

BUFFALO URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
February 11, 2010
ROOM 209

**MEMBERS AND
OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Byron Brown
Andrew Eszak
Council President Franczyk
Commissioner Penksa
David Rodriguez, Corporation Counsel
Dominic Bonifacio

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Council Member LoCurto
Council Member Kearns

SECRETARY:

Scott C. Billman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Yvonne McCray, BURA
Joyelle Tedeschi, WNY Coalition of Homeless
Julia Paul, Council Staff
Karen Carmen, Matt Urban
Dale Zuchlewski, OSP
Susan Peek, ARC
Robin Young, CAO
Doris Corley, Catholic Charities
Kenneth Turner, American Red Cross
James Wimbley, BURA
Penny Selmonsky, Neighborhood Legal Services
Bill Hawkes, Neighborhood Legal Services
Paula Rutician, Crisis Services

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m. Commissioner Penksa made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes for the **January 28, 2010** meeting, and that they are accepted; seconded by Mr. Eszak and carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT

Agenda Item 11a – Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing

Submitted to Agency Members for approval, is a request to amend existing contracts with various agencies in the amount of \$304,680 to provide additional Case Managers and a Benefits Manager in support of the \$6,594,081 HPRP program, a federal stimulus initiative. Since the program opened in mid-December there has been an overwhelming influx of applicants. In order to ensure the timely assistance to families in crisis, additional staff is needed.

Council President Franczyk made the motion to approve this item contingent on certification of funds by the Agency's Office of Administration and Finance and

Agency Counsel approval of all Agreements; seconded by Commissioner Penksa and carried unanimously

Agenda Item 11b – City Mission Use of Recaptured ESG Funds

Submitted to Agency Members, for approval is a request to utilize \$24,466.42 in recaptured 2008 Emergency Shelter Grant funds and reallocate these funds to assist in expenses related to the Code Blue Warming Centers.

Council President Franczyk made the motion to approve this item contingent on certification of funds by the Agency's Office of Administration and Finance and Agency Counsel approval of all Agreements; seconded by Mr. Bonifacio and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Penksa made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Eszak and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at **9:30 a.m., February 25, 2010** in Room 209 City Hall, Buffalo, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott C. Billman
Secretary

Reported by:
Tracy A. Lasker