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Minutes EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING February 1, 2021 – 12:00 p.m. Zoom Videoconference

Called to order at 12:00 p.m., by Kenny Solomon-Gross, Board President

Executive Committee* and Board Members Present: Kenny Solomon-Gross*, Board President; Rosemary Hagevig*, Vice-President; Mark Johnson*, Secretary; Lance Stevens*, Past Board President; Iola Young and Hal Geiger

Also Present: Chuck Bill, CEO; Kevin Benson, CFO/Interim CEO; and Anita Moffitt, Executive Assistant

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Mr. Solomon-Gross noted this is a one item agenda. ***MOTION by Mr. Stevens to approve the agenda. Mr. Johnson seconded. Agenda approved.***

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

Due to a personal conflict with this matter, Mr. Solomon-Gross recused himself from this discussion and turned the gavel over to Ms. Hagevig to run the meeting.

PROPERTY PURCHASE DISCUSSION – Ms. Hagevig noted the item before the committee is new language recommended by Mr. Benson to be presented to the Lands Committee in the matter regarding purchase of the property located at 3225 Hospital Drive. The recommendation is to insert “up to \$2.5 Million pending receipt and an analysis of the engineer’s report for the building under consideration”. She reminded the committee that there had been a roll call vote at the January 26th Board of Directors meeting limiting the amount to \$2 Million. The vote had passed unanimously. This meeting was called today because the buyer rejected the \$2 Million offer. Mr. Johnson stated that the report provided identified items that need a more thorough engineer’s inspection. He does support what Mr. Benson is recommending and also suggests we obtain cost estimates for the items identified for needed repairs due to water damage; the slope of the sidewalk, roof and the oil tanks. Mr. Geiger noted the report referenced is not from a licensed engineer but the inspection was done by someone who is very qualified to talk about buildings. He also expressed his concerns that the roof may have asbestos in it. If so, it would require certified asbestos removers and would be very costly to repair.

Mr. Benson stated that the purpose of this meeting was to modify what is going to be presented to the City, understanding that the sellers will not sell the property for \$2 Million. The amount is to be raised to \$2.5 Million, not to make a decision to purchase today, but in the event that the Board chooses to move ahead with the purchase, we don’t have to go through the City again to look for additional appropriation. In response to Mr. Geiger’s question about his recommendation, Mr. Benson supports his recommendation and said by doing this,



the Board can choose to accept the higher offer or choose to not do anything. If that's the case the appropriation would be withdrawn. Mr. Johnson supports the recommendation but wants to know what the costs would be to get the building up to acceptable standards. Ms. Hagevig confirmed that Mr. Benson will attend the Lands Committee meeting at 5:00pm this evening. She asked if approved by the Lands Committee, would it then go to the full Assembly to introduce an appropriation ordinance and would it require the Hospital Board to go ahead with the purchase. It would not require the Board to go ahead with the purchase. We would delay the appropriation going to the Assembly until the Board has made a decision one way or the other. It is unknown how long the seller will keep it off the market. In response to Mr. Johnson's query about what the backup plan is if this building is sold to someone else, Mr. Bill said we would hope to renew our lease for the space we are currently using until we had a more permanent solution. Mr. Stevens asked if we plan to dive deeper into the issues with the fuel tanks and roof before we commit. Yes, Mr. Benson will try to get cost estimates for repairs. Mr. Johnson identified other needed repairs and expressed the importance of knowing those costs.

Ms. Hagevig noted the question before us for tonight's Lands Committee meeting is whether Mr. Benson is authorized to move forward with the amended language of "up to \$2.5 Million" for purposes of getting through the CBJ process. **MOTION by Mr. Johnson that we request the Lands Committee to approve up to \$2.5 Million for the purchase of the property located at 3225 Hospital Drive, contingent on the engineer's report. Mr. Stevens seconded.** Hearing no objections **MOTION approved.**

Comments and Questions – Mr. Johnson requests cost estimates for repairs. Mr. Benson will try to obtain them before the next Finance Committee meeting. Ms. Hagevig suggested the estimates may impact our bargaining position. Mr. Geiger suggested the cost of the new roof on the fire station may be used as a possible benchmark. Hearing no other comments, Ms. Hagevig handed the gavel back to Mr. Solomon-Gross. He thanked everyone for their time and adjourned the meeting.

Adjourned 12:16 p.m.