

The Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission

October 27, 2020

Electronic Meeting via GoToMeeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Edward A. Barham
Daniel Evans
Ronald R. Peterman – Vice Chairman
Dan Stevens
James E. Toups – Chairman

ALSO PRESENT: Brian Donahue – Assistant Secretary
Jeff Miller – Deputy City Attorney
Kelsey Swieringa – Assistant City Attorney
Elizabeth Psimas – City Councilwoman
Pattie Phillips – Finance Dept.
Dustin Rinehart – VPA

ABSENT: Robert D. Moore - Secretary

GUESTS: Laura Harden – Cherry Bekaert
Luke Reynolds – Cherry Bekaert

Due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, this PPIC 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 8:08 a.m. The Chairman stated that the meeting was being held electronically, and identified the notices provided to the public to access the meeting.

Mr. Toups introduced two new PPIC Commissioners, Mr. Dan Evans and Mr. Dan Stevens.

Mr. Donahue introduced two new members of the Economic Development staff, Ms. Jenny Osborne and Ms. Pam Croom.

The minutes from the June 23, 2020 meeting were reviewed.

ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Barham, the Commissioners approved the minutes from the June 23, 2020 meeting as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Mr. Evans – yes; Mr. Peterman – yes; Mr. Stevens – yes; Mr. Toups – yes.

Ms. Laura Harden and Mr. Luke Reynolds, from Cherry Bekaert, presented the Annual Audit Report ending June 30, 2020.

ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Barham and seconded by Mr. Peterman, the Commissioners approved the Annual Audit Report presented by Cherry Bekaert. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Mr. Evans – yes; Mr. Peterman – yes; Mr. Stevens – yes; Mr. Toups – yes.

Mr. Donahue provided an update on the Burtons Point Road property.

Mr. Donahue provided an update on the Lineage Logistics project, which is currently under construction.

Mr. Donahue gave an update on the Port Host Community Grant Program.

Mr. Peterman reported that Southgate Annex project at Norfolk Naval Shipyard is moving forward.

Mr. Donahue reminded the Commissioners that both the November and December meetings fall the same week as the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. It was agreed that unless there is a need to meet, the November 24, 2020 and December 22, 2020 meetings will be canceled.

Mr. Miller indicated that the Chairman should be prepared to nominate a Commissioner for the position of Treasurer at the January meeting.

Mr. Rinehart provided an update on activity at both PMT and VIG port facilities.

Mr. Toups thanks Councilwoman Psimas for her service on Portsmouth City Council as well as PPIC.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Donahue
Assistant Secretary