

PPIC Meeting  
October 24, 2023

## The Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission

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- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Angelia Allen – Chair  
Ronald Peterman – Vice Chair  
Arnette McSwain – Treasurer (9:14am)  
Benjamin Foster  
Peter Hansen
- ALSO PRESENT:** Brian Donahue – Secretary  
Jeff Miller – Deputy City Attorney  
Kelsey Swieringa - Assistant City Attorney (9:12am)  
Chris Gullickson – Port of Virginia  
Mark Hugel – City Council Liaison
- GUEST:** Janey Culpepper – City Assessor  
Ryan King – Harvey Lindsay Commercial Real Estate  
A'Daye Foster – Harvey Lindsay Commercial Real Estate
- ABSENT:** Flora Berisha – Finance  
Mimi Terry – Interim City Manager  
De'Andre Barnes – City Council Liaison

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### Welcome & Call to Order

- The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

### Roll Call

- Mr. Donahue called roll. A quorum was present.

### Minutes

- The minutes from the August 22, 2023, Regular Minutes were reviewed.

**Action:** On a motion by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Mr. Peterman, the Commissioners approved the minutes from the August 22, 2023, Regular Meeting.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Peterman - yes; Ms. McSwain - absent; Mr. Hansen - yes; Mr. Foster-yes; Ms. Allen-yes. Approved 4-0 vote.

### Financials

There was no Financial Report.

### Old Business

- **Port of Virginia Update:**  
Mr. Chris Gullickson of the Port of Virginia provided an update on the Port's activities. Mr. Gullickson announced that the first wind turbine components for Dominion Energy's Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind project arrived at Portsmouth Marine Terminal (PMT) in October. Terminal improvements at PMT to support the offshore wind industry are approximately

60% complete. Current volumes at the Port continue to be strong but have normalized and leveled out. Mr. Gullickson highlighted a recent State of the Region report by Old Dominion University that identified employment growth of 30% in the Port Operations, Logistics and Warehousing industries within the region and Portsmouth over the last ten years.

- **Waterfront Industrial Site Tour:**  
Mr. Donahue recapped the Portsmouth Waterfront Industrial Site Tour that the PPIC held on October 11, 2023. Economic Development staff expressed appreciation for the PPIC's sponsorship and attendance for the tour.
- **VMA International Trade Symposium:**  
Mr. Donahue thanked the Commissioners for their sponsorship of the 2023 Virginia Maritime Association International Trade Symposium.
- **NNSY South Gate Annex:**  
Mr. Peterman provided an update on the Norfolk Naval Shipyard South Gate Annex site. The Shipyard is currently assessing its needs and opportunity for utilization by private industry. Captain Gregg Benton of NNSY has expressed a desire to meet with Mr. Donahue to tour the South Gate property.

#### **New Business**

There was no New Business.

#### **Closed Meeting**

**ACTION:** At 9:16 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Ms. McSwain, the PPIC moved to go into a closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Subsection 2.2-3711 A.3 for the purpose of discussing the disposition of real property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, specifically regarding the disposition of 3920 and 3930 Burtons Point Road.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Peterman - yes; Ms. McSwain - yes; Mr. Hansen - yes; Mr. Foster-yes; Ms. Allen-yes. Approved 5-0 vote.

#### **Open Meeting**

**ACTION:** At 10:18 a.m., on a motion by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Hansen, the PPIC moved that each Commissioner certify that, to the best of his or her knowledge: (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting just concluded.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Peterman - yes; Ms. McSwain - yes; Mr. Hansen - yes; Mr. Foster-yes; Ms. Allen-yes. Approved 5-0 vote.

#### **Items Submitted by Commissioners**

There were no items submitted by Commissioners.

**Report Backs**

There were no Reports Backs.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Donahue  
Secretary

Angelia Allen  
Chair