

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF
WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

1. Call to order: 4:00 P.M. Regular and Annual meeting April 16, 2009 at the Woonsocket Housing Authority, 679 Social Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895

Roll Call:

Vice Chairman Charles Baldelli
Commissioner Lucienne L. Cote
Commissioner Gerard Frappier
Commissioner David Lahousse
Commissioner Normand Laliberte
Commissioner Gerard Remillard

Chairman Albert G. Brien – Absent
Robert Kulik, Executive Director
Deputy Director, Duncan Speel
Attorney Paul Fontaine

Executive Director Robert Kulik made a statement before the meeting continued regarding a telephone call he received from Representative Jon Brien asking if the reorganization meeting could be postponed until next month due to the fact that Chairman Albert G. Brien was in the hospital and unable to attend and have an opportunity to defend himself. Representative Brien also asked if this was a special meeting and the Director assured him that this was the annual meeting that usually takes place in March but for the past couple of years, Vice-Chairman Baldelli has been in Florida and requested that we hold the meetings in April. The Director also explained that this is the Board's decision, not the Director or the Deputy Director's. The Executive Director stated that he will bring it up the before Board but he cannot make any promises of the outcome.

It was the opinion and decision of the Board to have the annual meeting at this time.

2. The Executive Director called for nomination for Chairperson.

The name of Lucienne Cote was placed into nomination by Commissioner Frappier. The Executive Director called for further nominations and the name of Albert Brien was placed into nomination by Vice Chairman Baldelli. The

Executive Director called for further nominations two more times and there were no further nominations.

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Baldelli, seconded by Commissioner Frappier, it was noted that the nominations be closed.

The name of Lucienne Cote was put forth. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Commissioner Cote; Commissioner Frappier; Commissioner Lahousse; Commissioner Laliberte and Commissioner Remillard voted "Aye". Vice Chairman Baldelli voted "Nay". The motion was approved and Commissioner Cote was appointed at Chairwoman.

3. The Executive Director turned the meeting over to the Chair.

4. The Chairwoman then called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Vice-Chairman Baldelli was placed into nomination for the position of Vice-Chair by Commissioner Laliberte and seconded by Commissioner Frappier. The Chairwoman then asked twice more if there were any nominations. There were none. Upon motion of Commissioner Laliberte and seconded by Commissioner Frappier, it was voted that the nominations be closed.

The name of Vice-Chairman Baldelli was put forth. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Chairwoman Cote; Vice-Chairman Baldelli; Commissioner Frappier; Commissioner Lahousse; Commissioner Laliberte and Commissioner Remillard voted "Ayes". There were no "Nays". The motion was approved and Vice-Chairman Baldelli was appointed Vice-Chairman.

5. Good and Welfare for the Audience

None

6. Chairwoman Cote asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 19, 2009. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Baldelli and seconded by Commissioner Frappier.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the "Ayes" and "Nays":

AYES

NAYS

Chairwoman Cote
Vice-Chairman Baldelli
Commissioner Frappier
Commissioner Lahousse
Commissioner Laliberte
Commissioner Remillard

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7. Chairwoman Cote asked for a motion to approve the bills paid for the month of March, 2009. A motion was made by Commissioner Frappier and seconded by Vice Chairman Baldelli.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the "Ayes" and "Nays".

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8. Communications and Interest of the Authority.

Chairwoman Cote asked for a motion to receive and place on file communication items A - D. Commissioner Laliberte made the motion and was seconded by Commissioner Frappier.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the "Ayes" and "Nays":

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9. Report of the Secretary

- A. The Executive Director's Report was received and placed on file upon motion of Commissioner Laliberte, seconded by Commissioner Remillard.

The Executive Director's was submitted as written. The Director just wanted to let the Board know that he will be leaving early for the next 2 weeks for physical therapy and he will be leaving on Friday at 1:30 to attend the Mayor's daughter's funeral.

Vice Chairman Baldelli stated that he believes a donation should be made on behalf of the Housing Authority and all agreed.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the "Ayes" and "Nays".

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B. The Deputy Director's report was received and place on file upon motion of Commissioner Laliberte and seconded by Commissioner Frappier.

Deputy Director Speel submitted his report as written mentioning that there are three items to be awarded, 2 under new business and 1 under unfinished business. Deputy Speel also mentioned that we are signing a contract with Tim Horton's for 12 parking spaces for visitors for Kennedy Manor. Commissioner Frappier asked if we really need 12 spaces. Mr. Speel explained that we will monitor how many are being used and we could probably make an addendum to the contract if we do not need all of them.

Chairwoman Cote asked if there was going to be signage so other people will not be parking in the tenant's spaces and Deputy Speel answered that this is a good idea and we will have it monitored by Security.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the "Ayes" and "Nays".

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C. The reports of the Direct Staff, Legal and Financial were received and placed on file upon motion of Commissioner Laliberte, seconded by Commissioner Frappier.

Commissioner Laliberte asked how the new position at Security is doing. Deputy Speel responded that he will be starting on Monday.

Vice Chairman Baldelli questioned why the receivables are going up higher and higher at Morin Heights. Director Kulik stated that he would check it out with the Finance Director in the morning and get an answer for him.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the "Ayes" and "Nays".

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10. Report of Committees
None

11. Unfinished Business

A. Approval to Purchase New Vehicle

Chairwoman Cote asked for a motion for Approval to Purchase New Vehicle. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Baldelli and seconded by Commissioner Laliberte.

Deputy Speel gave a description of the vehicle and the quoted price from Flood Ford.

Commissioner Frappier asked if it was an unmarked vehicle and the Director responded yes it is at this time. Commissioner Frappier asked Attorney Fontaine if he thought the new security person would be better off to have a marked vehicle since he is carrying a gun. Attorney Fontaine stated he did not believe so but it would be up to the management and staff.

Vice Chairman Baldelli asked if he had the power of arrest. The Director responded that he does have constable rights. Commissioner Lahousse asked if there will be a radio in the car to contact the police so if he has an issue, he would be able to contact the police immediately. Deputy Speel responded that he will have a radio on him at all times.

There was more discussion as to the precautions that should be taken as to the identification of this vehicle. Finally Commissioner Frappier asked Attorney Fontaine to read the job description for the security position and get back to the Commissioners with his opinion.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the "Ayes" and "Nays".

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B. Approval of Resolution #1053 for the Woonsocket Housing Authority and the Homestead Group Aggressively Pursue a partnership to develop an Adult Day Care Program at one of the WHA's four High Rise buildings.

Chairwoman Cote asked for a motion to table this item due to no information at this time. A motion was made by Commissioner Frappier and seconded by Vice Chairman Baldelli.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the "Ayes" and "Nays".

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12. Good and Welfare for Commissioners

Vice Chairman Baldelli congratulated Chairwoman Cote.

All of the Commissioners expressed their condolences to the Mayor for the loss of her daughter.

Chairwoman Cote thanked everyone for the election of becoming Chairwoman. Chairwoman Cote also stated that Albert Brien has done an excellent job and feels that he needs the rest and lack of stress. Commissioner Laliberte also stated that Albert Brien has done an excellent job for a long time but feels it is time for a change.

Commissioner Lahousse stated he found attending the procurement seminar very helpful and continued to state that when he drove through the properties, he was very impressed at how clean and immaculate they are.

13. New Business

- A. Chairwoman Cote asked for a motion for Approval to Award Landscaping contract to Eastern Landscaping, Inc. A motion was made by Vice chairman Baldelli and seconded by Commissioner Frappier.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the “Ayes” and “Nays”.

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- B. Chairwoman Cote asked for a motion for Approval to Award High Rise Generator Contract to Commercial Electric Co., Inc. A motion was made by Commissioner Laliberte and seconded by Commissioner Frappier.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the “Ayes” and Nays”.

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C. Chairwoman Cote asked for a motion for Approval of Resolution #1055 Emergency Approval to Designate a Commissioner for Signatures. A motion was made by Commissioner Laliberte and seconded by Commissioner Frappier.

Chairwoman Cote asked Commissioner Frappier if he was willing to do this as he is retired and more readily available if necessary. Commissioner Frappier accepted and all agreed.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the “Ayes” and Nays”.

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Attorney Fontaine stated that there should be a confirmation of the emergency resolution that it states counter sign orders and checks.

Chairwoman Cote asked for a motion for a Confirmation of Emergency Check Signing to be put on the next agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Laliberte and seconded by Chairwoman Cote.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the “Ayes” and Nays”.

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Chairwoman Cote asked for a motion that Commissioner Frappier be named as the designated signer. A motion was made by Commissioner Laliberte and seconded by Commissioner Lahousse.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the “Ayes” and Nays”.

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14. Chairwoman Cote asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Commissioner Frappier and seconded by Commissioner Laliberte at 5:15 p.m.

Roll call vote was unanimous.
