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

Monday, May 20, 2019
Commencing at 6:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

- MARTIN P. GEISLER, ESQ.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
- MICHAEL P. DE MARCO, ESQ.
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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 MR. GEISLER: Roll call for the regular
7 meeting held on May 20, 2019.

8 MR. DABAL: Here.

9 MS. RIBAUDO: Here.

10 MS. SUSINO: Here.

11 MR. GIACOMARRO: Here.

12 MS. BARCKETT: Here.

13 MR. PUZIO: Here.

14 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Here.

15 (All rise for the recitation of the Pledge of
16 Allegiance.)

17 MR. GEISLER: Motion for approval of the
18 minutes from the regular and caucus meeting held on
19 April 15, 2019.

20 MR. DABAL: I'll make it.

21 MS. BARCKETT: Second.

22 MR. DABAL: Yes.

23 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

24 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

25 MR. GIACOMARRO: Yes.

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1 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

2 MR. PUZIO: Abstain.

3 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Yes.

4 MR. GEISLER: Bills for payment May 20th,
5 2019, for a total amount of \$118,263.43.

6 Is there a motion?

7 MS. BARCKETT: I'll make it.

8 MR. DABAL: I'll second.
9 Abstain on check 1019, yes on the rest.

10 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

11 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

12 MR. GIACOMARRO: Yes.

13 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

14 MR. PUZIO: Abstain on check number 19716, 17
15 and 18. Three sets.

16 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Yes.

17 MR. GEISLER: Unfinished business.
18 Resolution 2019-12. Bad Debt Write-Off.

19 Do I have a motion?

20 MR. DABAL: I'll make it.

21 MS. BARCKETT: I'll second.

22 MR. DABAL: Yes.

23 MS. RIBAUDO: Since it's been explained to me
24 a little better, yes.

25 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

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1 MR. GIACOMARRO: Yes.

2 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

3 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Yes.

5 MR. GEISLER: Resolution 2019-14. Resolution

6 Approving the 2019 Capital Fund Program Five-Year

7 Action Plan. Do we have a motion?

8 MR. PUZIO: I'll make it.

9 MS. BARCKETT: I'll second it.

10 MR. DABAL: Yes.

11 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

12 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

13 MR. GIACOMARRO: Yes.

14 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

15 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Yes.

17 MR. GEISLER: Any commissioner comment?

18 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes, I have one. I would like

19 the board to know -- some were there, some were not

20 there when we had that grand opening on Grand Street.

21 Well, we have an employee, Taylor, who works for us.

22 And we could have been -- we are, I am, very proud of

23 this young lady. Knew her stuff. People would ask her

24 a question, she didn't hesitate. She knew. She told

25 them where to go, where not to go, what it's about.

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1 What it isn't about. The girl was very informative to
2 people. Very polite. She was a good hostess also.
3 You can be very proud of Taylor. She did a great job
4 that day. I was so proud of her.

5 MR. GEISLER: That's wonderful.

6 MS. RIBAUDO: I really was. What a good
7 worker.

8 MS. BARCKETT: I was there.

9 MS. RIBAUDO: I know. You came late. I
10 heard. But I was there when she was there. I left
11 with her. But she did a great job. Trust me.

12 MS. BARCKETT: What is her actual job to do?

13 MS. RIBAUDO: She works with the seniors and
14 stuff on the other side. But they love her. They all
15 love her. Some of the seniors came in also, and they
16 were telling me how good she is and helps them, and
17 whatever, whatever.

18 So I, of course, now say, what do you think
19 of our maintenance? Everyone -- they mainly knew
20 Junior from their building -- praised him as a good
21 worker, polite to them, helps them. I didn't hear one
22 negative thing the whole time I was in there. Just so
23 you all know.

24 CHAIRMAN QUILES: I would like to add to
25 that. I was there also. We got there a couple of

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1 hours early. And, I must say, this partnership that we
2 have with the police and the Board of Education of
3 Garfield, I think this is what we -- these are the
4 things that we want to see in our community. These are
5 the things that, if we can do it and do it right, then
6 we should pursue it.

7 My only concern -- and I want this to be on
8 paper. My only concern is that I want to make sure
9 that we stay on top of it. Because, unfortunately,
10 there's three different parties involved; the board,
11 the Housing Authority and the police officers.
12 Correct? All I want to make sure is that, you know, we
13 do our due diligence. If we see anything that's not
14 working, the person that we have in charge over there
15 should be the liaison between them and us. And any
16 concerns, we should be -- or you should be notified of
17 it. That way you can notify the board and let us know
18 how it's going.

19 Based on what I saw, based on some of the
20 people I spoke to, I must say I was impressed with some
21 of the kids that they're helping. And it made me feel
22 good. It really made me feel good. It is a nice
23 thing, and I hope that it really works out and it works
24 out for our community. At the end, it benefits our
25 community.

1 MS. RIBAUDO: I also want to add -- and I
2 think you saw also, Noel -- the modernization in there
3 with Bobby and our guys who did the building and
4 reconstructing, whatever. Absolutely, Bobby, great
5 job. I didn't get to talk to you. I know you were
6 there. But you can be proud, Marty.

7 CHAIRMAN QUILES: The facility really looked
8 nice.

9 MS. RIBAUDO: It looked beautiful.

10 CHAIRMAN QUILES: So it's just a matter of us
11 making sure, you know what, this is our Housing. So we
12 just got to make sure that they keep it up to par.

13 MS. RIBAUDO: It really is a nice place in
14 there.

15 MR. GEISLER: Yes, I thought it was nice too.

16 MS. RIBAUDO: You who did not see it should
17 take a ride and just look. Check it out and see how
18 it's runs. It's gorgeous.

19 MR. DABAL: I have friends there, so I can
20 pop in and out.

21 MS. RIBAUDO: They did a great job.

22 MS. BARCKETT: On a different note, I got
23 this thing about this assisted living thing. People
24 who move in the Housing don't think this is assisted
25 living. Do we put assisted living people in this

1 Housing? Did you get -- this letter came from the
2 Housing. I got it yesterday. Nobody got it?

3 MS. RIBAUDO: I got it in the mail box too.

4 MS. BARCKETT: Yes. Housing Authority. I
5 got confused.

6 MR. GEISLER: That's from Commerce Street.

7 MS. RIBAUDO: Is that the grand opening
8 thing?

9 MS. BARCKETT: It's from Daniel P. Conte
10 Court.

11 MS. DAY: That's the program that's --

12 MR. GEISLER: Oh, this is the PALS.

13 MS. DAY: That's PALS. That's a program
14 that's run there through the state.

15 MS. BARCKETT: But people in the Housing,
16 they're not assisted living people, right?

17 MR. GEISLER: No, no. They just give you
18 help with services.

19 MS. DAY: Help with services, medications,
20 doctors appointments, that type of --

21 MR. GEISLER: This is all in conjunction with
22 E.J.?

23 MS. DAY: E.J., yes.

24 MR. PUZIO: We have no part in anything over
25 there?

1 MR. GEISLER: Well, we're the boss, but this
2 is part of the grant --

3 MS. BARCKETT: We're invited to the
4 ribbon-cutting.

5 MS. DAY: Yes, we have the grant.

6 MR. GEISLER: We have the grant and we have
7 the girl that's paid through the grant that she has an
8 office there. Actually, she works for us, but she
9 doesn't get paid by us.

10 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Through the grant.

11 MS. RIBAUDO: What's her name?

12 MR. GEISLER: E.J. So they'll go there and
13 they'll take blood pressure. They'll ask them
14 questions about their medicines. If there's a problem
15 with filling out certain forms. Doctors, things that
16 they don't understand.

17 MS. DAY: Medicaid, Medicare.

18 MS. RIBAUDO: Where's her office at?

19 MR. GEISLER: When you go into the High Rise,
20 right to the right. By the security camera.

21 CHAIRMAN QUILES: On a different note, I
22 don't know if I take -- has everyone on this board been
23 notified about the terrible accident with Margaret's
24 daughter?

25 MS. RIBAUDO: I couldn't get him. He didn't

1 answer. I did try to call you.

2 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Marty, you want to tell
3 everyone so everyone knows what's going on?

4 MR. GEISLER: The day after the prom,
5 Margaret's daughter was involved in a very serious
6 accident. She's going to be going through multiple
7 surgeries. A long recoup time. So let's hope --

8 MS. BARCKETT: One of the girls in the car
9 died, right?

10 MR. DABAL: I say a prayer for her everyday.

11 CHAIRMAN QUILES: I really encourage
12 everybody to reach out to her. And just if she needs
13 anything, let's support her 100 percent.

14 MR. GEISLER: Sounds good.

15 Anything else? A motion to close?

16 MR. GIACOMARRO: I make a motion.

17 MR. PUZIO: I'll second it.

18 MR. DABAL: Yes.

19 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

20 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

21 MR. GIACOMARRO: Yes.

22 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

23 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Yes.

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