

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD ON JANUARY 29, 1958

The Members of the Boston Redevelopment Authority met in regular session at the offices of the Authority, Room 350, 73 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts, at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 1958. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and upon roll call those present and absent were as follows:

| <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| Joseph W. Lund James G. Colbert Melvin J. Massucco Stephen E. McCloskey | Very Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lally |

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 24, 1958 were read by the Secretary, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adopt the minutes as read.

By previous appointment Mr. Paul Ryan of the State House News Service came into the meeting. The Members of the Authority questioned Mr. Ryan on his experience, background and staff organization in connection with the handling of publicity and public relations problems of the Authority. Mr. Ryan submitted a proposal to handle all the releases, publicity and other public relations matters for the Authority for \$500 per month. After Mr. Ryan left the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED; to engage the services of Mr. Paul Ryan as Public Relations Consultant at \$500 per month, effective February 1, 1958.

The Executive Director read a Council Order proposed by Councillor Foley and adopted by the City Council concerning the acquisition of vacant land in commercial and industrial areas. After a discussion, the Executive Director was instructed to look into the possibility and report back to the Authority at a later date.

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The Chairman read a letter from the Retina Foundation concerning the purchase of land in the West End Project Area. The Redevelopment Plan as prepared reserved Parcel J for sale to the Retina Foundation. The Executive Director was instructed to bring this matter up at the next meeting and inform the Members of the complete details concerning this parcel.

The Chairman read a City Council order adopted January 20, 1958, as follows:

"RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council suggests the wisdom at this time of confronting squarely the problem of the constitutionality under the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of legislation permitting a municipality to take obsolescent commercial property by eminent domain for the purpose of accomplishing a commercial redevelopment. "

After a discussion of the above order, it was unanimously

VOTED: to instruct the General Counsel to take it under advisement and report to the Authority.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the next regular meeting of the Authority would be held on February 7, 1958 at 10:00 a.m. _____

At this point in the meeting Mr. Robert Morgan of the Boston Five Cents Savings Bank and Mr. William Furlong of the First National Bank, representing the Charlesbank Homes, came into the meeting to discuss middle-income housing under Chapter 121A of the General Laws. The Authority instructed the Executive Director to prepare a report on the character of the proposed site and to obtain a legal opinion from the General Counsel for consideration by the Authority at a future meeting. _____

On motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Robert Morgan