

**CITY OF NORWALK
FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2020**

ATTENDANCE: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey A. Ingraham, Chair; Daisy Franklin; Jalin Sead (by phone); Nancy Burke (by phone)

STAFF: Attorney Margaret Suib

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ingraham called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. Chairman Ingraham made note of the passing of Commissioner Cesar Ramirez and offered condolences, asking that everyone lift up his family in our thoughts and prayers.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no one present from the public.

APPROVAL OF MAY 20, SEPTEMBER 16, OCTOBER 21, 2019 MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes as corrected made by Commissioner Franklin.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Sead.

Motion passed 3-0-1 (abstention, Commissioner Burke)

OLD BUSINESS

• Update on FY 2019/2020 Budget

Atty. Suib described issues with using money allocated for an intern. It's taken until January 2020 to get the City on board with the hiring, then showing them that indeed there is money allocated for this, and where the money is. Only tie up now is waiting on the computer for an intern to use. Then, the Commission can search for and select an intern and the City will put the person through the standard checks prior to hiring, and will hire that person.

• Update on Mayors Reorganization Process

Only update was that another Redevelopment Agency employee who is funded by the City (same as FHO) was moved over to the City, with a significant pay increase and no mention of being a "day 1" employee.

NEW BUSINESS

- **FY 2020-21 BUDGET**

Chairman Ingraham will communicate with the BET regarding the setting of the budget, especially the salary. The first BET meeting is on March 11, 2020, beginning at 6:30 pm. Chairman Ingraham had previously requested to be allowed to be heard first, due to his church commitments during the Lenten season, but no response has been received. Margaret will follow up with that request.

- **PRESENTATION OF FHO ANNUAL REPORT TO FHAC**

The Fair Housing Officer presented her annual report to the Commissioners. She was asked to send it to the Commissioners who were not present, via email. Chairman Ingraham asked that Commissioners review that report and be prepared to vote to accept it in February, so it can be distributed as required by the Second Amended Consent Decree.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ingraham adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret K. Suib, Fair Housing Officer