Please note the certification of the Housing Authority of New Orleans ("HANO") that is posted with this Agenda and which does certify that because of and pursuant to Executive Order and Emergency Proclamations Numbers 25 JBE 2020, 30 JBE 2020, and 33 JBE 2020 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards, HANO is unable to operate in accordance with the quorum requirement of La. R.S. 42:19 and therefore will conduct all or portions of this meeting by telephonic-conferencing and/or video-conferencing means without a physical quorum present. Procedures for appropriate participation by the public in this meeting are posted on HANO’s website.

JULY 28, 2020 at 4:00pm

AGENDA

I. STATEMENT BY GENERAL COUNSEL

II. CALL TO ORDER

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
   • Regular Meeting held on June 30, 2020

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS
   • Residents’ Advisory Board (RAB) Report
   • Landlords’ Advisory Board Committee Report

IX. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
   • Development Committee Report
X. NEW BUSINESS

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AUTHORIZATION(S)

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13** - Approval of the Sale of 2115 St. Ann Street to the Tulane and Canal Neighborhood Development Corporation
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-14** - Approval of the Amendment to HANO's contract with Emphasys Computer Solutions Inc.
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-15** - Approval of Amendment of the HANO’s Bylaws Regarding the Standing Committees of the Board of Commissioners

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Public Comment(s)
- Board of Commissioners Comment(s)

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 28, 2020 at 4:00pm
VIA ZOOM
CERTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO OPERATE
DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

In accordance with Executive Order and Emergency Proclamation Numbers 30 JBE 2020, 59 JBE 2020 and 84 JBE 2020 issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on March 16, 2020, May 14, 2020, and June 25, 2020 respectively, this notice shall serve as a certification of the inability of the Housing Authority of New Orleans ("HANO") to operate in accordance with Louisiana's Open Meetings Law due to the lack of a quorum as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and the measures put in place to protect the health and safety of the public by federal, state, and city officials.

As attested to below, Evette Hester, Secretary of the HANO Board of Commissioners, has conferred with the members of the Board of Commissioners and confirmed their inability to attend a meeting in public because of the measures put in place to protect the health and safety of the public by federal, state, and city officials.

Considering the foregoing and in accordance with Section 4 of Executive Order JBE 2020-30 and Section 2 of Executive Order JBE 2020-59, the Regular Meeting of the HANO Board of Commissioners to be held on July 28, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. will be held via teleconference and/or videoconference in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public as set forth in the Notice and Agenda of the meeting that has been posted by HANO.

[Signature]
Evette Hester
Secretary, HANO Board of Commissioners

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On this 17th day of July, 2020 before me personally appeared Evette Hester, to me known to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that she executed it as her free act and deed.

[Signature]
Notary Public
July 28, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
   President Debra Joseph, Vice-President Isabel Barrios,
   Commissioner Avery Foret, Commissioner Sharon Jasper,
   Commissioner Carol Johnson, Commissioner Monika McKay,
   Commissioner Hyma Moore, Commissioner Kim Piper and
   Commissioner Bill Rouselle

Through Evette Hester
   Executive Director

From: Emily May
   Acting Director, Development and Modernization

Re: Sale of 2115 St. Ann Street for Development of Affordable Homeownership in the CNI Trapezoid

The property located at municipal address 2115 St. Ann Street is owned by the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) and it falls within the area that has been designated at the “CNI Trapezoid.”

HANO and the City of New Orleans (CNO), jointly, were awarded the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation (CNI) Grant in 2011 to redevelop the last traditional standing housing development in the city, Iberville, and to transform the surrounding neighborhood bounded by Broad Street, Tulane Avenue, Rampart Street, and St. Bernard Avenue (CNI Trapezoid). HANO owns several scattered properties within the CNI Trapezoid boundaries, and HANO anticipated developing these properties as part of its one-for-one replacement unit requirement pursuant to the CNI Grant Agreement. To date, HANO has not been able to develop any of the properties due to lack of resources.

In August 2016, the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA), CNO, and HANO jointly issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) which paired CNO financial resources with NORA and HANO properties in an effort to stimulate development of affordable housing, both rental and homeownership, within the CNI boundaries. HANO’s vacant property bearing municipal address 2115 St. Ann Street was part of the NOFA. The dimensions and value of the property at 2115 St. Ann Street are as follow:

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<td>2115 St. Ann St.</td>
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Tulane and Canal Neighborhood Development Corporation (T/CNDC) was awarded CNO funds pursuant to the NOFA to provide soft second mortgage funding to eligible buyers for homeownership opportunities on nine properties. One of the properties awarded to T/CNDC is the property bearing municipal address 2115 St. Ann Street that is owned by HANO.

2115 St. Ann Street falls under HANO’s Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) for public housing units. Therefore, permission from the HUD Special Applications Center (SAC) to dispose of the property is needed in order to transfer it to T/CNDC.

T/CNDC will construct a 3-bedroom home on the subject property through a construction loan and will sell the home to clients who are at 80% or less of Area Median Income. At this income level, it is anticipated that soft second mortgages will be required to purchase the homes. Soft second mortgages and, if necessary, third mortgages will include requirements for owner occupancy.

Because this homeownership plan meets the spirit of the CNI grant as well as HANO’s mission to provide affordable housing opportunities, HANO staff recommends the sale of the 2115 St. Ann Street property at 10% of appraised value from HANO to T/CDC.

An appraisal was completed in May, 2020 and the value of the property was stated as $80,000.00. Thus, the sale price of the property would be $8,000.00, contingent upon a subsequent sale to a qualified buyer at 80% or less of Area Median Income. The property does not require any archeological investigations in order to be transferred.

Therefore, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans authorize the Executive Director to execute any and all documents necessary, including but not limited to an application to SAC, to effectuate the sale and transfer of the property bearing municipal address 2115 St. Ann Street that is owned by HANO, to Tulane and Canal Neighborhood Development Corporation for 10% of appraised value, contingent upon the subsequent sale of a home built on the property by T/CNDC to a qualified buyer at 80% or less of Area Median Income.
WHEREAS, The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) and the City of New Orleans (CNO), jointly were awarded the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation (CNI) Grant in 2011 to redevelop the last traditional standing housing development in the city, Iberville, and to transform the surrounding neighborhood bounded by Broad Street, Tulane Avenue, Rampart Street, and St. Bernard Avenue (CNI Trapezoid); and

WHEREAS, HANO owns several scattered properties within the CNI Trapezoid but has not been able to develop these properties as part of its one-for-one replacement unit requirement pursuant to the CNI Grant Agreement due to a lack of resources; and

WHEREAS, in August 2016, the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA), CNO, and HANO jointly issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) that paired CNO financial resources with NORA and HANO properties for the development of affordable housing within the CNI Trapezoid; and

WHEREAS, Tulane and Canal Neighborhood Development Corporation was awarded CNO funds under the NOFA to provide soft second mortgage financing to eligible homebuyers after construction of new homes on nine properties, one of which is owned by HANO; and

WHEREAS, HANO desires to transfer the property that it owns bearing municipal address 2115 St. Ann Street (Property) to Tulane and Canal Neighborhood Development Corporation for 10% of the appraised value, contingent upon a subsequent sale of the home to be built upon the property by Tulane and Canal Neighborhood Development Corporation to a qualified buyer at 80% or less of Area Median Income; and

WHEREAS, HANO staff recommends disposition of 2115 St. Ann Street to Tulane and Canal Neighborhood Development Corporation because it meets the spirit of the CNI grant funding and HANO’s mission to provide affordable housing opportunities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans hereby authorizes the Executive Director to execute any and all documents, including but not limited to an application to the HUD Special Application Center, that are necessary to effect the transfer of the Property for 10% of the appraised value, contingent upon inclusion of the following terms in the transfer:

(1) the Property will revert to HANO if no action is taken by the developer to construct housing on the Property in a period of time to be determined by staff;
(2) a minimum 5-year deed restriction that recaptures the difference between the appraised value of the Properties and the 10% of appraised value to be paid by Tulane and Canal Neighborhood Development Corporation if the home on the Property is sold within 5 years to a buyer who does not meet the requirements of an affordable homebuyer;

(3) Tulane and Canal Neighborhood Development Corporation will provide a “first look period,” the duration of which is to be determined by staff, that provides HANO Public Housing and HVCP participants the first opportunity to purchase the home to be built on the Properties.

Executed this 28th Day of July, 2020

APPROVAL:

DEBRA JOSEPH
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 28, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
President Debra Joseph, Vice-President Isabel Barrios,
Commissioner Avery Foret, Commissioner Sharon Jasper,
Commissioner Carol Johnson,
Commissioner Monika McKay,
Commissioner Hyma Moore, Commissioner Kim Piper and
Commissioner Bill Rouselle

Through: Evette Hester
Executive Director

From: Allan Rivera,
Director, Information Technology Department

Re: Approval to Amendment #2 to the Emphasys Computer Solutions, Inc.
Technical Services Agreement

In February, 2002, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) and Emphasys Computer
Solutions (Emphasys) entered into a Technical Services Agreement. On May 17, 2011, pursuant
to Board Resolution 2011-27, HANO’s Board of Commissioners approved Amendment #1 to the
contract between HANO and Emphasys in the amount of $917,174.00. The first amendment to
the contract allowed HANO to upgrade to Emphasys’ Elite software.

At all times, HANO has used Emphasys Elite software to process the financial operations of
HANO’s Housing Choice Voucher (HCVP) and Public Housing Programs.

HANO uses a separate type of computer software to process its other financial operations such
as its general ledger, general accounts payable, and procurement. The separate system is
provided by Enterprise One.

HANO now proposes to amend its contract with Emphasys a second time in order to expand its
use of Emphasys software to include both the financial operations of its HCVP and Public Housing
Programs, as well as the other financial operations of the Agency such as its general ledger,
accounts payable, and procurement. The cost of Amendment #2 to the contract between HANO
and Emphasys is $281,024.00.

The second amendment to the contract between HANO and Emphasys will allow HANO to have
a single, integrated computer system for all of its financial transactions. The software being
purchased by the second amendment to the contract is Emphasys’ Elite Administration Software
Suite. The Emphasys Elite Administration Software Suite system has been built for and in
conjunction with Public Housing Authorities (PHA) to ensure it meets the specific needs of the
PHA industry.
As part of the second amendment to the contract between Emphasys and HANO, Emphasys will install the software, provide software licenses to HANO, and train HANO Employees. Moreover, because the particular software from Enterprise One that is currently being used by HANO is old technology that is no longer fully supported, consolidating all of HANO’s financial transactions to one software product will also serve the Agency by reducing the maintenance and downtime associated with the use of old technology that is no longer fully supported.

Therefore, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans approve Amendment #2 to the Agreement between HANO and Emphasys Computer Solutions, in the amount $281,024.00, for the purpose of allowing HANO to purchase Emphasys’ Elite Administration Software Suite, a product that has been built for and in conjunction with Public Housing Authorities, and that will allow HANO to have one integrated computer system for all of its financial transactions.
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-14

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) and Emphasys Computer Solutions (Emphasys) entered into a Technical Services Agreement at billable hourly rates in February, 2002; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2011, pursuant to Board Resolution 2011-27, the HANO Board of Commissioners approved Amendment #1 to the contract between HANO and Emphasys in the amount of $917,174.00; and

WHEREAS, Amendment #1 to the contract between HANO and Emphasys Solutions allowed HANO to upgrade to Emphasys’ Elite software; and

WHEREAS, Emphasys Elite is used by HANO to provide for the financial operations of its Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing Programs; and

WHEREAS, currently HANO uses a separate software to process its other financial operations such as its general ledger, general accounts payable, and procurement; and

WHEREAS, in order to become more efficient and to upgrade to new software, HANO seeks to amend the Technical Services Agreement between it and Emphasys a second time; and

WHEREAS, Amendment #2 to the contract between HANO and Emphasys will cost $281,024.00 and allow HANO to upgrade to Emphasys Elite Administration Software Suite; and

WHEREAS, Emphasys’ Elite Administration Software Suite is a product that has been built for and in conjunction with Public Housing Authorities, is an upgrade to newer technology, and will allow HANO to have one integrated computer system for all financial transactions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Housing Authority of New Orleans Board of Commissioners hereby approves Amendment #2 to the Agreement between HANO and Emphasys Computer Solutions Technical Services in the amount $281,024.00, and authorizes the Executive Director to execute any and all documents necessary to amend the Agreement.

Executed this 28th Day of July, 2020

APPROVAL:

DEBRA JOSEPH
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 28, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
   President Debra Joseph, Vice-President Isabel Barrios,
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   Commissioner Bill Rouselle

Through Evette Hester
   Executive Director

From: Kevin Oufnac
   General Counsel

Re: Amendment to HANO Bylaws Art. VI, Sec. 1

The HANO Bylaws currently provide in Article IX, Section 1 for two standing committees of the HANO Board of Commissioners as follows: a Finance & Audit Committee and a Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee. The HANO Bylaws further state that these two committees “shall exist to assist in the effective functioning of the Board and its review of issues.”

The Finance & Audit Committee of the HANO Board of Commissioners assists the functioning of the HANO Board by reviewing and vetting a limited and well defined scope of matters related to the Agency’s finances, procurements, budgets, and audits. The Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee of the HANO Board of Commissioners has reviewed and vetted all other functions of HANO, and thus, in practice, has served as the catch-all committee for almost all HANO matters.

In order to reduce the very broad scope and catch-all nature of the Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee of the HANO Board of Commissioners, it is recommended that HANO this committee in two as follows: a Real Estate Development Committee, and an Asset Management & Operations Committee.

With this proposed change, the scope of the Finance & Audit Committee will remain the review and vetting of issues related to the Agency’s finances, procurements, budgets, and audits that are managed by the HANO Finance Department. However, with this proposed change the scope of the Real Estate Development Committee will be reduced to the review and vetting of issues related to the Agency’s real estate development activities that are managed by the Agency’s Development and Modernization Department, and the scope of the newly created third standing committee, the Asset Management & Operations Committee, will be defined as the review and vetting of issues related to all other HANO policies, programs, and operations that are managed by the Agency’s other departments.
Therefore, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans amend the Bylaws of the Housing Authority of New Orleans by amending Article IX, Section 1 from the following:

Section 1.  Standing and Ad Hoc Committees
The following two standing committees shall exist to assist in the effective functioning of the Board and its review of issues: Finance & Audit Committee and the Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee. The President of the Board may, from time to time, as deemed necessary, also establish ad hoc committees for specific and limited purposes. All committees, whether standing or ad hoc, are advisory and not authorized to take any official action on behalf of the Board.

to the following:

Section 1.  Standing and Ad Hoc Committees
The following three standing committees shall exist to assist in the effective functioning of the Board and its review of issues: the Finance & Audit Committee; the Real Estate Development Committee; and the Asset Management & Operations Committee.

The Finance & Audit Committee shall review and address all issues related to HANO’s finances, procurements, budgets, and audits that are managed by the HANO Finance Department. The Real Estate Development Committee shall review and address all issues related to all real estate activities that are managed by the HANO Development and Modernization Department. The Asset Management & Operations Committee shall review and address all issues related to all other HANO policies, programs, and operations that are managed by the Agency’s other departments.

The President of the Board may, from time to time, as deemed necessary, also establish ad hoc committees for specific and limited purposes. All committees, whether standing or ad hoc, are advisory and not authorized to take any official action on behalf of the Board.

In addition, it is the request of the HANO Executive Director that the HANO Board of Commissioners consider changing Article IX, Sections 5 and 6 of the HANO Bylaws from the following:

Section 5.  Development, Asset Management & Operations
The charge of the Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee is to study, discuss, and develop recommendations to the Board on matters affecting redevelopment, modernization, new construction, property acquisition, rehabilitation, demolition, property disposition, management of conventional developments, scattered sites, and all other forms of subsidized housing, general Authority operational issues, and contract administration.

Section 6.  Vacancies
Any vacancy in a committee caused by death, resignation, removal, or disqualification of a Commissioner or Member shall be filled by
appointment by the President or the Board. Such successor shall serve on the committee to which they are appointed until the next Annual Meeting of the Board.

to the following Sections 5, 6, and 7:

Section 5. Real Estate Development Committee
The charge of the Real Estate Development Committee is to study, discuss, and develop recommendations to the Board on matters affecting all real estate transaction including but not limited redevelopment, modernization, new construction, property acquisition, rehabilitation, demolition, property disposition, and the development and modernization of HANO’s main office.

Section 6. Asset Management & Operations Committee
The charge of the Asset Management & Operations Committee is to study, discuss, and develop recommendations to the Board on matters affecting general Authority operational issues and contract administration, including but not limited to HANO’s strategic planning, Annual Plan, Five-Year Plan, ACOP, HCVP program, public housing program, police department, human resources department, client services department, management of all forms of subsidized housing, and all other general operational issues or special projects.

Section 7. Vacancies
Any vacancy in a committee caused by death, resignation, removal, or disqualification of a Commissioner or Member shall be filled by appointment by the President or the Board. Such successor shall serve on the committee to which they are appointed until the next Annual Meeting of the Board.
WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) currently state in Article IX, Section 1 that “[t]he following two standing committees shall exist to assist in the effective functioning of the Board and its review of issues: Finance & Audit Committee and the Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee;” and

WHEREAS, a product of the current provision of Article IX, Section I of the Bylaws is the practice that the Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee of the HANO Board of Commissioners has a very broad scope and has become catch-all committee for almost all HANO matters; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the HANO Board of Commissioners will be improved by better defining and limiting the scope of the Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee of the HANO Board of Commissioners, Article IX, Section 1 of the Bylaws of HANO should be amended to make create three, instead of two, standing committee; and

WHEREAS, limiting the scope of the Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee of the HANO Board of Commissioners will result in three standing committees of the HANO Board of Commissioners to be named the Finance & Audit Committee; the Real Estate Development Committee; and the Asset Management & Operations Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans hereby amends Article IX, Section 1 of the HANO Bylaws to state as follows:

Section 1. Standing and Ad Hoc Committees
The following three standing committees shall exist to assist in the effective functioning of the Board and its review of issues: the Finance & Audit Committee; the Real Estate Development Committee; and the Asset Management & Operations Committee.

The Finance & Audit Committee shall review and address all issues related to HANO’s finances, procurements, budgets, and audits that are managed by the HANO Finance Department. The Development Committee shall review and address issues related to all real estate activities that are managed by the HANO Development and Modernization Department. The Asset Management & Operations Committee shall review and address all issues related to all other HANO policies, programs, and operations that are managed by the Agency’s other departments.

The President of the Board may, from time to time, as deemed necessary, also establish ad hoc committees for specific and limited purposes. All committees, whether standing or ad hoc, are advisory and not authorized to take any official action on behalf of the Board.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans also hereby amends Article IX, Section 1 of the HANO Bylaws to state as follows:

Section 5. Real Estate Development Committee
The charge of the Development Committee is to study, discuss, and develop recommendations to the Board on matters affecting all real estate transaction including but not limited redevelopment, modernization, new construction, property acquisition, rehabilitation, demolition, property disposition, and the development and modernization of HANO’s main office.

Section 6. Asset Management & Operations Committee
The charge of the Asset Management & Operations Committee is to study, discuss, and develop recommendations to the Board on matters affecting general Authority operational issues and contract administration, including but not limited to HANO’s strategic planning, Annual Plan, Five-Year Plan, ACOP, HCVP program, public housing program, police department, human resources department, client services department, management of conventional developments, scattered sites, and all other forms of subsidized housing, general Authority operational issues contract administration and special projects.

Section 7. Vacancies
Any vacancy in a committee caused by death, resignation, removal, or disqualification of a Commissioner or Member shall be filled by appointment by the President or the Board. Such successor shall serve on the committee to which they are appointed until the next Annual Meeting of the Board.

Executed this 28th Day of July, 2020

APPROVAL:

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DEBRA JOSEPH
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS