



City of Hallandale Beach HBCRA Board of Directors Meeting

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Chair Keith S. London
Vice Chair Michele Lazarow
Director Mike Butler
Director Rich Dally
Director Anabelle Lima-Taub

Interim City Manager Nydia M. Rafols
Sallaberry
HBCRA Attorney Steven W. Zerkowitz
HBCRA Clerk Jenorgen M. Guillen

Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 13, 2018

12:30 PM

Commission Chambers

Special Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m. by Chair Keith London.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Chair London, Vice Chair Lazarow, Director Butler, Director Dally, and Director Lima-Taub.

Absent: 1 – Executive Director Roger Carlton

Interim City Manager Nydia M. Rafols Sallaberry, City Attorney Jennifer Merino and HBCRA Attorney Steve Zerkowitz were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Items not on the agenda (Speakers must sign-in with the Clerk prior to the start of the meeting)

No Public Participation.

5. AGENCY BUSINESS

A. APPOINTMENT OF HBCRA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. (SPONSORED BY CHAIR KEITH S. LONDON)

Clerk of the Board Guillen read the item into the record.

Chair London introduced the item. Chair London stated that a new Executive Director for the HBCRA needed to be named.

Director Dally wanted to name in an interim basis Assistant City Manager, Dr. Jeremy Earl as the Acting Executive Director of the HBCRA.

A Motion was made by Director Dally, seconded by Vice-Chair Lazarow for the purpose of discussion.

HBCRA Attorney Zerkowitz stated that as part of the motion, since currently

Roger Carlton is still the Executive Director and Mr. Carlton never gave a resignation letter for his position as Executive Director that the Board vote to remove Roger Carlton as the current Executive Director before appointing the new one.

Director Lima-Taub, told Assistant City Manager, Dr. Jeremy Earle that her vote is not an indication of anything personal against him but she does not trust Chair London and because there is still an unresolved EOC complaint outstanding against Mr. Carlton, she cannot vote for this.

Vice Chair Lazarow stated that she is surprised but is in support and would like to hear from Assistant City Manager Dr. Jeremy Earle and Interim City Manager Nydia Rafols after the Board votes.

Director Dally asked Assistant City Manager Dr. Jeremy Earle if he is interested in filling the position of Executive Director on an interim basis.

Assistant City Manager Dr. Jeremy Earle stated yes he would be interested if it is the Board's pleasure and if it's somebody else he will support that person as well.

Director Dally continued stating that Assistant City Manager Dr. Jeremy Earle would help Interim City Manager Nydia Rafols with the workload she has and knows he will do a great job.

HBCRA Attorney Zelkowitz would like to ask through the Chair until when would Interim City Manager Nydia Rafols serve as Interim Executive Director and the Board stated until a new city manager is hired.

Chair London stated that the motion is appropriate and understands Assistant City Manager Dr. Jeremy Earle and that since the norm is that the City Manager acts as the new Executive Director it could be confusing and complicating the issue if Assistant City Manager Dr. Jeremy Earle be named Executive Director and that is why he feels it should be the City Manager to keep it consistent and that is why he can't vote for it.

Vice Chair Lazarow stated that she understands Chair London but she agrees with Director Dally that the Interim City Manager has a lot on her plate and that as long as Assistant City Manager Dr. Jeremy Earle works in tandem with Interim City Manager Nydia Rafols that this is a good opportunity for Assistant City Manager Dr. Jeremy Earle to show his expertise between now and the time a new city manager is hired and asked Assistant City Manager Dr. Jeremy Earle to give a little history of his experience for everyone to know.

Vice Chair Lazarow asked HBCRA Attorney Steven Zelkowitz if a decision needs to be made now.

HBCRA Attorney Steven Zelkowitz stated that they can make a decision at any time but since City Manager Roger M. Carlton is no longer here they need to appoint today an Interim Executive Director because there are documents that

need to be signed.

Assistant City Manager Dr. Jeremy Earle answered their questions and gave a brief history of his experience.

Vice Chair Lazarow opined to name Interim City Manager Nydia Rafols as the Interim Executive Director and then revisit this at the next HBCRA meeting.

Director Dally withdrew his previous motion.

A motion was made by Director Dally, seconded by Vice Chair Lazarow, making Interim City Manager Nydia Rafols as the Interim Executive Director of the HBCRA with the specific language removing former City Manager Roger M. Carlton as Executive Director until appointment of City Manager/Executive Director. Once Interim City Manager Nydia Rafols is removed as the Interim Executive Director of the HBCRA she will go back to her position of Deputy City Manager. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Chair London, Vice Chair Lazarow, Director Butler,
Director Dally and Director Lima-Taub

Nayes: 0

B. DISCUSSION OF REDEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC (RMA) AGREEMENT. (SPONSORED BY CHAIR KEITH S. LONDON)

Clerk of Board Guillen read the item into the record.

Chair London introduced the item and wanted to rescind this contract and have the HBCRA staff to do the job that RMA was going to do and is not in agreement with them doing the vision of the HBCRA and that the HBCRA Board is the one that decides what the vision should be.

HBCRA Attorney Steven Zelkowitz stated that there is a clause for terminating the agreement.

A motion was made by Director Lima-Taub, seconded by Vice Chair Lazarow to terminate the agreement between the HBCRA and the City of Hallandale Beach with Redevelopment Management Associates, LLC making. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Chair London, Vice Chair Lazarow, Director Butler,
Director Dally and Director Lima-Taub

Nayes: 0

Director Lima-Taub asked how companies are vetted that we award contracts to because she puts trust in the staff to be vetting the companies.

Chair London stated that their job is to vet and read the RFPs and this one got passed him and this is his way of rectifying it.

Assistant City Manager Dr. Jeremy Earle answered Director Lima-Taub's concerns and questions regarding the process.

Director Lima-Taub continued discussion on this item and the outsourcing of tasks that the HBCRA staff can handle.

Assistant City Manager Dr. Jeremy Earle advised that staff will need additional training to be able to do these tasks and will need expertise that the statute requires and that is why they outsource these tasks because there is a skill set that is required to do the work.

Chair London is asking if Assistant City Manager Dr. Jeremy Earle needs certain expertise then that should come to the Board of Directors to discuss it and then they can make those determinations and decisions in order to stay in compliance with the statute.

Director Lima-Taub stated that it is important for one to know how the HBCRA works and she has been advised by other elected officials who share their experience with her and how to vet the vendors.

HBCRA Attorney Steven Zelkowitz said that this same motion has to be adopted at the City Commission Meeting as well.

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss before the Board of Directors, the meeting adjourned without objection at 1:05 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

ATTEST:

Joy D. Adams, Chair

Jenorgen M. Guillen, City Clerk