

The Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission

February 25, 2020

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Edward A. Barham
Camille C. Cherry
Ronald R. Peterman – Vice Chairman
Dennis J. Weaver

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Donahue – Assistant Secretary
Jeff Miller – Deputy City Attorney
Kelsey Swieringa – Assistant City Attorney
Robert Baldwin – Deputy City Manager
Elizabeth Psimas – City Councilwoman
William E. Moody, Jr. – City Councilman
Patti Phillips – Interim CFO
Chris Gullickson – VPA

ABSENT:

Grant D. Reineberg – Treasurer
James E. Toups – Chairman

GUESTS:

Doug Taylor - NNSY

At 8:11 a.m. Mr. Peterman called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the January 28, 2020 meeting were reviewed.

ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Barham and seconded by Mr. Weaver, the Commissioners approved the minutes from the January 28, 2020 meeting as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Ms. Cherry – yes; Mr. Peterman – yes; Mr. Reineberg – absent; Mr. Toups – absent; Mr. Weaver – yes.

The January 2020 financial statements were reviewed. It was agreed that the January 2020 financial statements would be filed for audit.

Mr. Donahue reported that the FY2021 budget ad hoc committee will meet on Monday, March 16, 2020 to begin the planning process.

Mr. Donahue reported that Portsmouth was awarded \$500,000 as part of the Port Host Communities Revitalization Fund (PHCRF) administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The grant will help to redevelop the former Cogentrix power plant adjacent to VIG.

Mr. Peterman introduced Mr. Doug Taylor from the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Mr. Taylor provided an update on the progress concerning the Southgate Annex project.

Mr. Donahue requested that Commissioners email Ms. Lee Ogelby with any topics they would like to see addressed at the joint meeting with the Economic Development Authority to be held on Thursday, March 19, 2020.

Mr. Toups and Mr. Peterman will meet with Mr. Moore and his staff on March 5, 2020 to review the Department of Economic Development's Strategic Plan. Two Commissioners from the EDA will also participate in this review.

Information about the upcoming Virginia Industrial Development Authorities Institute seminar, which is scheduled May 19 & 20, 2020 in Roanoke, was provided to each commissioner.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Donahue", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian Donahue
Assistant Secretary