

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
August 20, 2015**

The meeting was convened at 50 Park Place, Suite 919, Newark, New Jersey, at 4:12 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.

Roll Call as follows:

Present:

Chair Evelyn Williams
Vice-Chair Raquel Cagley
Commissioner Hubert Graham
Commissioner Niathan Allen
Commissioner Samuel Lucas- *arrived late*
Commissioner Deborah Ballard

Absent

Treasurer DeAndre Rudolph

Others Present:

Executive Director Anthony C. Mack
Chigozie U. Onyema, General Counsel & Dir. of
Compliance & Dev.
Sr. Executive Asst., Merian Williams

Members of the Public: NONE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Motion to adopt the Agenda for today's meeting by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Chair Williams and approved by unanimous consent.

Chigozie Onyema explained the removal of a specific bill for today's Agenda. After full discussion, comment and review of the List of Bills motion was made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioners Allen to accept the List of Bills by approval of **Resolution #08-2015-51**. Same was approved by unanimous consent.

The following resolutions were presented to the Board for Approval:

RESOLUTION 06-2015-52 Of The Board Of Commissioners Of The Parking Authority Of The City Of Newark Authorizing the Executive Director to Advertise a Request for Qualifications for an Environmental Engineer. Resolution went into discussion.

General Counsel Chigozie Onyema advised the Board that this Resolution is related primarily to the two yard. He explained the Authority had considered using a different site. There was conversation with the city concerning using the "Orbis" site. However, subsequently we later found out that there is a redevelopment agreement on the site and the entity that holds the agreement has actually spent funds towards remediation. After obtaining the information, it was determined that the Authority would probably have to litigate, even if we got the site, due to injunctions being filed, etc. Mr. Onyema explained that the Authority has been moving in a parallel direction with this site and Victoria Street. The next step on the Victoria Street site would be demolition. Therefore, he feels the best approach is to acquire a qualified list of engineers/professionals for the Authority to choose and who will also assist in putting together the bid specs later on. Mr. Onyema discussed the use of brown fields funds and revolving loan funds. The revolving loan funds are not available for the Victoria Street site, but may be accessible for Green Street. Upon completion of discussion, Motion to approve by Commissioner Graham, second by Commissioner Allen, approved by unanimous consent.

Executive Director brought the Board up to date on the City National Bank issue and the decisions made by the NPA related to same. The Board advised the Director to keep close watch on future developments at CNB.

Executive Director Mack discussed meter expansion in lower Broadway, which take place over the next couple of months. He also advised the Board on 33 new Parkeon machines and the up-grades.

Commissioner Ballard requested a report on the "Donation Meters for the Homeless." The Director advised that he has spoken to the City and the Authority will move on this matter and not involve the City with. The Board requested that we attempt to get them installed before the holidays.

Director up-dated the Board on monthly staff meetings, the Web Site pictures, and our social media pages. Director up-dated the board on the status of residential Parking Permits and advised that we should be rolling the program out by the end of the year in the north and east wards. Commissioner Cagley requested elaboration and further explanation of the Residential Parking Permit Program. After explanation, Commissioner Cagley requested that she be a part of the "pilot" plans in the East Ward.

Commissioner Ballard requested information on the status of looking into the Authority becoming "accredited." Based upon information that was obtained in Las Vegas. Commissioner Graham stated it may keep the Authority up-to-date. Commissioner Allen stated it may also help with future funding needs and give the Authority more access to resources.

Commissioner Allen discussed his review of the 2014 Audit and his findings related to "Carry Over" of sick and vacation time and the liability of this practice. He requested that this be looked into in preparation of the Audit for 2015.

There was a brief discussion and well wishes to the Members attending the Miami Conference.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:15 P.M. on motion of Commissioner Cagley and seconded by Commissioner Ballard.