

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING, JANUARY 30, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Aldermen present: Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Kuhle, Scott Nelson, Ron Wood, Mike Woll. Honorary Council Member: Keith Wilson.

HRA Members present: Marjorie Larson, Ron Wood, Jose Lamas, Mike Kuhle, Lyle Ten Haken Rosie Rogers, Brad Chapulis (Ex-Officio).

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Ana Anthony, Daily Globe; various Housing Authority staff.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION - DIRECTIONS AND GOALS**

Rosie Rogers, Executive Director of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, expressed concern regarding comments heard in the community, and noted her Board and staff were hoping to learn tonight what the City's intentions were for the HRA. Ms. Rogers stated they had heard a presentation from Rick Goodeman of the Housing Partnership regarding the transfer of ownership, and asked Council to think long and hard before transfer would become reality. Any changes proposed by Council would need to become part of the HRA's five-year plan and submitted to HUD.

Ms. Rogers provided an update on the number of HRA units available and the reserves on hand. Council and HRA members agreed that lack of available housing is a priority in Worthington and we had to work together going forward. Deb Thompson, Section 8 Coordinator, said she was concerned about the seven counties she works with - there are 350 people on the Section 8 waiting list and 129 are here in Worthington - what would happen if Worthington had all the control. Mayor Oberloh noted the HRA Board has always been "from Worthington" - it's in the best interest to work with the other counties.

Ms. Rogers displayed the HRA's general certificate of public housing agency, noting that it states (regarding commissioners) "None of the above named Commissioners is an officer or employee of the City", and questioned what the role of Council is - are they officers of the City. They could get caught up on a technicality. Discussion followed on whether the Board could continue with their scheduled meeting on Thursday until the issue was resolved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Kuhle and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC  
City Clerk