

The Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission

January 28, 2020

**6th Floor Conference Room, City Hall
801 Crawford Street, Portsmouth VA**

COMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Edward A. Barham
Ronald R. Peterman – Vice Chairman
Grant D. Reineberg – Treasurer
James E. Toups – Chairman
Dennis J. Weaver

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert D. Moore – Secretary
Brian Donahue – Assistant Secretary
Jeff Miller – Deputy City Attorney
Kelsey Swieringa – Assistant City Attorney
Elizabeth Psimas – City Councilwoman
William E. Moody, Jr. – City Councilman
Patti Phillips – Interim CFO

ABSENT:

Camille C. Cherry

GUESTS:

Bill Hargrove – HBA
Ray Eure – Hoggard-Eure
Chris Stubbs – Hoggard-Eure
Stan Magann – W.F. Magann

At 8:02 a.m. Mr. Toups called the meeting to order. He also reported that Mr. Wallace has resigned from the Board due to an increase in his workload.

ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Reineberg and seconded by Mr. Barham, the Commissioners amended the meeting agenda to include two New Business items: NNSY, South Gate Annex Update and W. Norfolk Water Project Update. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Ms. Cherry – absent; Mr. Peterman – yes; Mr. Reineberg – yes; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Weaver – yes.

The minutes from the October 22, 2019 were reviewed.

ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Barham and seconded by Mr. Weaver, the Commissioners approved the minutes from the October 22, 2019 meeting as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Ms. Cherry – absent; Mr. Peterman – yes; Mr. Reineberg – yes; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Weaver – yes.

The October, November, and December 2019 financial statements were reviewed. It was agreed that the October, November, and December 2019 financial statements would be filed for audit.

Mr. Donahue provided an update on the Port Host Communities Grant application; no official announcement has been made; staff anticipates receiving the full amount requested of \$500,000.00.

Mr. Toups appointed Mr. Reineberg and Mr. Weaver as the FY2021 Budget ad hoc committee. Staff will schedule a meeting with the committee and the finance department.

Mr. Moore provided an update on Economic Development projects; year-end numbers; and the Smart Start Business Guide.

Mr. Moore reported that the Portsmouth State of the City address will take place at Noon on Friday, May 1, 2020 at the Renaissance Hotel. As in the past, the PPIC will purchase a table at this event.

Mr. Moore asked the Commissioners to consider holding a joint meeting with the Economic Development Authority on Thursday, March 19, 2020 from 8:00 – 3:00; location to be determined. This retreat would take the place of the regularly scheduled PPIC meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2020. Mr. Moore requested that Commissioners email Ms. Lee Ogelby with topics they would like to see addressed at the retreat.

Mr. Moore asked that two Commissioners participate in reviewing the Department of Economic Development's Strategic Plan.

Mr. Peterman reported that Doug Taylor from the Shipyard will attend the February PPIC meeting to provide a presentation concerning the South Gate Annex.

Bill Hargrove provided an update on the potential expansion of W. F. Magann, including the potential waterline upgrades in West Norfolk.

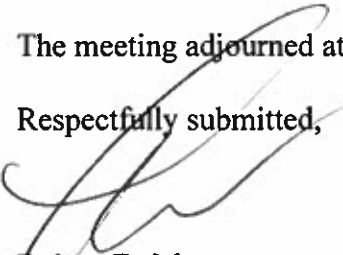
ACTION: At 8:51 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Barham, the Commission entered a closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code subsection 2.2-3711 A.6 for the purpose of discussing or considering the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, specifically regarding water delivery facilities; and pursuant to Virginia Code subsection 2.2-3711 A.5 for the purpose of discussing a perspective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating its facilities in the community, specifically regarding Portsmouth Marine Terminal. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Ms. Cherry – absent; Mr. Peterman – yes; Mr. Reineberg – yes; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Weaver – yes.

City Councilman Moody and Councilwoman Psimas remained for the Closed Meeting.

ACTION: At 9:23 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Weaver, each Board member certified that, to the best of his or her knowledge 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. Barham – yes; Ms. Cherry – absent; Mr. Peterman – yes; Mr. Reineberg – yes; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Weaver – yes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert D. Moore
Secretary