

**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK  
April 23, 2015**

The meeting was convened at 50 Park Place, Suite 919, Newark, New Jersey, at 4:15 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  
Treasurer DeAndre Rudolph  
Commissioner Niathan Allen  
Commissioner Deborah Ballard  
Commissioner Samuel Lucas

Others Present:

Executive Director Ethelyn S. Bowers  
Chigozie U. Onyema, Dir. of Compliance & Dev.  
Gabriele Santos, Manager Fiscal Operations  
Sr. Executive Asst., Merian Williams

Absent:

Ethelyn S. Bowers, Executive Director

Members of the Public:

Michael Elam

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Chair Williams noted and General Counsel confirmed 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 Rudolph, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved by unanimous consent.

Motion to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2015 by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Ballard, and approved by unanimous consent.

After presentation of the Treasurer's Report and comment and review of the List of Bills and Treasurer's report, motion to accept the List of Bills for April, 2015 by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Lucas, and approved by unanimous consent by **Resolution #04-2015-35**.

#### **LEGAL REPORT:**

General Counsel, Chigozie Onyema reported to the Board that Excel Environmental Solutions has been diligently working at the Tow Site. Neighborhood services are helping to access soil samples for analyzing. The Environmental people are scheduled to return on May 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Onyema is working on the RFP for demolition of the building that is on site. We are waiting for information to put together a RFP for demolishing same. We have been attempting to work with Department of Engineering in order to keep the costs down, however, Mr. Onyema feels it may be best to work with individuals who know about Environmental issues. We will get competitive price quotes.

Mr. Onyema update the Board on the Green Street site. The intent is for this to be a mixed use site, housing offices, retail and the Courts. He met with staff of the Municipal Courts and it appears that the Municipal Courts are the most "challenged" for space and therefore will be the largest user. The desire is to permit the Municipal Court personnel to have the ability to go directly from the parking lot to the Court. Mr. Onyema will also be meeting with the Finance Department to determine their needs as well.

At the present time, we are in the concept stage. Tim Haas, the Engineer, will perform desk audits to further identify needs of the Departments. From here, we

will go to design stage and then move swiftly to financing, through bonding. The next meeting on the Green Street lot is scheduled for April 29, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. here at the Authority. Mr. Onyema will confirm the date and time and notify Commissioner Allen and other Board Members who desire to attend. In addition, Mr. Onyema will provide previous information on the site to the Board Members attending, prior to the scheduled meeting date.

Chair Williams briefly addressed the proposed Residential Parking permit program and advised Commissioner Ballard that the idea is to have a "City Wide" permit that will allow you to park anywhere in the City for additional costs. The Board thought this to be great information.

General Counsel, Chigozie Onyema, requested that the Board go into Executive Session. Motion to go into Executive Session on **Resolution #04-2015-36** by Commissioner Rudolph, second by Commissioner Graham, approved by unanimous consent.

Upon completion of Executive Session, General Counsel noted for the record that all members of the Board were still present and that the Board entered into executive session for discussion of personnel matters. Minutes of the Executive Session will be released when appropriate under the Open Public Meetings and the Open Public Records Act. Board resumed it's regular meeting on motion to by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Rudolph.

General Counsel stated for the record that there are two (2) additional Resolutions to be presented and voted on.

**RESOLUTION #04-2015-37** of the Board of Commissioners of the Parking Authority of the City of Newark Removing Ethelyn S. Bowers as Executive Director and Authorizing the Payment of Accrued Benefit Time.

Roll Call on Resolution #04-2015-37:

Commissioner Allen	Yes
Commissioner Ballard	Yes
Commissioner Cagley	Yes
Commissioner Graham	Yes
Commissioner Lucas	Yes
Commissioner Rudolph	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes

Resolution #04-2015-38 of the Parking Authority of the City of Newark  
Appointing Chigozie U. Onyema, General Counsel and Director of Development,  
Interim Executive Director of the Parking Authority of the City of Newark.

Roll Call of Resolution #04-2015-38:

Commissioner Allen	Yes
Commissioner Ballard	Yes
Commissioner Cagley	Yes
Commissioner Graham	Yes
Commissioner Lucas	Yes
Commissioner Rudolph	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes

The Chair stated that the Board will commence interviewing of prospective candidates for Director on either May 13<sup>h</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The Board will e advised.

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