

The Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission

August 27, 2019

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

COMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Edward A. Barham
Camille C. Cherry
Ronald R. Peterman
Grant D. Reineberg – Treasurer
James E. Toups – Vice Chairman
Guy T. Wallace (arrived at 8:30 am)
Dennis J. Weaver

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert D. Moore – Secretary
Brian Donahue – Assistant Secretary
Jeff Miller – Deputy City Attorney
Kelsey Swieringa – Assistant City Attorney
Elizabeth M. Psimas – City Councilwoman
Wendy Hu – Assistant CFO
Dustin Rinehart – VPA

At 8:01 a.m. Mr. Toups called the meeting to order. New Commissioner, Ms. Camille Cherry, was introduced.

The minutes from the July 23, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Barham, the Commissioners approved the minutes from the July 23, 2019 meeting, as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Ms. Cherry – yes; Mr. Peterman – yes; Mr. Reineberg – yes; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Wallace – absent; Mr. Weaver – yes.

Ms. Hu reviewed the July 2019 financial statements. It was agreed that the July 2019 financial statements would be filed for audit.

Mr. Barham presented a slate of officers for FY2020: Chairman – Mr. Toups; Vice Chairman – Mr. Peterman; Treasurer – Mr. Reineberg.

ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Barham and seconded by Mr. Reineberg, the Commissioners approved the FY2020 slate of officers as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Ms. Cherry – yes; Mr. Peterman – yes; Mr. Reineberg – yes; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Wallace – absent; Mr. Weaver – yes.

Mr. Moore gave a presentation overviewing the Entertainment District proposed for the EDA-owned property at Victory Village.

Based on discussions from the previous meeting, Mr. Moore indicated that the PPIC's Letter of Support for the collaboration between the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and the Navy regarding the South Gate Annex would be ready to sign today. Mr. Peterman offered to provide the letter to Mr. Doug Taylor at the Shipyard, and it was agreed that Mr. Taylor should attend the next PPIC meeting to further discuss the collaboration

Mr. Moore reminded the Commissioners that in September, the PPIC and EDA will hold a joint meeting on Tuesday, September 17 which will take the place of the regular PPIC meeting.

Mr. Moore reported that Friday, October 4th is 2019 Manufacturing Day. Staff will request that City Council present a proclamation at their first meeting in October supporting Manufacturing Day in the City of Portsmouth. Staff will continue to work to evolve this event in the future.

Mr. Donahue gave an overview of the Port Host Communities Program.

ACTION: At 8:51 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Reineberg 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 the Port Host Communities Revitalization Fund. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Ms. Cherry – yes; Mr. Peterman – yes; Mr. Reineberg – yes; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Wallace – yes; Mr. Weaver – yes.

City Councilwoman Psimas remained for the Closed Meeting.

ACTION: At 9:23 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Reineberg and seconded by Mr. Weaver, each Board member certify 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 – yes; Mr. Reineberg – yes; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Wallace – yes; Mr. Weaver – yes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert D. Moore
Secretary