HUDSON COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

IN THE MATTER OF :

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING :

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019
830 BERGEN AVENUE, 9TH FLOOR
JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY 07306
COMMENCING AT 12:35 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS:

FRANK PESTANA, CHAIRMAN (Via phone)
JAMES DORAN, VICE CHAIRMAN
NICHOLAS GOLDSACK, TREASURER (Via phone)
FRANK LORENZO, SECRETARY
FRED M. BADO, COMMISSIONER (Absent)
BRIAN DELABELLA, COMMISSIONER
JEFFREY DUBLIN, COMMISSIONER
MARTIN T. MARTINETTI, COMMISSIONER (Absent)
JOHN PENEDA, COMMISSIONER

APPEARANCES:

NORMAN M. GUERRA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

WILLIAM J. NETCHERT, ESQ. GENERAL COUNSEL

ELIZABETH RAMOS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE BOARD

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ALSO PRESENT:

CHRISTOPHER B. LANGHART, ESQ. (McMANIMON SCOTLAND & BAUMANN)

MARY-ELLEN GILPIN, HCIA

JAMES POLICASTRO, HCIA

MICHAEL O'CONNOR, HCIA

MICHAEL COMBA, HOBOKEN STRATEGY GROUP

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MR. GUERRA: So the Vice Chair will chair the meeting, Chairman?

CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Yes, sure. No problem.

COMMISSIONER DORAN: I will call this meeting to order and ask the clerk to take the roll.

MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Bado. Not present.

Commissioner Dellabella.

COMMISSIONER DELBELLA: Present.

MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Doran.

COMMISSIONER DORAN: Present.

MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Dublin.

COMMISSIONER DUBLIN: Present.

MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Goldsack.

COMMISSIONER GOLDSACK: Present.

MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Lorenzo.

COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Present.

MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Martinetti.

Not present.

Commissioner Peneda.

COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Here.

MS. RAMOS: Chairman Pestana.

CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Here.

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MS. RAMOS: We have a quorum with seven board members present, two not present.

COMMISSIONER DORAN: Thanks. Is there a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12th, 2018 meeting.

MR. NETCHERT: The Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSIONER DORAN: I forgot. Please stand.

(At this time the Pledge of Allegiance is recited.)

MR. NETCHERT: Mr. Chairman, you asked about notice.

This is a public meeting. It is a change of time of the regularly scheduled meeting for the ninth. The notice of the change of time was forwarded to the Jersey Journal for publication and the Star-Ledger for publication in those respective newspapers on January 3rd, 2019.

Notice was forwarded to the Office of the Clerk of the County of Hudson as well as the Office of the Clerk of the Hudson County Board of Freeholders for posting on those respective bulletin boards. And notice was finally posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room.

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MR. GUERRA: Item four, Resolution 1-2019-4 of the Hudson County Improvement Authority authorizing payment of certain costs and expenses of the Authority for the month of January 2019.

COMMISSIONER DORAN: Do we have a motion.

COMMISSIONER DUBLIN: Motion.
COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Second.
COMMISSIONER DORAN: Motion by Commissioner Dublin, seconded by Commissioner Peneda.

Call the roll.

MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Dellabella.
COMMISSIONER DELLABELLA: Yes.
MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Doran.
COMMISSIONER DORAN: Yes.
MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Dublin.
COMMISSIONER DUBLIN: Yes.
MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Goldsack.
COMMISSIONER GOLDSACK: Yes.
MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Lorenzo.
COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Yes.
Commissioner Peneda.
COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Yes.

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MS. RAMOS: Chairman Pestana.
CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Yes.
MS. RAMOS: Resolution 1-2019-4 passes in the affirmative, as amended, with seven board members voting yes, two not present.
MR. GUERRA: Item number five, Resolution 1-2019-5 approving the filing of a spending plan for 2018 Recycling Enhancement Act Entitlement by the Hudson County Improvement Authority.

Every year the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection provides a recycling enhancement tax entitlement to designate its solid waste management districts. The purpose is to assist in the preparation, revision and implementation of the County Solid Waste Management Plan.

Under the enhancement program for fiscal year 2018 we are to receive $437,126 which will be awarded to the County/HCIA.

The resolution before you approves this spending plan for the 2018 year.

Mary-Ellen may just want to touch upon it. I know Mary-Ellen is the one that prepares the spending plan, which I believe is very similar.

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MS. GILPIN: It's very similar to last year's.

MS. GILPIN: It's very similar to last year's, commissioners.
The amount is nine percent more than we received for fiscal year 2017 and we have made a few little changes. We're trying to increase the amount that we're spending for the mobile shredding program because we're adding an additional day each season. And in addition to the day we're adding two sites. So we'll have nine locations each season instead of seven. And I think that will make everybody happy.

We're also adding some more, expanding our presence on Recycle Coach and the social media, and basically that will take up most of the additional funds with a little tweak here and there. The shredding will take up a lot of the additional funds.

And pretty much the only other thing that we're going to be doing is, because of the issues with China and the recycling markets, we're doing a lot more of the recycle right advertising.

So we're adding a lot of funding in there so that we keep getting the word out to the residents to make sure that they don't put their plastic bags in with their recycling, make sure that they only put recycled ones and choose the plastic to make sure -- everybody got lax over the past 30 years or so, now we need to go back to the strict way of doing things. So we need to reeducate the public.

COMMISSIONER DORAN: Is a pizza box recyclable?

MS. GILPIN: Yes, if it doesn't have any residue, no crumbs or no oil spots.
MR. NETCHERT: Generally, no.
MR. GUERRA: Am I correct that it also, what's in there, is the household hazardous waste day, rain barrels?

MS. GILPIN: Yes.
MR. GUERRA: All those --
MS. GILPIN: Yes. The rain barrels, that would stay the same.

As to household hazardous waste, we pay part of that out of the recycling grant and part of it out of solid waste, and we're leaving that the way it was.

Basically there is a lot of items that would just be zero change, but we're continuing the programs the way they were. So there is not
too much change, just a little bit more.
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MR. GUERRA: And the resolution here
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approves the filing --
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MS. GILPIN: Yes.
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MR. GUERRA: -- of the plan.
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And the DEP is changing the way they
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are doing things in the resolution and application
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send the spending plan. So this is a little bit
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different than the way we normally do it because I
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would normally send the spending plan straight
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with this resolution, but now it's an extra step.
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And we also need to, before they will approve it,
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we need to have a link on our website to the DEP's
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website, to their recycling part.
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MR. GUERRA: And I believe that
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Mary-Ellen just needs to tweak the plan, and once
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that's done --
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MS. GILPIN: I have --
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MR. GUERRA: -- she will provide the
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commissioners with a copy.
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MS. GILPIN: Yes.
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I have the basic numbers, which I sent
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this morning, and I just need to do the verbiage.

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MR. GUERRA: Good.
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MS. GILPIN: But as soon as it's done
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I'll forward it to everybody.
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COMMISSIONER DORAN: Thank you.
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MS. GILPIN: You're welcome.
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COMMISSIONER DORAN: Good job.
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MS. GILPIN: Thank you.
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COMMISSIONER DORAN: Move for the
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approval?
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COMMISSIONER LORENZO: I have a
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question.
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COMMISSIONER DORAN: I'm sorry.
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COMMISSIONER LORENZO: That's for 2018,
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correct?
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MS. GILPIN: The State's fiscal year is
16 '18, but for spending it started May 1st, 2019
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through April 30th, 2020.
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COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Okay.
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MS. GILPIN: So this would include the
20 2019 Earth Day and all of the 2019 shredding and
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household hazardous waste and compost and rain barrel sales.
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COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Okay. Thank
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you.
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MS. GILPIN: Our timeframe will be
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notes, take in the proceeds, and we loan them to
the District Management Corporation in Weehawken,
which is building the waterfront improvements
along the waterfront in Weehawken. And then
Weehawken imposes a special assessment within the
district and takes those proceeds and pays down
the note every year in the amount of $945,000.
We first did it in 2010. We paid down
$945,000 each year starting with the $11 million
note in 2010. So right now we have outstanding
three million eight in notes. We'll take the
pay-down, knock it down to about two million
eight. We have authorized not to exceed three
just so that we have a little cushion depending on
the market. By doing it this way over the past
nine years we have been able to utilize the
short-term rates and minimize our interest
expenses and pay the notes off faster and cheaper
than having done it through bonds. This is just a
continuation of the other resolution that we do
every year to issue those notes one more time.
And as I stated, we should have this
thing done in about 2021 or so, two more times,
and then the notes should be paid off.
If anybody has any questions I would be
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happy to answer them.

COMMISSIONER DORAN: Are there any
questions?

(No response)

COMMISSIONER DORAN: Great. Thank you,
sir.

I'll call for a motion.

COMMISSIONER DELABELLA: Motion.

COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Second.

COMMISSIONER DORAN: Motion by
Commissioner Dellabella, seconded by Commissioner
Lorenzo.

MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Dellabella.

COMMISSIONER DELABELLA: Yes.

MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Doran.

COMMISSIONER DORAN: Yes.

MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Dublin.

COMMISSIONER DUBLIN: Yes.

MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Goldsack.

COMMISSIONER GOLDSACK: Yes.

MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Lorenzo.

COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Yes.

Commissioner Peneda.

COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Yes.

MS. RAMOS: Chairman Pestana.

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Chairman Pestana and seconded by Commissioner
Peneda.

MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Dellabella.

COMMISSIONER DELABELLA: Yes.

MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Doran.

COMMISSIONER DORAN: Yes.

MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Dublin.

COMMISSIONER DUBLIN: Yes.

MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Goldsack.

COMMISSIONER GOLDSACK: Yes.

MS. RAMOS: Commissioner Lorenzo.

COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Yes.

Commissioner Peneda.

COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Yes.

MS. RAMOS: Chairman Pestana.

COMMISSIONER DORAN: Great. So that
pretty much wraps it up.

MR. GUERRA: That's it. That's all I
have.

COMMISSIONER DORAN: Does anybody have
any questions, points of view?
COMMISSIONER DORAN: I would move for adjournment.

COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Second.

COMMISSIONER DORAN: All those in favor.

COMMISSIONER DELLABELLA: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DORAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DUBLIN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER GOLDSACK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER LORENZO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER PENEDA: Aye.

CHAIRMAN PESTANA: Aye.

MR. GUERRA: Thank you everybody.

MS. RAMOS: Thank you for joining.

(The meeting concludes at 12:48 p.m.)
CERTIFICATION

I, Sharon Palmer Lynch, C.C.R., License Number X100796, a Certified Court Reporter of the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of my stenographic notes of the within proceedings to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Sharon Palmer Lynch, C.C.R.

Dated: January 10, 2019

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