

The Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission

February 22, 2022

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Angelia Allen
Sarah Rogers Garner
Arnette McSwain
Bracey Parr

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Donahue – Secretary
Pam Croom – Assistant Secretary
Jeff Miller – Deputy City Attorney
Kelsey Swieringa – Assistant City Attorney
Angel Jones – City Manager
Chris Gullickson – VA Port Representative

ABSENT:

Andre Williams
Amira Bethea
Eugene Swinson

Welcome & Call to Order

- The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Minutes

- The minutes from the January 25, 2022 Regular Meeting were reviewed.

Action: On a motion by Ms. McSwain and seconded by Mr. Parr, the Commissioners approved the minutes from the January 25, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Allen-yes; Ms. Bethea- absent; Ms. McSwain-yes; Mr. Parr- yes; Ms. Rogers Garner-yes; Mr. Williams- absent; Mr. Swinson absent.

Financials

- *Financial Report*

Ms. Berisha reviewed the Financial Statement for January 2022. It was agreed to file the January 2022 Financial Statement for audit.

Old Business

- Chris Gullickson of the Port of Virginia provided the board with an update on the Port. He stated that the port continues to see large cargo volume, and it has extended gate hours as necessary. The Port's Economic Impact Study conducted with William & Mary will be released soon. Mr. Gullickson and Mr. Donahue spoke of the opportunities created by the Off-Shore Wind Project at PMT.
- PPIC Incentive Program Ad Hoc Committee Update – Ms. Rogers-Garner stated the Ad Hoc committee had met with Economic Development staff about the appropriate scope for a PPIC Incentive Program. Mr. Donahue gave a detailed presentation to the board regarding the PPIC Incentive Program proposed by the Committee and staff. The proposed program would incentivize employment at wages above a specified minimum level. It is modeled on a similar state employment incentive program.
- Ms. Allen announced that the Board retreat will be held on March 28, 2022. It will be held from 9 am to 12 pm with a facilitator. Ms. Allen asked that Board members send her proposed topics for discussion at the retreat by March 1, 2022.

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New Business – None

Closed Meeting- None

Open Meeting

Items submitted by Commissioners- None

Report Backs

- Mr. Donahue updated the Board on staff's efforts to invite a representative from the NNSY to attend a Board meeting and discuss surplus property at South Gate Annex. NNSY advised that the prior liaison for real estate matters has retired and the position has not yet been filled, but that it will be willing to meet with the Board once the position is filled.
- Mr. Donahue advised that a bill to increase the Port Host Communities Revitalization Fund from \$2.5 million per year to \$5 million per year was submitted to the General Assembly, and that the bill is currently under consideration by the Virginia Senate.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Donahue
Secretary

Angelia Allen
Chair