

The Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission

June 23, 2020

Electronic Meeting via GoToMeeting

COMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Edward A. Barham
Camille C. Cherry
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
Chris Gullickson – VPA

Due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, this PPIC meeting was held electronically via GoToMeeting pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-21; each Commissioner attended the meeting electronically.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.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 February 25, 2020 meeting were reviewed.

ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Reineberg and seconded by Mr. Weaver, the Commissioners approved the minutes from the February 25, 2020 meeting as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Ms. Cherry – yes; Mr. Peterman – yes; Mr. Reineberg – yes; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Weaver – yes.

The budget ad hoc committee, Mr. Reineberg and Mr. Weaver, presented the FY2021 Proposed Budget.

ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Barham and seconded by Mr. Peterman, the Commissioners approved the FY2021 Proposed Budget as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Ms. Cherry – yes; Mr. Peterman – yes; Mr. Reineberg – yes; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Weaver – yes.

Mr. Moore asked the Board for a consensus to enable the budget ad hoc committee to research the possible use of a private accounting firm to handle the Board's financial needs.

Mr. Donahue provided an update on the Burtons Point Road property on-going clean up by EPA.

Mr. Donahue provided an update on the Lineage Logistics (formerly Preferred Freezer) project.

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

ACTION: At 8:36 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Barham, the Commission entered a closed electronic meeting pursuant to Virginia Code subsection 2.2-3708 A.3 and City Council Ordinance 2020 - 21 for the purposes of: (A) pursuant to Virginia Code subsection 2.2-3711 A.6 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 the Port Host Communities Revitalization Fund; and (B) pursuant to Virginia Code subsection 2.2-3711 A.5 discussing a prospective business where no previous announcement has been made of the business' interest in locating its facilities in the community, specifically regarding Project Turbo. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Ms. Cherry – yes; Mr. Peterman – yes; Mr. Reineberg – yes; Mr. Touns – yes; Mr. Weaver – yes.

City Councilwoman Psimas remained for the Closed Meeting.

ACTION: At 9:17 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Barham and seconded by Mr. Touns, each Commissioners 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 – yes; Mr. Peterman – absent; Mr. Reineberg – yes; Mr. Touns – yes; Mr. Weaver – yes.

Mr. Peterman experienced technical difficulties during the reading of the above motion and for the remainder of the meeting, but was contacted as soon as possible thereafter and confirmed that he believes the certification in the motion to be true and correct and would have voted in the affirmative.

ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Barham, the Commissioners approved the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION
(Port Host Community Revitalization Funds)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission wishes to apply for \$500,000 of Port Host Community Revitalization Funds for 3599 Progress Avenue (project) for the development of property in support of port related activity within the City of Portsmouth, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, \$600,000 of private funds will also be expended on this property, and it is projected that 50-100 permanent jobs will result from the implementation of the project; and

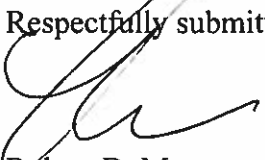
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The submission of an application for Port Host Community Revitalization Funds for the referenced project is hereby approved by the PPIC Board of Commissioners;
2. The Chair and Vice Chair are each hereby authorized to execute and submit the appropriate documents for the submittal of this Port Host Community Revitalization Fund proposal;
3. The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, and the Secretary's designees, are hereby authorized to take such other actions and execute such or other agreements or documents as may be required to further the intent of this Resolution; and
4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Barham – yes; Ms. Cherry – yes; Mr. Peterman – absent; Mr. Reineberg – yes; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Weaver – yes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert D. Moore
Secretary