1 TOWN OF HARRISON ORIGINAL HOUSING AUTHORITY 2 TRANSCRIPT MEETING OF THE TOWN OF HARRISON HOUSING AUTHORITY : OF PROCEEDINGS 3 4 OPEN SESSION Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 6:20 p.m. Harrison Gardens, Bldg. #1 5 788 Harrison Avenue Harrison, New Jersey 07029 6 PRESENT: JAMES P. DORAN, Ed.D, CHAIRMAN 7 DANIEL CHOFFO, COMMISSIONER 8 9 DAWN KINSELLA, COMMISSIONER BRUNILDA MUSTILLI, COMMISSIONER 10 11 ARTHUR PETTIGREW, COMMISSIONER EXCUSED: FREDERICK CONFESSORE, COMMISSIONER 12 IRENE ALMEIDA, COMMISSIONER 13 14 ALSO PRESENT: 15 JOSEPH MANFREDI, ESQ. Board Attorney 16 MAUREEN GILMORE, Authority Staff 17 DOREEN COUCH, Authority Staff GENE GILMORE, Maintenance Supervisor 18 JOAN MICHAELSON, Authority Staff 19 20 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TRANSCRIBED BY AND BEFORE: SUSAN M. STYRON, 21 C.S.R., R.P.R., AND NOTARY PUBLIC OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY License No. XI 01704 22 23 24 Job No. NJ2780088 25

THE CHAIRMAN: I hereby declare this 1 meeting to order and state that this is a meeting 2 of the Harrison Housing Authority in the Town of 3 Harrison scheduled for February 7, 2018. 4 meeting is a regularly scheduled meeting, and 5 proper public notice of time, date, location, 6 purpose and agenda have been posted in compliance 7 with the Sunshine Law. I ask you to stand and please join me 9 10 in the Pledge of Allegiance. (Pledge of Allegiance.) 11 THE CHAIRMAN: Happy birthday, Daniel. 12 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: 13 Thank you. THE CHAIRMAN: Will the clerk please 14 call the roll. 15 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Almeida, 16 17 absent. Commissioner Choffo. 18 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Here. 19 20 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Confessore, 21 absent. Commissioner Kinsella. 22 23 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Here. MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli. 24 25 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Here.

1	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.
2	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Here.
3	MS. GILMORE: Dr. Doran.
4	THE CHAIRMAN: Here.
5	Can I have a motion to approve the
6	minutes of the January 9th, 2018 meeting?
7	COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Motion.
8	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Second.
9	THE CHAIRMAN: A motion has been made
10	and seconded. Made by Commissioner Kinsella,
11	seconded by Commissioner Pettigrew.
12	Clerk, call the roll.
13	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.
14	COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.
15	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.
16	COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.
17	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.
18	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.
19	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.
20	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.
21	MS. GILMORE: Dr. Doran.
22	THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.
23	Can I have a motion to approve the
2 4	water bills?
25	COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Motion.

COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.

MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.

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1	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.
2	COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.
3	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.
4	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.
5	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.
6	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.
7	MS. GILMORE: Dr. Doran.
8	THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.
9	Communications?
10	MS. GILMORE: Okay. We've got a letter
11	from the State of New Jersey Department of
12	Environmental Protection.
13	"Schuyler Avenue Ground Water
14	Contamination.
15	"New Jersey Department of Environmental
16	Protection is investigating ground water
17	contamination at the Schuyler Avenue Ground Water
18	Contamination site. During the investigation,
19	elevated levels of TCE were detected in the
20	ground water. This contaminant belongs to a
21	class of chemicals known as VOCs.
22	"NJDEP will soon be evaluating nearby
23	buildings to determine whether the occupants of
24	those buildings are at risk for exposure to VOCs

due to vapor intrusion. Enclosed are two fact

sheets that explain how vapor intrusion occurs, how the testing is conducted, and how vapor intrusion can be addressed.

"We would like to evaluate a building at 788 Harrison Avenue for vapor intrusion as part of this investigation. The building is located at the corner of Harrison Avenue and Schuyler Avenue.

"As part of this process,
representatives from NJDEP will collect samples
of the soil gas beneath the slab or basement
floor and the indoor air for analysis of VOCs.
The sampling will be conducted at no cost to the
Harrison Housing Authority, and a summary of the
analytical results will be provided to the
Authority. All sampling will be performed in
accordance with the New Jersey Department of
Environmental Protection Vapor Intrusion
Technical Guidance document," which is available
at their Website.

"As we discussed in our phone conversation today, the Housing Authority building scheduled for sampling at 1 p.m. on February 7th and 8th, 2018. We will need access to the building for a brief period of time on

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both days to conduct the testing. Please contact
Sue Shannon if you have any questions.

Additional vapor intrusion sampling may be needed depending on the results of this round of testing.

"Please also note that pursuant to New Jersey Open Public Records Act, all building surveys and vapor intrusion sampling results obtained by NJDEP during this investigation become part of the public record for the Schuyler Avenue Ground Water Contamination site. NJDEP is obligated to make this information available to any interested party that requests access to it, through its Office of Record Access.

"It is important that we obtain access to your property for the required environmental investigation to protect public health and the environment. For information about providing access to the property, please visit NJDEP's Website.

"Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions about the vapor intrusion investigation or remedial activities underway at the Schuyler Ground Water Contamination site, please contact me on the

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1 phone or at the email address below.

"Sincerely, Sue Shannon, Community Relations Coordinator."

THE CHAIRMAN: That's that whole process of DEP doing this whole area. They have bore holes over by the high school, they have bore holes all around. And they are checking for volatile organic compounds, or VOCs. And apparently the water, this whole area's ground water, I think it goes like all over the place, so it isn't just here, so they do periodic testing.

Gene, were they here today?

MR. GILMORE: Yeah, they put the canisters in. Tomorrow they'll be here to do the drilling and do a sample from underneath the pad.

THE CHAIRMAN: And they've done it

before?

MR. GILMORE: Yeah. I think they've done it in 6 building, they've done it in 4 building, they've done it in 3 building. It seems like everything on this side of Schuyler Avenue.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah. And they have another company working with the holes that are

available on Sanford Ave. 1 MR. GILMORE: Yeah, we have a couple here too. They drilled, they dropped drill 3 holes, and I think we have three of them on our 4 5 property on Schuyler. THE CHAIRMAN: On the corner, yeah. 6 MR. GILMORE: We've never heard 7 anything from them. 8 9 THE CHAIRMAN: Right. COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: There's three on 10 11 that corner, Gene, I'm sorry? MR. GILMORE: I'm sorry? 12 13 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: I'm sorry, did you say there's three on that corner? 14 MR. GILMORE: Three along Schuyler 15 16 Avenue. COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: That's the only 17 one there, on our property? 18 MR. GILMORE: On our property. 19 20 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. The management office report. Do we have any questions on that? 21 You have copies of the minutes. The Personnel 22 Committee is in the process of reviewing resumes 23

for Executive Director, and we're going to be

starting the interviews shortly. We'll go over

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some dates we just agreed on.

The accountants have prepared our opening budget and the DCA budget, which the Finance Committee is reviewing. Dan was able to meet on behalf of the Finance Committee last Friday, thank you, Dan, and will make a recommendation to the Board at the February meeting, so that's going to be tonight, you'll make a recommendation to pass the budget.

HUD has advised a \$21 million grant to clean up dangerous lead in public housing. We'll probably have some discussions down the road.

We'll also be discussing if we're going to hire a grant writer to help submit the paperwork, and then we'll just talk about that at some point.

We're in the process of proceeding along with the Capital Fund Program and have it advertised for bids for the upgraded clean toilet exhaust system and the plumbing upgrades at the Kingsland Court side. I've attached the proposed advertisement for bids for your review. Is that up for tonight?

MR. MANFREDI: Yes, it is up for tonight.

THE CHAIRMAN: And the no smoking

policy letters were sent out to all tenants, and we received three questions. We have tentatively scheduled the kick-off no smoking presentation for March 3rd, that will be available to all of the Harrison Housing residents. The meeting will take place in the community center room, and the details will be placed in the Observer, the town Website and Harrison Housing Authority's Website. The Harrison Cancer League will be available to assist and sponsor some of the administrative costs.

We have some tenant issues that need to be addressed, or were already addressed. We have two delinquents for one month and two delinquents for two months. We have zero evictions.

Vacancies/turnovers, we have one. And that's pretty much it. Respectfully submitted.

Maintenance report. Gene, anything we need to talk about? Do you want to talk about the capital bid that we're putting out?

MR. GILMORE: Yeah. This bid we've been working on for quite a long time. What we're doing at the Kingsland Court, we're going to start there instead of stretching it all out all at one time on both sites.

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And what we're doing is replacing the toilets. The connections that the toilets go on, because they're 70 years old, when we do have problems with toilets being loose we have a major problem with trying to reconnect them to the floor because everything is in concrete. So we're replacing all that.

THE CHAIRMAN: How do you replace that on, like, say, a second floor?

MR. GILMORE: Well, which goes to the next part. We also have to do, we're cleaning out the vents for the bathrooms. Over here they don't have vents, we have windows. But over there we actually have exhaust fans. And we need to get them cleaned because I don't know when last time they were cleaned. So by cleaning them brought us up on fire code where we have to put a fire stop at the wall, so of course if there's a fire it doesn't travel through the airway.

And to do that they have to take down a soffit that's over, that covers the pipes. So what we sort of led to -- because they're plaster and wire, to repair it is probably going to be a bigger job than to replace it. And what we're doing is we're replacing it with a prefabbed

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section that if we ever need to get under there we can just take it down and put it back up again in a third of the time of what it takes us right now.

And, like I said, the pipes under there are, those particular ones that hold the toilet down are original, it's never been replaced before. And they're all breaking at this point.

THE CHAIRMAN: So when we remodeled the bathrooms several years ago in the '80s they never put new pipes in?

MR. GILMORE: No. All the risers are staying. All we're replacing is the part giving us the problem. We are having all the piping power-washed to clear it all out.

In the basement there's a couple of headers that service the kitchens and baths, and, again, with all the years these special headers are clogged, and they constantly clog. And over there the problem is we have toilets, or sinks and tubs back-to-back. So when they clog in the basement it can back up all the way into everybody's tubs and overflow. So it's been a major problem. So we're replacing those and cleaning everything out.

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And some of the bad plumbing that is underground, we're bringing that aboveground, and instead of digging up the whole basement, too, because we have the space.

THE CHAIRMAN: I assume you're going to have people's toilets or bathrooms out of commission?

MR. GILMORE: No, no. They have to have -- they can't be without a toilet. So they have to come in and, they take it out in the morning and they have to have it in by 4 o'clock. So, no, we're not going to have anybody without a toilet.

COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: How long does the contractor guarantee his work for?

MR. GILMORE: That will go along with

the bond. The service bond I think is for a year.

MR. MANFREDI: There's a one-year maintenance bond, and then there's also warranty on the actual parts as well, and labor.

COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: I don't know which parts we're actually talking about. Is that information dedicated in the specs?

MR. MANFREDI: It is. And I brought a

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copy of the specs tonight, and I have more information for the Board once Gene is finished.

MR. GILMORE: We're also putting the water monitoring system in, so we don't have a situation like we had with that broken pipe and not knowing it was broken.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. So some alarm system that will let you know.

MR. GILMORE: Right, with the water. Especially since they're not used on a day-to-day basis.

THE CHAIRMAN: Anything else of note, Gene?

MR. GILMORE: No. We're dealing with the snow, which has been easy so far. Messy, but we might have to come back tonight to salt unless it gets icy. But, otherwise, everything else is going well.

We started up on the UPCS inspection repairs again. We postponed them during the holidays, so we're up to Building 3 already.

THE CHAIRMAN: What's that again?

MR. GILMORE: Urban Physical -- it's

24 the HUD inspection.

THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, okay. I got you.

1	MR. GILMORE: If anybody has any
2	questions on the maintenance report, I'm willing
3	to discuss.
4	THE CHAIRMAN: No, I don't think so.
5	Any questions on the maintenance report? All
6	right. Can I have a motion to accept it?
7	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Motion.
8	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Motion.
9	THE CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry, forgive me.
10	Motion made my Mustilli and seconded by
11	Pettigrew.
12	Clerk, call the roll.
13	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.
14	COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.
15	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.
16	COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.
17	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.
18	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.
19	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.
20	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.
21	MS. GILMORE: Dr. Doran.
22	THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.
23	Did you want to add anything to that as
24	far as the bids go?
25	MR. MANFREDI: Just to let everyone

know, this project is being paid for by our 1 capital fund. We have \$183,000 left, which we 2 must expend by the 12th of April. And when I say 3 "expend," HUD requires us to have the bid out, 4 the bid award, which will obviously come back to 5 the Board, and then the contract signed, or the 6 7 funds are subject to being lost. We reviewed everything. We're going to submit the standard 8 contract that we submit for the Housing Authority 9 so it's in the bid package. And one or two of 10 the HUD forms were outdated, so we updated those 11 12 and sent them over to the engineer. So we're 13 good to go.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Do you think we can meet the timeline?

MR. MANFREDI: Yes.

MR. GILMORE: Yes.

 $$\operatorname{MR.}$$ MANFREDI: I think we can as long as we move diligently on it.

COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: When are we putting the bid out?

MR. MANFREDI: Actually, once the Board approves it tonight, it's going right away.

MS. GILMORE: Send it tomorrow, and then it will be in the paper -- well, it will be

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- in before February 14th, because that's when they can pick up the bids.
- THE CHAIRMAN: All right.
- MS. GILMORE: Can we have a motion to
- 5 advertise for it?

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- THE CHAIRMAN: Is that what we're going to do? Okay.
 - COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Do you want to go to closed session first and talk about things and then come back?
- COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: This is for the bid, though.
- COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: I'm just asking.
- THE CHAIRMAN: Is there anyone from the public who wishes to be heard before we go to
- 17 closed session?
- Mr. Largeman, did you want to be heard
- 19 on anything?
- MR. LARGEMAN: No, I can't say
- 21 anything. I can't talk.
- THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Do we have a
- 23 motion to go into closed session?
- 24 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Motion.
- 25 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Motion.

1	THE CHAIRMAN: Motion to go into
2	commission by Commissioner Kinsella and seconded
3	by Commissioner Pettigrew. All those in favor
4	say.
5	(All say aye.)
6	THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?
7	(No response.)
8	(Whereupon the proceedings go into closed session
9	under separate cover.)
10	BACK INTO OPEN SESSION:
11	THE CHAIRMAN: We've had some
12	discussion. We're probably going to not proceed
13	with going, applying for the HUD grant for lead,
14	so we're going to leave that one alone. We have
15	our own testing on site.
16	Do we need to do any testing at all
17	coming up, Gene?
18	MR. MANFREDI: Last year HUD did
19	change, so, yeah, we're going to have to do a
20	partial. Me and Joe talked about it this
21	afternoon.
22	THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.
23	MR. GILMORE: You have to do like a
24	percentage.
25	THE CHAIRMAN: And mostly we find it

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1	and encapsulate it and so forth. Okay.
2	MR. GILMORE: And the lucky thing is we
3	haven't found anything in the apartments.
4	THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. So we're just
5	going to proceed with our plans for doing it.
6	MR. GILMORE: As HUD requirements, yes.
7	THE CHAIRMAN: Right.
8	Okay. Can I have a motion to advertise
9	for the bids for the upgrade and clean toilet
10	exhaust system and plumbing upgrades at the
11	Kingsland Court site.
12	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Motion.
13	THE CHAIRMAN: Motion made by
14	Commissioner Mustilli.
15	COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Seconded.
16	THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Commissioner
17	Choffo.
18	Clerk, call the roll.
19	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.
20	COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.
21	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.
22	COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.
23	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.
24	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.
25	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.

1	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.
2	MS. GILMORE: Dr. Doran.
3	THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.
4	Can I have a motion to approve
5	Resolution 1372-01-18 adopting the DCA budget?
6	COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: I would like to
7	make a motion approving the state budget for
8	fiscal year $4/1/2018$ to $3/31/2019$ with the same
9	resolution number that Dr. Doran mentioned,
10	1372-01-18.
11	COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Second.
12	THE CHAIRMAN: Motion made by
13	Commissioner Choffo, seconded by Commissioner
14	Kinsella.
15	Clerk, call the roll.
16	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.
17	COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.
18	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.
19	COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.
20	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.
21	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.
22	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.
23	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.
24	MS. GILMORE: Dr. Doran.
25	THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.

Can I have a motion to approve 1 Resolution 1373-02-18, approving the operating 2 budget? And then just to, for the record, these 3 budgets were reviewed by myself as the acting ED, 4 but as also the Budget Committee had a meeting 5 last Friday 1/30, with the accountant to go over the details of the budget. So just for the 7 record to state before we approve it to let you 8 know that that did take place. So can I have a 9 motion made? 10 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: I'll make a 11 motion to approve PHA Harrison Housing Authority 12 Code NJ016 regarding the operating budget. 13 THE CHAIRMAN: Motion has been made. 14 15 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Second. 16 THE CHAIRMAN: Motion made by Commissioner Choffo, seconded by Commissioner 17 18 Mustilli. 19 Clerk, call the roll. MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo. 20 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye. 21 22 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella. 23 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Ave. MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli. 24 25 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.

1	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.
2	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.
3	MS. GILMORE: Dr. Doran.
4	THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.
5	Asking for a motion for a resolution of
6	condolences for Karen Mulrenan, Resolution
7	1374-02-18.
8	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Motion.
9	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Motion.
10	THE CHAIRMAN: Motion made my
11	Commissioner Mustilli, seconded by Commissioner
12	Pettigrew.
13	Clerk, call the roll.
14	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.
15	COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.
16	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.
17	COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.
18	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.
19	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.
20	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.
21	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.
22	MS. GILMORE: Dr. Doran.
23	THE CHAIRMAN: Aye. And our
24	condolences again to you, Doreen. That was a sad
25	experience to go through, and my best to you and

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CERTIFICATE

I, SUSAN M. STYRON, Notary Public, R.P.R., C.S.R., of the State of New Jersey, License No. XIO1704, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings as taken stenographically by and before me at the time, place and on the date hereinbefore set forth.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither a relative nor employee nor attorney nor counsel of any of the parties to this action, and that I am neither a relative nor employee of such attorney or counsel, and that I am not financially interested in the action.

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Notary Public of the State of New Jersey

My Certificate expires January 25, 2019

Dated: February 19, 2018

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