

The Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission

May 25, 2021

Electronic Meeting via GoToMeeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Angelia Allen
Amira Bethea
Arnette McSwain
Bracey Parr
Oralennys Pena
Sarah Rogers Garner

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Moore - Secretary
Brian Donahue – Assistant Secretary
Jeff Miller – Deputy City Attorney
Kelsey Swieringa – Assistant City Attorney
Patti Phillips – Finance Dept.

GUESTS: Chris Gullickson- Port of Virginia
Thomas Cross – Port of Virginia

Due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, this PPIC meeting was held electronically via GoToMeeting pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-102; each Commissioner attended the meeting electronically.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. Ms. Allen stated that the meeting was being held electronically, and identified the notices provided to the public to access the meeting.

ACTION: On a motion by Ms. Bethea and seconded by Ms. Allen the Commissioners approved the minutes from the April 27, 2021, meeting with one amendment. **Roll Call Vote:** Ms. Allen-yes; Ms. Bethea- yes; Ms. McSwain-yes; Mr. Parr- yes; Ms. Pena- yes; Ms. Rogers Garner-yes.

Mrs. Phillips reviewed the Financial Statement for April 30, 2021. It was agreed to file April 30, 2021 statement for audit.

Mr. Moore informed the commissioner that the Board Training through Virginia Industrial Development Authority has not been scheduled for 2021. They will be notified when it is available.

ACTION: On a motion by Ms. Bethea and seconded by Mr. Bracey the Commissioners approved the FY2022 Budget. **Roll Call Vote:** Ms. Allen-yes; Ms. Bethea- yes; Ms. McSwain-yes; Mr. Parr- yes; Ms. Pena- yes; Ms. Rogers Garner-yes.

Mr. Moore updated the Board on the Portsmouth@Work Opening.

Per the request of the Board, Mr. Moore set up the State of the Portsmouth Industrial Retreat with speaker Geoff Poston from Cushman & Wakefield/ Thalhimer Hampton Roads Industrial Group. He reviewed to the Board the status of the Hampton Roads vs Portsmouth properties as it impacts the Portsmouth Port Industrial Committee.

ACTION: At 9:20 a.m., on a motion by Ms. Rogers Garner, and Ms. McSwain second, to go into a closed electronic meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Subsections 2.2-3708.2 A.3 and 2.2-3711 A.3 and City Council Ordinance 2020 - 102 for the purpose of discussing the acquisition and 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 3920-3930 Burtons Point Road and Strategic Acquisitions.

ACTION: At 10:12 a.m., on a motion by Ms. Rogers Garner and seconded by Ms. Allen, the Commission entered an open meeting whereby only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and 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.

Port update was given by Chris Gullickson with the Port of Virginia.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Moore
Secretary