

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE  
THURSDAY, July 18, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Chesapeake was held on Thursday, July 18, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. at the Economic Development office, 676 Independence Parkway, Chesapeake, VA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John B. Maddux, Chairman; Teresa C. Peters, Treasurer; Kevin J. Cosgrove, Member; Dawn W. Matheson, Member; Bradley M. Brickhouse, Member; Valerie K. Brown, Member; Arthur W. Robinson, Member

**MEMBERS ASBENT:** Patrick L. Reynolds, Vice Chairman; Vonda W. Chappell, Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT:** Steven C. Wright, Executive Secretary

**COUNSEL PRESENT:** Jim Pickrell, KPCT PC, EDA Attorney

**STAFF PRESENT:** Constantia Matthews, Chesapeake Economic Development  
Sherry Barnette, Chesapeake Economic Development  
Tim Howlett, Chesapeake Economic Development  
Casey Gilchrist, Chesapeake Economic Development  
Dulishu Mapp, Chesapeake Economic Development  
Austin Bussey, Chesapeake Economic Development

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Jay Stroman, City Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

John B. Maddux, Chairman declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

**MEETING MINUTES:** After a review of the June 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes, Mr. Arthur Robinson made a motion; seconded by Ms. Valerie Brown, to accept the minutes from the June 20, 2019 Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mr. Steven Wright, Chesapeake Economic Development, presented the treasurer's report for June, 2019. No other questions or concerns were expressed; therefore, Chairman John Maddux declared June 2019 Treasurer's Report filed for audit.

**INVOICES:**

There were no new invoices for the month.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:**

Mr. Steven Wright shared that the foreign investment client for “Project Big Belly” will be coming back to hopefully seal the investment deal in Greenbrier on Friday, July 26, 2019. Mr. Wright stated that additional information impacting “Project Bill Belly” will be discussed in closed session.

**OAKBROOKE BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY CENTER – UPDATE:**

Mr. Steven Wright shared an update regarding Parcel 27 owned by the founders of JRC Mechanical. They have sold the business and are looking to sell the property to the new owners. Mr. Wright stated that the new owners had questions regarding acceptable design and construction based on the design standards for Oakbrooke. Chairman Maddux indicated that JRC will present a design and sample building materials prior to the next scheduled EDA meeting.

Chairman Maddux indicated the Blackwater Electric is building at a steady pace on another parcel in the Park.

**GREENBRIER NORTH COMMERCE PARK (SEVTC) – UPDATE:**

Mr. Tim Howlett indicated that the plat related to the sub-division plan has been signed. Mr. Steven Wright stated that both plats for Givens and Jim Baylor should be signed hopefully before the next EDA meeting in August. Mr. Kevin Cosgrove made a motion; second by Ms. Valerie Brown, that the due dates on both contracts for Givens and Jim Baylor be extended from the current date of July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>; and further that the Chair or Vice Chair be authorized to sign any and all documentations necessary to close the sale of the two parcels. The motion was approved unanimously.

**WESTERN BRANCH UPDATE:**

Mr. Steven Wright shared that The Grove project looks promising based on conversation with the property owner. Mr. Wright stated that a major industrial user will hopefully be announced formally within the next 60 days. Chairman Maddux added that this is a good and exciting time to be in Chesapeake.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Steven Wright announced that on July 30, 2019, beginning at 8am to 5pm, there will be a City Council Retreat at City Hall, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, in the City Manager's Large Conference Room, with very limited seating. Mr. Wright also shared that the retreat will be shown in Council Chambers for anyone who would like to see it. Mr. Wright stated that the Economic Development Department will present information on three topics at the retreat: (1) Continued Need for Economic Development Sites; (2) Different Methodologies/Approaches to Development; and (3) Greenbrier Redevelopment. Mr. Wright encouraged the EDA members to attend the retreat, especially to hear the topics on Economic Development. Mr. Wright stated that the EDA will be informed on the retreat schedule as soon as possible.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Jim Pickrell, EDA Attorney stated the executive session will cover:

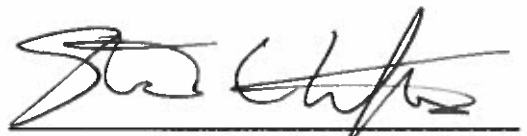
Clause 3, discussion of disposition/also of acquisition of publicly owned real property; in Greenbrier North Commerce Park and elsewhere in Chesapeake, where discussion in open session would adversely affect the negotiating position of the EDA.

Clause 5, discussion of concerning the expansion of an existing business where no previous announcement has been made of the business' interest in expanding its facilities.

Ms. Teresa Peters made a motion; seconded by Ms. Valerie Brown, to go into Executive Session. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Dawn Matheson made a motion; seconded by Mr. Kevin Cosgrove, to leave the Executive Session. The motion was approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to discuss, it was the consensus to adjourn the meeting.



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Steven C. Wright  
Executive Secretary