

The Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission

June 22, 2021

Electronic Meeting via GoToMeeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Angelia Allen
Sarah Rogers Garner
Arnette McSwain
Bracey Parr
Andre Williams

Absent:

Amira Bethea
Oralennys Pena
Brian Donahue – Assistant Secretary

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert Moore - Secretary
Jeff Miller – Deputy City Attorney
Kelsey Swieringa – Assistant City Attorney
Patti Phillips – Finance Dept.
Angel Jones City- Manager
James Wright - Engineering

GUESTS:

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 8:05 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. Rogers Garner and seconded by Ms. McSwain the Commissioners approved the minutes from the May 25, 2021 meeting. **Roll Call Vote:** Ms. Allen-yes; Ms. Bethea- absent; Ms. McSwain-yes; Mr. Parr- yes; Ms. Pena- absent; Ms. Rogers Garner-yes; Mr. Williams- yes.

Mrs. Phillips reviewed the Financial Statement for May 31, 2021. It was agreed to file May 31, 2021, statement for audit.

Mr. Moore informed the commissioners he has looked into the possibility of a joint meeting with another locality but that most other cities do not have a separate PPIC.

Mr. Moore reminded the commission that the requested visits to the Port of Virginia will be scheduled in July, and they will receive an email with available times to sign up for a visit. There will only be two commissioners allowed at a time.

Mr. Moore notified the Commission that the next meeting, July 27, 2021, will be in person and will be held at 200 High St., Suite 201.

Mr. Moore asked whether the Commissioners had any interest in changing the regular meeting time to 9:00 AM. With two Commissioners absent, Ms. Allen asked that the matter be readdressed in July.

Mr. Moore stated that the EDA would like to have a Joint Meeting at the PPIC regular September 28, 2021, meeting time. The meeting would go directly into a retreat meeting that the EDA is inviting PPIC to join. The estimated time for the meeting/retreat is 8 am to 12 pm.

ACTION: At 8:25 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 Victory Blvd. Properties.
Roll Call Vote: Ms. Allen-yes; Ms. Bethea- absent; Ms. McSwain-yes; Mr. Parr- yes; Ms. Pena- absent; Ms. Rogers Garner-yes; Mr. Williams- yes.

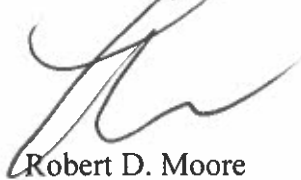
ACTION: At 9:18 a.m., on a motion by Ms. Rogers Garner and seconded by Ms. McSwain, the Commission entered an open meeting whereby only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting just concluded. **Roll Call Vote:** Ms. Allen-yes; Ms. Bethea- absent; Ms. McSwain-yes; Mr. Parr-yes; Ms. Pena- absent; Ms. Rogers Garner-yes; Mr. Williams- yes.

Port update was given by Thomas Cross with the Port of Virginia.

Items submitted by Commissioners: Ms. Allen will collect by email a list of information requested by the Commissioners and send to the staff for follow up at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert D. Moore
Secretary