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

Monday, January 25, 2021
Commencing at 6:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- ROSEMARIE RIBAUDO, CHAIRPERSON
- EDWARD PUZIO, VICE CHAIRPERSON
- MARIE BARCKETT
- EDWARD J. DABAL
- EVERETT GARNTO

ALSO PRESENT:

- MARTIN P. GEISLER, ESQ.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
- MICHAEL P. DE MARCO, ESQ.
HOUSING AUTHORITY ATTORNEY
- MARGARET A. FIORE
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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: The regular meeting January 25,
7 2021.

8 MR. DABAL: Yes.

9 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

10 MR. GARNTO: Present.

11 MR. QUILES: Absent.

12 MR. PUZIO: Here.

13 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: Here.

14 MR. GEISLER: Do we have a motion to
15 approve -- the flag salute. Let's go.

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

18 MR. GEISLER: Thank you, Mr. DeMarco, for
19 reminding me.

20 MR. DE MARCO: You're welcome.

21 MR. GEISLER: Approval of the minutes from
22 the transcript of the caucus and regular meeting held
23 on December 21st, 2018. Do we have a motion?

24 MS. RIBAUDO: I'll make a motion.

25 MR. DABAL: Second.

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1 Yes.

2 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

3 MR. GARNTO: Yes.

4 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

5 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

6 MR. GEISLER: Bills presented for payment
7 January 25, 2021, for a total amount of \$442,782.69.

8 Do we have a motion?

9 MS. RIBAUDO: I'll make a motion. I'll make
10 the motion. Pay the bills.

11 MR. GARNTO: Garnto will second.

12 MR. GEISLER: That sounded like Mr. Dabal.

13 MR. DABAL: Mr. Dabal abstains on check

14 1028 --

15 MR. GEISLER: No, no. When Ro said "Pay the
16 bills," that reminds me of your father.

17 MR. DABAL: Oh, yes.

18 MS. RIBAUDO: That's right. That's where I
19 got it from.

20 MR. GEISLER: Mr. Dabal, go ahead.

21 MR. DABAL: Abstain on check number 1028.

22 Yes on the rest.

23 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

24 MR. GARNTO: Yes.

25 MR. PUZIO: Abstain on check 21368. Aye on

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1 the rest.

2 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: Yes.

3 MR. GEISLER: We're going to vote on the
4 2021, '22 Housing budget from April 1st to March 31st.

5 MR. DABAL: I vote aye.

6 MS. BARCKETT: Aye.

7 MR. GARNTO: Aye. Mr. Geisler, do we need
8 somebody to make a motion first or no?

9 MR. GEISLER: I'm sorry. We did need
10 somebody to make a motion. Who's making a motion?

11 MR. PUZIO: I'll make it.

12 MR. GARNTO: Second.

13 MR. GEISLER: Mr. Puzio and Garnto second.
14 Age before beauty.

15 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

16 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: Yes.

17 MR. GEISLER: This means we'll submit it. If
18 they approve it, then we'll find out when we have to
19 submit it again.

20 Do we have any commissioner comments?

21 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: No. All is good around
22 here.

23 MR. GARNTO: I got a quick question for
24 Mr. Geisler. When we look back at I guess the
25 telephone call because -- I guess it's a minute. As

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1 per the city nurse, recommend that all the residents be
2 tested at the High Rise, which resulted in 27 positive
3 cases. Have we tested all the residents in Housing?

4 MR. GEISLER: We only did the seniors. We
5 tested them at the High Rise and we tested them at
6 Belmont. At the High Rise, we had a decline. We went
7 down to -- I think seven we had positive the last time,
8 and I think we're down to zero now.

9 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: Oh, good.

10 MR. GARNT0: Is there any plan to test the
11 non-seniors?

12 MR. GEISLER: We didn't have that in the
13 plan, but we could offer it here very easily. If we
14 wanted to, we could set it up and we could have it all
15 day into the evening people could come and test.

16 MR. GARNT0: That would be something that I
17 would think we should all decide. I would be for it,
18 but that doesn't mean it should happen.

19 MR. PUZIO: Puzio is for it.

20 MR. GEISLER: The reason we started at the
21 High Rise is because we had such an outbreak, they
22 wanted to keep track. But it turned out most of it
23 wasn't transmitted inside. It was transmitted outside
24 the facility.

25 MR. GARNT0: That's usually the case.

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1 MR. GEISLER: Yes. Listen, we can discuss
2 that tomorrow. I can call the commissioners and we'll
3 see what they think.

4 MR. GARNTO: Sounds good.

5 MR. GEISLER: Not a problem. That's a pretty
6 good idea.

7 Where were we now? Oh, any other comments?

8 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: No.

9 MR. GEISLER: Any public comment?
10 Motion to close?

11 MR. PUZIO: Puzio makes it.

12 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: I'll make the motion.
13 It doesn't matter. Whatever.

14 MR. DABAL: Yes. Close.

15 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

16 MR. GARNTO: Yes.

17 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

18 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: Yes.

19 MR. GEISLER: The meeting is over. Go in
20 peace.

21 (Concluded at 6:21 p.m.)
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Date: February 2, 2021