

**PARKING AUTHORITY—CITY OF RAHWAY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MAY 5, 2015**

Vice Chairman Walker called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Roll Call:

Commissioners:

Present: Walker, Kabel, Kennedy and Fishinger.

Absent: Sanchez

Bier- Executive Director/Attorney

Bart- Secretary

Commissioner Walker announced that notice of this meeting has been posted and advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Sunshine Law).

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Bier reported that Chairman Sanchez tendered his resignation from the Authority effective April 17, 2015, due to a statutory conflict created by his appointment to the Rahway Redevelopment Agency as a Commissioner.

After a brief discussion, the Authority Board took the following action related to the Board's officers:

17-15 Motion: TO NOMINATE JAMES WALKER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE RAHWAY PARKING AUTHORITY

Motion made by: Commissioner Kabel

Seconded by: Commissioner Fishinger

Commissioner Vote:

Ayes: (4) Kabel, Fishinger, Walker, Kennedy

Nays: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Abstain (0) None

18-15 Motion: TO NOMINATE ERIC KABEL AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE RAHWAY PARKING AUTHORITY

Motion made by: Commissioner Fishinger
Seconded by: Commissioner Walker

Commissioner Vote:

Ayes:	(4)	Kabel, Fishinger, Walker, Kennedy
Nays:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None
Abstain	(0)	None

ACCOUNTANT

Commissioners reviewed Authority financial statements as of March 31, 2015.

Mr. Bart discussed the significant revenue and expense variances (budget to actual) for the first three months of the year. Mr. Bart stated that he has started working on the April 2015 report, and the deck and lot permit revenues appear strong as well.

ATTORNEY/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Bier discussed the revenue trends for the deck for the last four years through April 2015.

The CCTV equipment for the Garage has been received and is being bench tested prior to installation to make sure all cameras are working with the new software.

As a follow up to an inquiry by Commissioner Kabel at a prior Board Meeting, Mr. Bier reported that thermal plastic line stripping cannot be applied over concrete. The Authority is researching oil based paint for parking stall line stripping in the garage that will have a longer useful life than the latex based traffic paint that has to be reapplied each year.

The Authority is in the process of soliciting quotations for seasonal landscaping. The employee that previously performed landscaping tasks retired. Based upon the quotes received, Mr. Bier will make a determination whether it will be cost effective to use an outside service or part-time employees to landscape.

Mr. Bier said that the Authority will have to pass a resolution this evening approving the hiring of an appraisal service to appraise the property located at 52 E. Cherry Street.

Mr. Bier reported that due to a statutory conflict caused by Authority Commissioners Sanchez and Fishinger simultaneously serving as commissioners of the Rahway Redevelopment Agency, the Board will have to reapprove and retroactively apply all motions and resolutions voted on by the Board from October 2014 through and including April 17, 2015.

The October 2014 through and including April 17, 2015 resolutions and motions of the Board, previously adopted will be reintroduced and voted on as a Consent Agenda. Any Commissioner who wants to have further discussion or debate regarding a resolution or motion may request that the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.

MOTIONS

19-15 Motion: TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS TOTALING \$ 58127.99 (SEE ATTACHED LIST)

Motion made by: Commissioner Kennedy
Seconded by: Commissioner Fishinger

Commissioner Vote:

Ayes: (4) Kabel, Fishinger, Walker, Kennedy
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Abstain (0) None

20-15 Motion: TO RATIFY PRIOR ACTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY TAKEN BY A VOTE OF THE AUTHORITY'S BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DURING THE TIME PERIOD OCTOBER 2014 UNTIL APRIL 17, 2015, AS A CONSENT AGENDA ITEM AS ATTACHED TO THIS RESOLUTION.+

Motion made by: Commissioner Kabel
Seconded by: Commissioner Fishinger

Commissioner Vote:

Ayes: (4) Kabel, Fishinger, Walker, Kennedy
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Abstain (0) None

21-15 Motion: TO APPROVE MARC A. SCHACHTER TO PERFORM A REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL ON 59 EAST CHERRY STREET FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 1,000.00

Motion made by: Commissioner Kennedy
Seconded by: Commissioner Walker

Commissioner Vote:

Ayes: (4) Kabel, Fishinger, Walker, Kennedy
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Abstain (0) None

SIGNIFICANT COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bier reported that the Authority received an anonymous letter stating that members of the Rahway Police Department damaged one the garage access gates. The anonymous source accused the Police Department and the Parking Authority of covering up the incident. Mr. Bier reported that the Authority and the Police Department followed proper procedures and prepared incident reports that are on file with both the Police Department and the Authority.

Mr. Bier reported that as a result of a recent inquiry, he has requested the City of Rahway General Counsel research and prepare a Legal Opinion to determine if any conflict of interest may exist due to the fact that Mr. Bier serves as both the Executive Director of the Parking Authority, and the Executive Director of the Rahway Redevelopment Agency.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bier reported that there were no minutes from April, 2015, since the April meeting did not have a legal quorum, and no official action could be taken, it was a work session and not a regular Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Michael R. Bart, CPA

Recording Secretary