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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF AUSTIN, MINNESOTA

1.) Roll Call.

Date & Time: March 25, 2025

Commissioners Present: Vern Lippert

Mike Postma Paul Fischer Oballa Oballa Tim Ruzek Marsha Podein Rebecca Waller

HRA Staff Present: Taggert Medgaarden, Executive Director

Lori Gansen, Administrative Assistant Angela Maiden, Financial Director

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chair Lippert.

2.) Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer and seconded by Commissioner Oballa to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on February 25, 2025. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

3.) Approval of Accounts Payable

Monthly financials and the current CD statements were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Commissioner Oballa and seconded by Commissioner Postma to authorize payment of the list of accounts payable and to approve the CD statements. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

4.) Public Housing & Section 8

a. Approve TT Luminaires bid

Two bids were received for the Twin Towers Luminaires. These fixtures are for the kitchens and bedrooms at Twin Towers. The lower of the two bids received was from Fox Electric in the amount of \$55,584. Motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Fischer and Waller to approve the bid from Fox Electric in the amount of \$55,584 for the luminaires at Twin Towers. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed

and carried.

b. Approve Scattered Sites Landscaping bid

Three bids were received for the landscaping project for the Scattered Sites with the lowest coming from Weis Landscaping in the amount of \$110,536.75. Motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Postma and Oballa to approve the bid from Weis Landscaping for the Scattered Sites project in the amount of \$110,536.75. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

c. Set Public Hearing for Annual Plan, 5-Year CFP & 5-Year PHA Plan (June 17) Motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Ruzek and Waller to set the Public Hearing for the Annual Plan, 5-Year CFP and 5-Year PHA plan for June 17, 2025. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

5.) Market Rate Housing

6.) Executive Director Reports

a. Request from Semcac

A request has come from Semcac for the HRA to submit/sponsor a Grant application on their behalf for the clean up of their future Head Start site. Motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Fischer and Waller to approve the request. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

b. Review/Approve purchase option for PIN:34.060.0030

Motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Ruzek and Oballa to approve the Purchase option for PIN:34.060.0030 in the amount of \$1000 for a potential affordable housing development by Three Rivers. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

c. Approve Mechanical Engineer from proposals for Twin Towers.

Motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Fischer and Oballa to approve the request for \$17,500 for the Physical Needs Assessment by CTa Engineering of the water piping at Twin Towers. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

7.) Adjourn

After completion of all agenda items and verification all business items were completed, Chair

Lippert adjourned the meeting.		1 ,
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	Vernon Lippert, Chair	
Paul Fischer, Secretary		