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Board Meeting
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At
470 Nepperhan Avenue, Suite 200
Yonkers, New York 10701-3892

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MAYOR MIKE SPANO - Chairman
MARLYN ANDERSON - Secretary
MELISSA NACERINO - Treasurer
CECILE SINGER - President \& CEO VICTOR GJONAJ - Member

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JIM CAVANAUGH - IDA President \& CEO
JAIME MCGILL - IDA Executive Director SIBY OOMMEN -IDA Chief Fiscal Officer

## ATTENDEES:

Michael Curti, Esq. - Harris Beach PLLC /Transaction Counsel

Larry Sykes, Esq. - IDA Counsel

Joseph Lynch, Esq.: Nixon Peabody LLP (WY Manor LP)
Alexander Hohauser - Nixon Peabody LLP (WY Manor LP)
London Reyes - Global Basketball Championship Corp./AAA All-Stars

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MR. OOMMEN: Mayor Mike Spano?
MAYOR SPANO: Here.
MR. OOMMEN: Cecile Singer?
MS. SINGER: Here.
MR. OOMMEN: Marlyn Anderson?
MS. ANDERSON: Here.
MR. OOMMEN: Melissa Nacerino?
MS. NACERINO: Here.
MR. OOMMEN: Victor Gjonaj?
MR. GJONAJ: Here.
MR. OOMMEN: Mayor, we have a quorum.

MAYOR SPANO: Okay. Everybody should have the minutes for September 28 th of this year in front of them. Do you have any questions? If not, someone want to make a motion that we accept the minutes? Cecile's made a motion.

MS. NACERINO: Second.
MAYOR SPANO: Seconded by
Melissa. All in favor?
(A chorus of ayes.)
MAYOR SPANO: Any negatives?

The minutes are passed. Now we have the financials for August, September and October 2023 .

MR. OOMMEN: For the months through August through October, the YEDC did not generate any agency fees. Our money market savings account generated $\$ 25,365$ in interest income in those months. Our cash on hand at the end of October was \$3.06 million. Thank you.

MAYOR SPANO: Thank you. Any questions? Hearing no questions. Victor, want to make a motion we accept?

MR. GJONAJ: Motion.
MAYOR SPANO: Seconded by
Marlyn. All in favor?
(A chorus of ayes.)
MAYOR SPANO: Any negatives?
Hearing none. The financials of
August, September and October 2023
have been accepted. The YEDC budget for 2024 , Jaime.

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MS. MCGILL: Thank you. All board members should have received the 2023 budget forecast, as well as the 2024 budget proposal and itemized income expenses. We projected income conservatively as interest rates have a prime impact on YEDC's revenues. Additionally, reimbursement from the Cacace Garage project that was in our 2023 budget is now fully satisfied, so that has been removed, and as a result, both income and expenses have been reduced to reflect that impact on the budget.

We project a modest net income for 2024 . Our three-year budget plan just overlays a two-year assumption on all income and reoccurring expenses, and as always, each year the Board reapproves the budget, so it's just a generalized forecast. If anyone, has any specific questions, I'm happy to answer them.

MAYOR SPANO: Any questions

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about the YEDC budget of 2024? If there are no questions, anyone want to make a motion we accept? Victor's made a motion, seconded by Melissa.

All in favor?
(A chorus of ayes.)
MAYOR SPANO: Any negatives?
Hearing none. The budget for 2024 is passed. Resolutions for consideration.

MS. MCGILL: First item is a resolution for Whitney Young Manor LP. This is for a bond issuance and mortgage recording tax exemption. We have Michael Curti here as transaction counsel.

MR. CURTI, ESQ. Thank You, Mayor and members of the Board. Before you is the resolution you heard about, WY, Whitney Young Manor project at the IDA meeting. The resolution before you is to authorize the bond issuance from YEDC to assist in the financing of the project, which

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includes the upgrades you heard about earlier not only to the mechanicals, but to the individual units
themselves. There is a mortgage recording tax component that will be approved in connection with this resolution.

I just want to note for the record there was some discussion about Nuveen purchasing Omni which was the owner of this facility. Nuveen, you may recall, was also the purchaser of Ridge Hill, so they are committed to Yonkers and expanding their foothold here in Yonkers and have great interest in developing the city.

If there are any questions I'm sure Mr. Lynch or myself would be happy to answer them.

MAYOR SPANO: Okay. Any
questions? Hearing no questions,
anyone want to make a motion?
MS. NACERINO: Motion.

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MS. ANDERSON: Motion.
MAYOR SPANO: Marlyn's made a motion, seconded by Melissa. All in favor?
(A chorus of ayes.)
MAYOR SPANO: Any negatives?
Hearing none. Item is passed.
Resolution two.
MS. MCGILL: Our next item is a resolution authorizing sponsorship for the First Annual Breakdance Tournament here in Yonkers. We do have the curator of the event here on hand if you would like a presentation.

MAYOR SPANO: So let me
introduce you all to London Reyes. London, why don't you stand up real quick. London is a legend here in Yonkers, one of the first - you all remember breakdancing, right? He was one of the originators. He's done some great things. He even appeared before Ronald Reagan at one point in

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his life, and that's pretty
impressive. And now breakdancing is a sport in the Olympics this time around, yes. And so what we're working on - on a couple of things. Hopeful to get maybe our kids in our schools a little interested in what's going on. But London, why don't you tell everybody at least what you would like to do with this funding.

MR. REYES: Well, first, thank you for the opportunity. I appreciate it. And second, it's a very exciting time. Whoever thought that a little kid breakdancing in the streets of New York, that one day we would actually see it on the big stage at the Olympics. Needless to say, that thought originated from our group, New York City Breakers.

So now that's in the Olympics and it's featured in Paris, everybody started Googling and now we're in demand, because who would have ever

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said we would see it as an Olympics sport, and now it happens.

And it also happens that two of us actually live here in Yonkers. And as kids we even rented an apartment at Buena Vista back in the late eighties, or mid eighties I should say. So we do have some history and there's a connection.

What $I$ would like to propose or suggest is since it's in the Olympics, and every single Ivy League school in America has a breaking program right now, it's a sport, which means that technically children can qualify for Division $I$ scholarships. So if it's in every Ivy League school, it's just a matter of time before it's in every high school, every middle school. It's the new lacrosse.

But that being said, $I$ want to work together with the Mayor, as well as the school superintendant, and

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incorporate this new sport -- we can lacrosse-ish, kind of, sortof - into the public schools where now we can give these kids another tool in their toolbox to help with their development and growth, whether that's to be an athlete, a dancer or just stay out of the streets and learn something creative to do.

I think it's a win-win for
everyone and $I$ hope you guys will embrace this as much as everyone else around the world has, and $I$ think that we can ride this all the way to, oof, to Hollywood.

MAYOR SPANO: Any questions?
MS. ANDERSON: Are you
envisioning this as an afterschool program?

MR. REYES: I can see it as an afterschool program like football, baseball, so it would be something to that effect. I see it more that we have teachers that teach dance in

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Yonkers schools, but the way $I$ would see it is we would probably have to bring in a breakdancing expert and say - - kind of like a teacher's aide in a sense to help with the teaching and explanation and getting kids involved, and then we create tournaments like karate tournaments where now we have all the kids come down and - $k i n d$ of like a battle of the high school bands. They get together once in a while and all the kids will dance, and compete and celebrate, and give out some money and prizes to encourage people to do this.

MAYOR SPANO: AnY other
questions? Like $I$ said, this is a -he's got moves named after him, you know, so...

MR. REYES: I've lived a very fortunate life. I've probably lived like two or three lifetimes. Again, as a kid growing up, nobody thought

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that this would really amount to anything. It was just another thing like kick the can,

Johnny-on-the-Pony, it was just another game that everybody played, a sport that we participated in. Who knew that Europe and everywhere around the world - -

MS. ANDERSON: So much money in
Asia, so big in Asia right now.
MAYOR SPANO: IS it? NO
kidding.
MR. REYES: They are flying, they're doing incredible things. MAYOR SPANO: We're going to talk some more.

MS. ANDERSON: Very, very
beginning.
MAYOR SPANO: Yeah, especially before the Yonkers Board of Education.

London's wife also is a Yonkers Public Schools teacher. She teaches children, amongst other things, how

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to sing, and just - you want to listen to little angelic voices to see how she has done such a good, fantastic job as well.

MR. REYES: Yeah, she is an amazing woman.

MAYOR SPANO: YOu're like me, you married up.

MR. REYES: Our family still
says how does he do it, I don't understand.

MAYOR SPANO: Okay. Anybody have any questions? No questions.

Anybody want to make a motion?
Marlyn's made a motion, seconded by
Cecile. All in favor?
(A chorus of ayes.)
MAYOR SPANO: Any negatives?
Hearing none. The item is passed.
MR. REYES: Thank you guys so
very much. Thank you, thank you, thank you. God bless you all. Thank you.

MS. SINGER: Keep dancing.

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MR. REYES: Enjoy. Thank you so much.

MAYOR SPANO: Are there any legal updates? No legal updates. Any other business before us? Hearing none. Does anybody want to make a motion? Victor's made a motion that we adjourn, seconded by Cecile. All in favor?
(A chorus of ayes.)
MAYOR SPANO: Any negatives?
All right. We're adjourned.
(Time noted: $1: 45$ PM.)

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COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER )

I, NATHAN DAVIS, a Notary Public for and within the State of New York, do hereby certify:

That the witness whose examination is hereinbefore set forth was duly sworn and that such examination is a true record of the testimony given by that witness.

I further certify that $I$ am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or by marriage and that $I$ am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 30 th day of November 2023 .

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