

The Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission

May 24, 2022

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Arnette McSwain
Bracey Parr
Angelia Allen
Andre Williams
Amira Bethea

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Donahue – Secretary
Pam Croom – Assistant Secretary
Jeff Miller – Deputy City Attorney
Flora Berisha – Assistant CFO
Chris Gulickson – Va. Port Rep.
Patrick Doris, City Assessor

ABSENT:

Sarah Rogers Garner

Welcome & Call to Order

- The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Roll Call

- Mr. Donahue called roll. A quorum was present.
- The board was in consensus to move the Port of Virginia Report to first item of discussion due to Mr. Gulickson's time constraints. Mr. Gulickson gave an update on Port activity and events.

Minutes

- The minutes from the March 22, 2022 Regular Meeting, March 28, 2022 Retreat Meeting and April 26, 2022 Regular Minutes were reviewed.
Action: On a motion by Mr. Parr and seconded by Ms. McSwain, the Commissioners approved the minutes from the March 22, 2022 Regular Meeting, March 28, 2022 Retreat Meeting and April 26, 2022 Regular Minutes as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Ms. Allen-yes; Ms. Bethea- yes; Ms. McSwain-yes; Mr. Parr- yes; Ms. Rogers Garner-absent; Mr. Williams- yes

Financials

- *Financial Report*

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

Old Business

- Ms. Allen, and Mr. Parr gave a report on the VMA Maritime Mixer which they attended with Ms. Rogers- Gardner on April 28, 2022.
- PPIC Incentive Program Ad Hoc Committee Update – Mr. Donahue informed the board that the incentive forms and programs would be brought to the board for approval in the June Meeting.

New Business

- FY2023 Budget – Mr. Donahue stated that he met with the budget committee, Mr. Parr and Ms. Bethea and reviewed the FY23 Budget. Ms. Bethea updates the board on the changes. The board deferred the vote on the FY23 Budget to the June Meeting.
- Mr. Donahue gave an update on the Local Incentive Program.
- Mr. Donahue gave an update on the Port Host Grants.

Closed Meeting

Action: At 9:30 a.m., on a motion by Ms. Bethea and second by Ms. McSwain, the Commission entered 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 3920 and 3930 Burtons Point Road.

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

Action: At 9:43 a.m., on a motion by Ms. Bethea and seconded by Mr. Parr, each Commissioner certified 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: Ms. Allen-yes; Ms. Bethea- yes; Ms. McSwain-yes; Mr. Parr- yes;
Ms. Rogers Garner-absent; Mr. Williams- yes.

Open Meeting

Items submitted by Commissioners

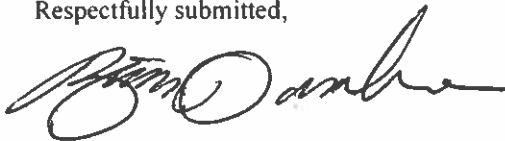
- Ms. Bethea and Mr. Parr brought to the board the idea of funding a pilot program working with the Starbase Victory and the Port of Virginia with the goal of exposing 4th to 6th graders to STEM students to Port activities. They would like to set up a meeting soon to discuss how PPIC can help.
- Mr. Parr informed the board that EPA is taking public comment on the proposal remedy for the Peck Iron and Metals Superfund Site and encouraged the board to go to the EPA website to read and respond with comments by May 27, 2022.

Report Backs

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Donahue
Secretary

Sarah Rogers Gardner
Vice-Chair