

PPIC Meeting
October 22, 2024

**The Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission
October 22, 2024**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Angelia Allen – Chair
 Ronald Peterman – Vice Chair
 Arnette McSwain – Treasurer
 Benjamin Foster – Commissioner
 Edward Barham, III – Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT: Brian Donahue – Secretary
 Jeff Miller – Deputy City Attorney
 Kelsey Swieringa – Assistant City Attorney
 Kyera Pope – Finance

GUEST: Dorothy Morgan – Deputy City Assessor
 LaKeitha Forrest – Finance

ABSENT: Keith Rice – Commissioner
 Peter Hansen – Commissioner
 Mark Hugel – City Council Liaison
 De’Andre Barnes – City Council Liaison
 Steven Carter – City Manager
 Flora Berisha – Finance
 Chris Gullickson – Port of Virginia

Welcome & Call to Order

- The Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Minutes

- The minutes from the September 24, 2024, Regular Minutes were presented.

Action: On a motion by Mr. Barham and seconded by Mr. Foster, the Commissioners approved the minutes from the September 24, 2024, Regular Meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Peterman - yes; Ms. McSwain - yes; Mr. Hansen - absent; Ms. Allen-yes; Mr. Foster – yes; Mr. Rice – absent; Mr. Barham - yes. Approved 5-0 vote.

Financials

- Kyera Pope, Controller with the City of Portsmouth Finance Department presented the PPIC Quarterly Financial Report through September 30, 2024.

Old Business

- **Port of Virginia Update:** No Report
- **0 Sixth St., 1603 Seventh St.:** Mr. Donahue provided an update on the transfer of PRHA property at 0 Sixth Street and 1603 Seventh Street to the PPIC. A street closure application was approved

by the City Council at its October 8, 2024 meeting. A new subdivision plat to vacate the right-of-way and combine the properties has been prepared. This will provide the PPIC a 2.5 acre development site, which will be marketed for industrial development opportunities.

- **FY25 Port Host Community Grant – 1040 Virginia Ave.** – Mr. Donahue provided an update on the FY25 Port Host Community Revitalization Grant application submitted on behalf of the Norfolk Portsmouth Beltline Railroad. This application was presented to the Portsmouth City Council at its September 24, 2024 meeting for final authorization. The City Council approved the submission of the application to the Commonwealth of Virginia and the application was submitted on October 3, 2024. FY25 Port Host Community Grant applications are currently under review with the state.

New Business – No New Business

Closed Meeting

Action: At 9:16 a.m. Mr. Peterman, seconded by Ms. McSwain, move 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 - absent; Ms. Allen-yes; Mr. Foster – yes; Mr. Rice – absent; Mr. Barham - yes. Approved 5-0 vote.

Open Meeting

Action: At 9:25 a.m. Ms. McSwain, seconded by Mr. Hansen, I hereby move 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 - absent; Ms. Allen-yes; Mr. Foster – yes; Mr. Rice – absent; Mr. Barham - yes. Approved 5-0 vote.

Items Submitted by Commissioners

- Mr. Peterman requested an update concerning the 2024 Virginia Maritime Association International Trade Symposium.

Report Backs

- Mr. Donahue briefed the PPIC on the Hampton Roads Alliance’s planned presentation at the October 22, 2024 City Council Work Session on the Eastern Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority (EVRIFA). The EVRIFA consists of Hampton Roads member localities. Portsmouth has not yet joined the EVRIFA but wishes to do so. The Authority generates financial support for economic development projects throughout the region. The EVRIFA allows for municipalities to support their neighboring localities through participation in the funding of infrastructure improvements and projects. Participating member localities may share in the revenue generated by the projects. The City Council will discuss Portsmouth joining the EVRIFA.

Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 9:32a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Donahue
Secretary

Angelia Allen
Chair