

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
of the
CITY OF HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

Minutes – Regular Meeting

March 15, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.

Veteran’s Conference Room

CALL
TO ORDER

Chair Seymour called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

DIRECTORS
PRESENT

Richard M. Bagley, Jr., Valda V. Claiborne, James A. “Pete” Peterson, Laura S. Sandford and L. Scott Seymour. Also present was Secretary/Treasurer Charles E. Rigney, Sr.

STAFF
PRESENT

Brian DeProfio, Patricia Melochick, Steven Lynch, Heather Shipe, Thomas O’Grady, Michael Yaskowsky and Teresa Hudgins

GUESTS
PRESENT

Mayor Donnie Tuck
Steve Mallon, Downtown Hampton Development Partnership

MINUTES

Chair Seymour stated the Minutes from the February 15, 2022 Regular Meeting were distributed. A motion was made by Mr. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Bagley to approve the Minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Bagley, Claiborne, Sandford, Peterson and Seymour

Nays: None

DHDP
PRESENTATION

Mr. Mallon presented the Downtown Hampton Strategic Projects which has three goals: Identify readily achievable improvements for a more active, attractive and vibrant community, enhance infrastructure to underutilized parcels for new development and prioritize and quantify the City infrastructure investment needed to attract private-sector investment. He reviewed the stakeholder input (which identified weaknesses and recommendations) as well as proposed improvements to each sector of downtown. The total capital investment is projected at \$41,819,000. Mr. Mallon answered questions from Board members regarding the plan. Staff will forward the presentation to Board members.

LOAN & GRANT
REVIEW
COMMITTEE

Ms. Sandford reported the Loan & Grant Review Committee did not meet in March. There were no questions or comments on the EDA Loan/Grant Program Fund Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2022.

ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
REPORT

Mr. Rigney reported the updated Status Report on EDA Actions was included in the package. Other items of interest:

- NorthPoint Development held a community meeting on March 14th with approximately 60 residents participating; there will be a second community meeting on April 26th to clarify and answer additional questions (most were concerned about truck and employee traffic).
- The ribbon cutting for 757 Makerspace is scheduled for April 1st at 9:00 a.m.; everyone should have received an invitation.

CLOSED
MEETING

Chair Seymour stated the Closed Meeting portion of the meeting will be amended from what was advertised to include Virginia Code §2.2-3711.A.5. Chair Seymour stated a Closed Meeting will now be held pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711.A.3 for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property in Hampton Roads Center North, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Authority and Virginia Code §2.2-3711.A.5 for discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facility in the community. A motion was made by Ms. Sandford and seconded by Mr. Peterson to go into the Closed Meeting. A roll call vote was taken which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Bagley, Claiborne, Sandford, Peterson and Seymour
Nays: None

CERTIFICATION
OF CLOSED
MEETING

Chair Seymour stated it was now appropriate to take a roll call vote and that to the best of our knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and (ii) 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. Any member who believes there was a departure from the requirements of subdivisions (i) and (ii) shall so state prior to the roll call vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his/her judgment has taken place. Such statements shall be recorded in the Minutes. Chair Seymour asked for any statements. There were none. A motion was made by Mr. Peterson and seconded by Ms. Claiborne to conclude the Closed Meeting and return to the Meeting. A roll call vote was taken which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Bagley, Claiborne, Sandford, Peterson and Seymour
Nays: None

OTHER
BUSINESS

Ms. Melochick stated the EDA previously allowed the Hampton Police Department ("HPD") to enforce laws on EDA owned property. It is necessary to amend that authorization to include the installation and placement of any equipment which might aid in the enforcement of Criminal Laws or security of EDA owned property, the location and placement shall be subject to approval by the EDA Secretary (or designee) in coordination and cooperation with the Hampton Police Department.

Mr. Lynch said he will be meeting with HPD and Facilities regarding placement of security equipment at the Boo Williams Sportsplex. It was also asked if this type of equipment would be installed at the new Hampton Aquaplex. Ms. Melochick said at this time there has been no determination on that facility. A motion was made by Mr. Bagley and seconded by Mr. Peterson to approve said authorization as stated. A roll call vote was taken which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Bagley, Claiborne, Sandford, Peterson and Seymour
Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles E. Rigney, Sr.
Secretary/Treasurer

CER/tbh

