

MINUTES
EMPORIA REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING AUTHORITY
CITY OF EMPORIA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 10, 2010

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The Emporia Redevelopment and Housing Authority held a Special Meeting on Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, 201 South Main Street, Emporia, Virginia. Ms. Veronica Leach, Chairperson presided over the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following Emporia Redevelopment and Housing Authority members indicated their presence:

Ms. Veronica Leach	Mr. Dave Thomas
Ms. Brenda Harrell	Ms. Marva Dunn
Ms. Sandy Skinner	

Absent: Ms. Carolyn Carey
Mr. Mark Owen

Others present: Steven B. Hall, Assistant City Manager
Lori Jarratt, ERHA Clerk
Sheila Cutrell, Finance Director

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. *Fiscal Year 2011 Operating Budget*

Mr. Hall stated that as a result of a limited number of Commissioners present at the April 7, 2010 Regular Meeting and inclusion of a new line item entitled “Emergency Housing,” the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-2011 budget was presented for discussion and consideration.

Specific categories and line items of note for discussion include:

- Page 1 – “Interest on CD’s” – lowered as a result of the \$60,000 allocation towards West Atlantic Street Revitalization project
- Page 2 – “Emergency Housing” – \$2,000 recommended per request of Commissioner Dunn
- Page 2 – “West Atlantic Street Project” - \$60,000 paid to City for matching funds
- Page 2 – “Home Repair Grants” – not the “Home Repair Program” carried out in FY 10

- Line items: Emergency Repairs and Property Maintenance Violations
- Page 2 – “Program Income Expenses” – funding utilized for FY 10 “Home Repair Program”

He advised that Sheila Cutrell, Fiscal Agent, was present to answer any questions regarding the proposed FY 11 budget.

Ms. Dunn stated that some Commissioners did not feel that the ERHA needed to provide funding for Emergency Housing. She also stated that the State Code of Virginia for Redevelopment and Housing Authorities discusses other living accommodations for persons of low to moderate income. She further stated that Franklin Housing Authority owns and manages housing for low to moderate income individuals.

She advised that HUD offers grants that Redevelopment and Housing Authorities can apply for specifically for Emergency Housing Funds.

Ms. Skinner stated that she did not question as to whether or not the ERHA could provide funding for Emergency Housing. She also stated that the funds for the ERHA are limited and would like to see these funds used for permanent housing.

Mr. Hall stated that the Virginia Code allows the ERHA to do a lot of projects. He also stated that the Franklin Housing Authority has eleven paid staff with at least a full time Executive Director. He further stated that one of the issues with the ERHA is that there is no revenue stream. He advised that other RHA across the state may generate revenue through things such as voucher housing. He also advised that the ERHA was created in the 1970’s for a pass-through of funds.

He advised that continuation of the Housing Rehab Grant and the possibility of the Commissioners applying for any HUD Grants would be a couple of next steps.

Ms. Skinner stated that she would like to remove the Emergency Housing line item from the budget.

Ms. Dunn made a motion to adopt the FY 11 Operating budget and Ordinance No. as presented, seconded by Ms. Leach which passed as follows:

Ms. Veronica Leach	aye
Ms. Brenda Harrell	nay
Ms. Sandy Skinner	nay
Mr. Dave Thomas	aye
Ms. Marva Dunn	aye

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Leach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Carey seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ms. Veronica Leach	aye
Ms. Brenda Harrell	aye
Ms. Sandy Skinner	aye
Mr. Dave Thomas	aye
Ms. Marva Dunn	aye

Veronica Leach, Chairperson	Date
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Lori R. Jarratt, Clerk	Date
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