

The Caucus of the Housing Authority of the City of Bayonne was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 4:00 PM via phone conference.

The following correspondence was received from the Executive Director, John T. Mahon.

Honorable Vincent Lombardo

Honorable Irene Rose Pyke

Honorable John R. Cupo

Honorable Maria Karczewski

Honorable Matthew Klimansky

Kathleen A. Walrod, Counsel

Members of the Board:

In accordance with the By-laws of the Housing Authority of the City of Bayonne, after consulting with the other Commissioners of the Authority, I have determined to call Caucus Meetings of the Authority, generally to be held one hour directly before the Regular Meetings.

Very truly yours,
Vincent Lombardo
Chairman

The Regular Meeting of the Housing Authority of the City of Bayonne was held on **Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 4:30 PM** via phone conference.

Members of the Board:

A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director, in consultation with counsel and the Chairman, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

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Respectfully submitted,
John T. Mahon
Executive Director

Executive Director, John Mahon: In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, chapter 231, p.l. 1975, the “so called” Sunshine Law, a notice was forwarded to the Clerk of the City of Bayonne and to the Jersey Journal and was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of 549 Avenue A, Bayonne, New Jersey. If we could have our Vice Chair lead off with the salute to our flag.

Vice Chair Pyke: Certainly.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Director John Mahon then called the roll and the following were present: Chairman Lombardo, Vice Chair Pyke, Commissioners Cupo, and Karczewski. Excused absences were acknowledged from the caucus and the meeting for Commissioners Karczewski and Sykes.

Executive Director, John Mahon: Do I hear a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and file accordingly?

Motion made by Commissioner Cupo and seconded by Commissioner Karczewski.

AYES: Chairman Lombardo, Vice Chair Pyke, Commissioners Cupo, and Karczewski.

NAYS: None.

Motion passed.

Executive Director, John Mahon: Mr. Chairman, before we get into the regular order of business, I understand you wanted to make a statement.

Chairman Lombardo: I know this is getting to be pretty repetitive but I mean it with my whole heart. I want to commend John, Patricia and the staff of the Housing Authority these past two months have been very difficult and uncharted territory. And I hope I'm not out of line, but I'd be happy to commissioners. I would like to extend our appreciation to all your efforts and to thank you very much. I, for one, am very proud to be associated with you. And then secondly, which is also getting pretty repetitive, which I'm sad to say, the past month or so we've lost two more members of the Housing Authority family. And I would just like to express the condolences to Reverend Sykes's wife on her untimely passing and also to former commissioner Peter Barcelona. These are two people who meant a lot to the community. And I just wanted to go on record saying they will be missed. Would any of the fellow commissioners like to comment? Other than that, let's go do the agenda.

Executive Director, John Mahon: Okay, Mr. Chairman, I'll read the resolution we have on tonight and then do I'll do a roll call.

(6631) **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Executive Director is hereby authorized in consultation with counsel and the Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and to execute such other documents and papers necessary to effect the terms and conditions of the MOU, including but not limited to a discharge of the lis pendens currently in file.

Executive Director, John Mahon: On that resolution, are there any questions? Okay then I'll do a roll call. Oh, did someone have a question?

Chairman Lombardo: First, do we have a motion on the floor?

Executive Director, John Mahon: Well it's a resolution you'll sign off on.

Chairman Lombardo: Oh, okay.

Executive Director, John Mahon: Commissioner Klimansky? [no response]. Commissioner Cupo?

Commissioner Cupo: Aye.

Executive Director, John Mahon: Commissioner Karczewski?

Commissioner Karczewski: Aye.

Executive Director, John Mahon: Vice Chair Pyke?

Vice Chair Pyke: Aye

Executive Director, John Mahon: And Chair Lombardo?

Chairman Lombardo: Well before I vote I just want to say thank you to John and Kathy Walrod for getting us to this point and I vote aye.

Executive Director, John Mahon: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm done with the regular course of business and the meeting over to you if there's any sort of public comment or questioning. I would also like to add too. I knew Mrs. Sykes for many years, through Reverend Gene. She will be missed. And although he was not with us for an extended period of time, Commissioner Barcelona was also a very beneficial addition when he was with us to the authority and they will both be missed, but I turn it over.

Chairman Lombardo: Just one final comment on the MOU. It's been a number of years coming. Hopefully we have turned the corner and we have a new chapter coming for the success of the Housing Authority. And I'm very proud to be associated with my fellow commissioners as we move forward. Does anyone else have a comment? Is there anyone from the public on the line?

Executive Director, John Mahon: OK, then, I'm hearing none. Is there a motion to adjourn?

Motion made by Commissioner Karczewski and seconded by Commissioner Cupo.

AYES: Chairman Lombardo, Vice Chair Pyke, Commissioners Cupo, and Karczewski.

NAYS: None.

CARRIED.

Executive Director, John Mahon: Thank you very much. I know it's difficult times. Thank you for joining in on this today. Continue to stay safe and healthy. And we will be in touch for sure.

The meeting was then adjourned at 4:38 PM.