

Economic Development Authority of the City of Portsmouth

December 15, 2020

Electronic Meeting via GoToMeeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Neal J. Barber
Kyle J. Kovachik -Treasurer
Malcom Mitchell -Vice Chairman
Theresa J. Saunders-Smith
Barbara B. Smith
Ray A. Smith, Sr. – Chairman

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert D. Moore - Secretary
Brian Donahue - Assistant Secretary
Jeff Miller - Deputy City Attorney
Kelsey Swieringa - Assistant City Attorney
Elizabeth M. Psimas - City Councilwoman
William Moody – City Councilman (partial)
John Rowe – Mayor – (partial)
Patti Phillips- Finance Consultant

ABSENT:

Bette "Cathy" Drewry

Due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, this EDA 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 8:01a.m. The Chairman stated that the meeting was being held electronically, and identified the notices provided to the public to access the meeting.

The minutes from the November 17, 2020 meeting were reviewed.

ACTION: On a motion by Mrs. Saunders-Smith and seconded by Mr. Barber, the Commissioners approved the minutes from the November 15, 2020 meeting as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Barber - yes; Ms. Drewry - absent; Mr. Kovachik - yes; Mr. Mitchell - yes; Ms. Saunders-Smith - yes; Ms. Smith - yes; Mr. Smith - yes.

ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Barber and second by Ms. Kovachik the commissioners approved Interior Build Out Grant Application in the amount of \$6132.38 received Kawood. LLC. (Polar Snoballs) for property located at 505 Airline Blvd. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barber - yes; Ms. Drewry - absent; Mr. Kovachik - yes; Mr. Mitchell - yes; Ms. Saunders-Smith - yes; Ms. Smith - yes; Mr. Smith - yes.

ACTION: At 8:49 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Mitchell and second by Mr. Smith, the Authority entered a closed electronic meeting pursuant to Virginia Code subsections 2.2- 3711 A.3 and 2.2-3708.2 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 1021 High Street, 1107 High Street, 2 Crawford Parkway, 8 Crawford Parkway, 2 Harbor Court and 3 Harbor Court. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barber - yes; Ms. Drewry - absent; Mr. Kovachik - yes; Mr. Mitchell - yes; Ms. Saunders-Smith - yes; Ms. Smith - yes; Mr. Smith -yes.

ACTION: At 10:00 a.m., on a motion by Mr. Mitchell and seconded by Ms. Saunders-Smith, the Authority 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:** Mr. Barber - yes; Ms. Drewry - absent; Mr. Kovachik-yes; Mr. Mitchell-yes; Ms. Saunders-Smith - yes; Ms. Smith - yes; Mr. Smith - yes.

Mr. Moore presented the year end update.

With no other business before the board the electronic meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert D. Moore, Secretary