

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
APRIL 27, 2017**

The meeting was convened at 50 Park Place, Newark, New Jersey, at 4:00 P.M.

Pursuant to (Ch. 231 PL 1975) "Open Public Meeting" Act, Chapter 113, adequate notice was given to the Star Ledger and transmitted to the City of Newark's information office and posted on the Authority's Web Site.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call as follows:

Present:

Chairperson Evelyn Williams
Vice-Chairperson Deborah Ballard

Commissioner Hassan Abdus-Sabur
Commissioner Niathan Allen
Commissioner James Parrillo

Absent:

Commissioner Raquel Cagley

Members of the Public:

Joe Strasser of Cambridge Construction
Nate Savage of Cambridge Construction

Others Present:

Executive Director, Anthony C. Mack, Esq.
Chigozie U. Onyema, General Counsel
Gabriela Santos, Fiscal Manager
Sr. Executive Asst., Merian Williams

General Counsel, Chigozie Onyema, noted that there was a quorum present and the Board was in accord with State Statute and the meeting could now commence.

General Counsel, Chigozie Onyema requested a Motion to adopt the Agenda by Vice-Chair Ballard, second by Commissioner Parrillo and approved by unanimous consent.

General Counsel Onyema requested a Motion to approve the Minutes of March 23, 2017. Motion to approve by Chair Williams, second by Commissioner Allen and approved by unanimous consent.

General Counsel Onyema presented the following Resolutions:

1. **RESOLUTION #02-2017-13 OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK APPROVING THE LIST OF BILLS FOR April, 2017. Motion to Approve by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Ballard, Approved by Unanimous Consent.**
2. **RESOLUTION #02-2017-14 OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES AT THE GREEN STREET MIXED USE PARKING FACILITY TO GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY. MOTION TO ADOPT BY CHAIR WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR BALLARD.**

DISCUSSION

Executive Director explained that the item has been pending for a while. The Authority received eleven (11) proposals which are listed in the Resolution. Cambridge Construction, whose representatives are present today, was one of them. Commissioner Ballard inquired as to whether or not all of the proposed companies were interviewed. Commissioner Allen requested information on the employee profile of the companies. Director Mack advised the Board that it took a couple of months to get to a point where a decision could be made and get the best fit. Mr. Strasser represented to the Board that he had been looking forward to working with the Authority on this project. **After full discussion, Resolution 04-2017-14 was approved by unanimous consent.** (Upon completion of the discussion and the vote, the members of the public left the meeting).

3. **RESOLUTION #02-2017-15 OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO INCREASE THE EMPLOYEE MINIMUM WAGE TO FIFTEEN (\$15.00) DOLLARS PER HOUR.**

DISCUSSION

Director Mack stated that there is a State wide call for a \$15.00 minimum wage and the City of Newark is leading the way to make this happen, The Director has had detailed discussions concerning going from \$13.50 to \$15.00 per hour for our staff. He feels that \$15.00 is still not substantial, however, now we are going to move for the betterment of our staff and their families. Ms. Santos stated that there are thirty four (34) active employee. 17 out of the 34 are under the \$15.00 minimum. Those are the ones who will be effected buy this move. The increase will only cost the Authority approximately \$26,000.00. The increase will become effective on May 1, 2017. Director Mack requested that we prepare a press release stating that the NPA is leading the way to the minimum wage of \$15.00. Chair Williams stated that the employees are generating good revenue for the City.

Motion to approve Resolution #04-2017-15 by Commissioner Parrillo, seconded by Commissioner Allen and approved by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Allen discussed his perception of the Director's appearance before the Municipal Council for a rate increase on the meters. There was a full discussion of the Board concerning this matter. Several Board Members stated their opinions on same.

Executive Director Mack reported to the Board that he made a presentation to the Forest Hill Tenant Association on April 20, 2017 concerning the Residential Permit Program. Councilman Ramos convened this meeting. There was a question and answer period and, hopefully, a lot of concerns that the residents had were addressed.

Chair Williams explained to the Board that the regularly scheduled meeting for May, 2017 will fall during the time that several of the Board Members, as well as the Executive Director, will be attending the IPI Conference in New Orleans. It was determined by the Board that, barring any emergency matters, the May meeting will

be cancelled. Motion to cancel by Commissioner Ballard, second by Chair Williams and approved by unanimous consent.

There was further discussion on the conference attendance and arrangements made.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Commissioner Allen, second by Vice-Chair Ballard and approved by unanimous consent.