

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE
THURSDAY, June 20, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Chesapeake was held on Thursday, June 20, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. at the Economic Development office, 676 Independence Parkway, Chesapeake, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John B. Maddux, Chairman; Patrick L. Reynolds, Vice Chairman; Teresa C. Peters, Treasurer; Vonda W. Chappell, Secretary; Dawn W. Matheson, Member; Bradley M. Brickhouse, Member; Valerie K. Brown, Member; Arthur W. Robinson, Member

MEMBERS ASBENT: Kevin J. Cosgrove, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Steven C. Wright, Executive Secretary

COUNSEL PRESENT: Jim Pickrell, KPCT PC, EDA Attorney

STAFF PRESENT: Ben White, 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: Jim Baker, City Manager; Catherine Lindley, Deputy 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 May 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes, Ms. Dawn Matheson made a motion; seconded by Ms. Teresa Peters, to accept the minutes from the May 16, 2019 Meeting as amended (title correction for Vonda Chappell/Secretary, not Treasurer). The motion was approved unanimously.

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

RECONCILIATION – 2019 CHESAPEAKE BUSINESS APPRECIATION GOLF CLASSIC:

Ms. Sherry Barnette, chairman of the golf committee, presented a reconciliation of the 2019 Chesapeake Business Appreciation Golf Classic/Tournament. Ms. Barnette presented a printout showing a breakdown of revenues and expenses from the golf event. Ms. Barnette highlighted that the Charitable Donation to ForKids will be \$10,091.79. Also, there will be a carryover for the 20th Annual Golf Classic (Greenbrier Country Club) to offset some of the increased expenses. Mr. Steven Wright stated that next year's Golf Classic at Greenbrier Country Club will be a nice upgrade; however, it will be more costly/at least double the cost at Chesapeake Golf Course. Mr. Wright also stated that it will be good for the golf sponsorships to experience a different golf course at Greenbrier Country Club.

INVOICES:

All of the invoices were approved operational budget invoices.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

Mr. Ben White introduced Mr. Austin Bussey, intern with Chesapeake Economic Development from Hampton Roads Association for Commercial Real Estate (HRACRE). Mr. Bussey shared information about himself and presented information from the Regional Economic Development Team meeting (HREDA) about rebranding of Hampton Roads. Mr. Bussey shared that he will be a fourth year student at William and Mary studying Sociology and Economics. Mr. Bussey's presentation was a broad overview on rebranding of Hampton Roads and referenced the website envisioning2020.com where the information is located. Mr. Steven Wright commented that the goal for rebranding Hampton Roads is to market new businesses to our region and to have success in the future.

OAKBROOKE BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY CENTER – UPDATE:

Mr. Steven Wright stated that the Information concerning Oakbrooke will be shared in closed session.

GREENBRIER NORTH COMMERCE PARK (SEVTC) – UPDATE:

Mr. Tim Howlett updated that the sub-division plan is approved and is now at plat stage. Mr. Howlett also stated that both site plans are moving ahead to closing on June 30th.

“PROJECT BIG BELLY”

Mr. Steven Wright shared that Chesapeake Economic Development had the opportunity to host “Project Big Belly,” a Japanese based project on Friday, June 14, 2019. Mr. Wright stated that the Japanese company is looking to make a significant investment and are focused on the Greenbrier area in Chesapeake. Mr. Wright shared that this is the third time “Project Big Belly” has visited the region. Mr. Wright stated that he is optimistic that the Japanese company will close the deal in July 2019. Also, Mr. Wright stated that he is hopeful that within a short period of time, all of the land in Greenbrier Park will be sold and finished.

WESTERN BRANCH UPDATE:

Mr. Steven Wright updated that Chesapeake Economic Development is at a very good place in getting one of two projects done in Western Branch that could mean a lot of jobs and investments for Chesapeake. Mr. Wright stated that he will keep the EDA posted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

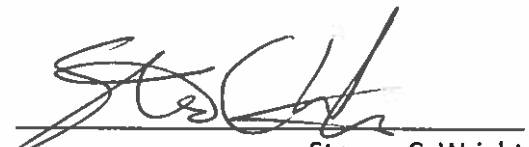
Mr. Jim Pickrell, EDA Attorney stated the executive session will cover:

Clause 3, discussion of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating position of the EDA.

Ms. Valerie Brown made a motion; seconded by Ms. Dawn Matheson to go into Executive Session. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was properly made and seconded 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.


Steven C. Wright
Executive Secretary