Minutes from the November 18, 2020 Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the East Orange Parking Authority

Chairman McKnight called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. He also read the Sunshine Act-Law, and roll call was taken. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the meeting was held via Zoom teleconference. The following Commissioners participated:

Chairman McKnight Vice-Chair Muhammad Commissioner Owens Commissioner Lasure

Kevin McManimon, Attorney McManimon, Scotland and Baumann (joined)

Public Portion:

No public portion

Minutes:

Vice-Chair Muhammad made a motion to approve the October 2020 minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Owens. All Commissioners in attendance voted in favor.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session

General Session:

Commissioner Lasure read the October 2020 Summary of Finances.

Vice-Chair Muhammad made a motion to approve the November 2020 bills to be paid and was seconded by Commissioner Owens. All Commissioners in attendance voted in favor. Vice-Chair Muhammad made a motion to approve the 2021 Board Meeting Schedule Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Owens. All commissioners in attendance voted in favor.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the 2021 Holiday Schedule Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Lasure. All commissioners in attendance voted in favor.

Vice-Chair Muhammad made a motion to approve the 2021 Budget Introduction Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Lasure. All commissioners in attendance voted in favor.

Covering of meters in the business district during the holidays this year was not approved by the Board due to excessive revenue loss resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Vice-Chair Muhammad made a motion to approve employee holiday appreciation gift cards and was seconded by Commissioner Owens. All commissioners in attendance voted in favor.

Per Kevin, Brian is waiting for City Council who is in the process of reviewing the agreement with EOPA as it relates to the Brick Church Redevelopment Project and is expected to consider and review a new and the existing EOPA and City of East Orange fine sharing agreement.

Chairman McKnight informed the Board that Tasha suggested to Councilwoman Claybrooks that new statutes be created specifically for alternate side parking to help residents understand why they are being ticketed which could in turn reduce the number of violations and enable more consistent street cleaning.

Chairman McKnight informed the Board that Tasha also suggested that the ticket revenue that EOPA has generated for the city (over one million dollars) be used to hire more enforcement officers, vehicles, equipment, etc. needed to provide greater enforcement of overnight parking throughout the city.

Adjournment:

At 6:47 p.m. Commissioner Lasure made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Vice-Chair Muhammad. All commissioners in attendance voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.