

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY  
OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA, HELD ON  
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2009

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Michigan City, Indiana held a regular meeting on Monday, August 17, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Michigan City Housing Authority, 621 East Michigan Boulevard, Michigan City, Indiana 46360. Chairperson Carla Mock called the regular meeting to order at approximately 4:35 p.m. Commissioners who attended the meeting included Commissioner Hazel Thomas, Commissioner Eric Overcash, Commissioner Eddie Wilson, Commissioner Yolanda Thomas-Davis, and Housing Authority Attorney Michelle Bazin-Johnson. Vice Chairperson Strauss and Commissioner Bill Fine did not attend this meeting. ALCO-TV representative Marie Luckett also attended the meeting. Housing Authority personnel who attended the meeting included Executive Director Lenda Wilson and Executive Secretary Robin Fly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 20, 2009

Chairperson Mock called for approval of the Annual Board meeting minutes and resolutions dated July 20, 2009. Commissioner Thomas motioned approval of the said minutes and resolutions; Commissioner Overcash seconded the motion.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Chairperson Mock called for approval of management reports as presented to the Board. Commissioner Thomas commented on positive progress of the Public Housing Family Self Sufficiency program's housing services to include: credit repair counseling with an enrollment of 10 and a goal of 12, employment counseling with an enrollment of 10 and of goal of 12, and financial management counseling with an enrollment of 10 and a goal of 12. Chairperson Mock stated that a lot of positive activity continues to exist at Lakeland Estates involving children and families. With no further comments, Commissioner Davis motioned approval of management reports, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion.

CARRIED

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson Mock called for discussion of any committee reports. Commissioner Overcash, Chair of the Asset and Management Committee, informed the Board that Teamsters Local Union No. 135 accepted the Housing Authority's offer of a wage freeze on contingency basis that after six (6) months the Housing Authority would meet with Teamsters Local Union No. 135 to discuss wages and status of the economy in regards to funding.

In reference to the contingency regarding six (6) months for further discussion, Commissioner Overcash asked that Housing Authority Attorney Bazin-Johnson and Executive Director Wilson inform Teamsters Local Union No. 135 of the Housing Authority's acceptance of such offer. With no further discussion, Commissioner Overcash motioned approval of Teamsters' Local Union No. 135 counteroffer to meet again in six (6) months to discuss wages and economy; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

After discussion, Chairperson Mock introduced the following resolution:

### RESOLUTION NUMBER 2009-25

RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA TO APPROVE TEAMSTERS' LOCAL UNION NO. 135 COUNTEROFFER TO ACCEPT WAGE FREEZE ON CONTINGENCY THAT AFTER SIX (6) MONTHS HOUSING AUTHORITY WOULD DISCUSS WAGES AND STATUS OF ECONOMY.

The resolution was moved by Commissioner Eric Overcash and seconded by Commissioner Yolanda Thomas-Davis.

#### AYES

Carla Mock  
Hazel Thomas  
Eric Overcash  
Eddie Wilson  
Yolanda Thomas-Davis

#### NAYS

CARRIED

Vice Chairperson Ronald Strauss and Commissioner Bill Fine were absent in this vote.

## OLD BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

### Update on Urban Park

Chairperson Mock called for discussion of the update on urban park project regarding Harborside Homes property status. She said Mayor Chuck Oberlie indicated to a letter recently sent to the Housing Authority that City's Board of Public Works and Safety has contacted design firm Lohan Anderson to prepare various options for a Gateway Park on the site. She also stated that Lohan Anderson has completed a field survey discussed most recently at a meeting with the public and stakeholders on May 26, 2009. She informed Board that Lohan Anderson is developing plans and specifications with the intention to solicit bids starting in year 2010.

### For Your Information

Executive Director Wilson informed Board that that HUD has granted \$60,000 in excess of administration fees toward its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program in response to the Housing Authority's correspondence to HUD indicating shortfall that would exist without additional funding.

### Public Comment

### Adjournment

With no other business before the Board, Chairperson Mock adjourned the Board meeting at approximately 4:45 p.m.

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Carla Mock, MCHA Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Lenda Wilson, MCHA Executive Director

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WHEREAS, on an annual basis the Teamsters Local Union No. 135 and the Housing Authority of the City of Michigan City, Indiana meet to discuss wage increase, and

WHEREAS, due to the dire condition of the economy the Housing Authority's Asset and Management Committee met with Teamsters Local Union No. 135 to offer a wage freeze, and

WHEREAS, in response, the Teamsters Local Union No. 135 met on August 13, 2009, to present a counteroffer whereby upon acceptance of the Housing Authority's offer of a wage freeze, after six (6) months the Housing Authority would agree to again meet with Teamsters Local Union No. 135 to discuss wages and condition of the economy in reference to funding of those wages.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Michigan City, Indiana approved Teamsters' Local Union 135 counteroffer based upon acceptance of Housing Authority's wage freeze with contingency that after six (6) months the Housing Authority and Teamsters' Local Union 135 would meeting again to discuss wages and status of economy.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2009.

Resolution moved by: Commissioner Eric Overcash

Resolution seconded by: Commissioner Yolanda Thomas-Davis

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Carla Mock, MCHA Chairperson

ATTEST: