

9 MR. DE MARCO: Approval of the HUD budget.

10 MS. FIORE: For 2019-02.

11 MR. DE MARCO: Right.

12 MS. FIORE: Approving of the HUD AMP budgets,
13 correct?

14 MR. DE MARCO: Right.

15 MS. FIORE: Is there a motion?

16 MR. PUZIO: I'll make it.

17 MR. DABAL: I'll second.

18 Yes.

19 MS. RIBAUDO: No.

20 MS. FIORE: Abstain or --

21 MS. RIBAUDO: Abstain.

22 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

23 MR. GIACOMARRO: Yes.

24 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN QUILES: No. Abstain.

1 MS. FIORE: So we have four. There's no
2 other business. So --

3 MR. DEMARCO: Open the floor to the public
4 first.

5 MS. FIORE: Any public comments?
6 Commissioner comment?

7 MS. RIBAUDO: I'll make one. I'm just glad
8 to be back with you guys. I missed you all. And let's
9 have a good year.

10 MS. FIORE: Motion to close?

11 MR. GIACOMARRO: I make a motion.

12 MS. SUSINO: I'll second.

13 MR. DABAL: Yes.

14 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

15 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

16 MR. GIACOMARRO: Yes.

17 MS. BARCKETT: Absent.

18 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Yes.

20 MR. DE MARCO: Close at 6:33.

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