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

Monday, March 15, 2021
Commencing at 6:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

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. DABAL: I'm here.

7 MS. BARCKETT: Here.

8 MR. GARNTO: Present.

9 MR. QUILES: Here.

10 MR. PUZIO: Here.

11 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: Here.

12 MR. GEISLER: Flag salute.

13 (All rise for the recitation of the Pledge of
14 Allegiance.)

15 MR. GEISLER: Approval of the minutes from
16 the transcript of the caucus and regular meeting held
17 on February 22nd, 2021. Is there a motion?

18 MR. GARNTO: Motion. I'll approve. Garnto.

19 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: I second. Ribaudo.

20 MR. DABAL: Abstain.

21 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

22 MR. GARNTO: Yes.

23 MR. QUILES: Yes.

24 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

25 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: Yes.

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1 MR. GEISLER: Bills for payment for a total
2 amount of \$167,894.36. Do we have a motion?

3 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: I'll make the motion.
4 Pay the bills.

5 MR. GARNTO: I'll second it.

6 MR. DABAL: Dabal abstains on check number
7 1035 to --

8 (The Reporter interrupts.)

9 MR. GEISLER: 35 to 41.

10 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

11 MR. GARNTO: Yes.

12 MR. QUILES: Yes.

13 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: Yes.

15 MR. GEISLER: We have three resolutions on, I
16 believe. Two. We have to adopt the budget.

17 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: Right.

18 MR. GEISLER: We went over it last meeting.
19 We're going to adopt the budget, okay? 2021-04. To
20 adopt the budget resolution.

21 MR. DABAL: Yes.

22 MR. GEISLER: Do we have a motion?

23 MR. DABAL: I'll make the motion.

24 MR. GARNTO: Second by Garnto.

25 MR. DABAL: Yes.

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1 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

2 MR. GARNT0: Yes.

3 MR. QUILES: Yes.

4 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

5 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: Yes.

6 MR. GEISLER: Okay. 2021-05 is the
7 three-percent wage increase.

8 MR. GARNT0: Can I ask a question before you
9 go on to that?

10 MR. GEISLER: Yes, sir.

11 MR. GARNT0: I know Ms. Ribaud0 brought up
12 the three percent to give to the employees. I'm new at
13 this. I just want to know, like who decides what we
14 can give these people? Is it us? Is it you? I
15 mean --

16 MR. GEISLER: You guys do, but you've got to
17 try to stay around what is in the budget.

18 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: Right.

19 MR. GARNT0: Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: And if Marty says no,
21 it's no.

22 MR. GEISLER: I think the budget was 2.5.
23 But we're normally under budget anyway, and we're
24 predicting a wash, in excess, so we should be fine.

25 MR. GARNT0: Good. I just wanted to clarify

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1 that. I have no problem with the three-percent
2 increase, but I wanted to know how it all came about.

3 MR. GEISLER: Very good.

4 MR. GARNT0: Thank you.

5 MR. GEISLER: Who wants to sponsor it?

6 Ms. Ribaud0?

7 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: I will sponsor it, yes.

8 Absolutely.

9 MR. PUZIO: Second.

10 MR. GEISLER: Anybody else want to get their
11 name on it?

12 MR. QUILES: You can put my name on it.

13 Noel.

14 MR. GEISLER: I'll put everybody's name on
15 it.

16 MR. GARNT0: Sounds good.

17 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: If they all agreed,
18 yes. Everybody agreed.

19 MR. DABAL: Yes.

20 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

21 MR. GARNT0: Yes.

22 MR. QUILES: Yes.

23 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

24 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: Yes.

25 MR. GEISLER: Do we have any --

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1 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: Effective April 1st,
2 right, Mart?

3 MR. GEISLER: That's correct.

4 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: Okay.

5 MR. GEISLER: Do we have any commissioner
6 comment?

7 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: No. I think these
8 guys, like I told the group, are working very hard with
9 this viral, and I know you're switching them back and
10 forth, and they really, really have been working very
11 hard, cleaning over there. You've got to be proud of
12 the men. You've got to be proud of what's going on
13 around here. Because I don't think other housing
14 authorities are really doing as much with this viral as
15 I hear. So I think, Marty, you and your guys and the
16 office staff are doing a great job. Great job with it.

17 MR. GEISLER: Not only that, it's not only
18 the guys, it's the ladies in the office working --

19 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: The whole office staff.
20 I said that. Absolutely. The office staff. Yes.

21 MR. GEISLER: Working with Taylor. They've
22 been keeping up with the numbers over at the buildings.

23 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: I know.

24 MR. GEISLER: Scheduling all the
25 vaccinations. I can't say enough how hard everybody's

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1 working.

2 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: That's what I said.
3 That's what I said. I did say office staff too. And,
4 I mean, they've got to work with all the upcoming
5 leases and all. I mean, it's hard for these girls
6 dealing with, you know, all these people with this
7 epidemic going on. It's bad news. And they're there
8 with their masks doing their hard jobs, every one of
9 them. You've got to be proud of that office.

10 MR. GEISLER: Everybody's doing the best they
11 can.

12 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: You got that right.

13 MS. BARCKETT: Marty, can I ask you a
14 question? Everything's so garbled I can't hear very
15 well. Did we accept the minutes from last meeting?

16 MR. GEISLER: Yes, we did.

17 MS. BARCKETT: Okay. I didn't hear that.
18 Okay.

19 MR. GEISLER: Any public comment?

20 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: I can't hear.

21 MR. GEISLER: Any public comment?

22 Motion to close?

23 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: Happy Easter to
24 everybody first.

25 MR. GARNTO: Happy Easter, everybody. Stay

1 safe and stay healthy.

2 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: Thank you.

3 Motion to close by Ribaudo.

4 MR. GARNTO: Seconded by Garnto.

5 MR. DABAL: Yes.

6 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

7 MR. GARNTO: Yes.

8 MR. QUILES: Yes.

9 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

10 CHAIRPERSON RIBAUDO: Yes.

11 (Concluded at 6:23 p.m.)

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