

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE
THURSDAY, October 21, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Chesapeake was held on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. at Chesapeake City Hall in the City Council Chamber at 306 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patrick L. Reynolds, Chairman
Vonda W. Chappell, Vice Chairman
Bradley Brickhouse, Secretary
John Maddux, Member
Dawn Matheson, Member
Luis Jimenez, Member
Michael Malone, Member
Tonya Gill, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Steven C. Wright, Executive Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin J. Cosgrove, Treasurer/Assistant Secretary

COUNSEL PRESENT: Jim Pickrell, KPCT PC, EDA Attorney

CED STAFF PRESENT: Ben White; Preston Wilhelm; Lloyd Jackson; Sherry Barnette;
Curtis Cobert; Constantia Matthews; Kerstin Plarr; Stephanie Glover

GUESTS PRESENT: Jacob Stroman, City Attorney; Susan Rowling, Deputy City Attorney;
David Dallman with Kimley-Horn

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Patrick Reynolds, Chairman, declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE/SLATE OF OFFICERS

Chairman Patrick Reynolds and Past Chairman John Maddux were appointed to serve on the Nomination Committee to select the slate of EDA Officers for 2022.

MEETING MINUTES:

After a review of the September 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes, Mr. John Maddux made a motion; seconded by Mr. Brad Brickhouse, to accept the minutes from the September 16, 2021 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT(S): Mr. Steven Wright, Chesapeake Economic Development, presented the treasurer's report for September 2021. No other questions or concerns were expressed; therefore, Chairman Patrick Reynolds declared September 2021 Treasurer's Report filed for audit.

INVOICES:

All the invoices were approved budgeted invoices.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

Mr. Steven Wright updated the CED staff has been submitting sites to the Commonwealth of Virginia for the Business Ready Site Program (VBRSP) and introduced Ms. Kerstin Plarr, to give an update. Ms. Plarr reported the VBRSP has requested additional applications for the newest round of funding through GO Virginia to get sites from a Tier 1 and Tier 2 status elevated to a Tier 5 status which is essentially 'shovel ready'. Ms. Plarr shared the VBRSP denied the five properties submitted by CED during the pre-application process. Ms. Plarr advised the pre-application had very strict guidelines which required all sites to be at least 100 acres as well as currently zoned 'Industrial'. Ms. Plarr noted the municipalities that had properties already zoned 'Industrial' had the advantage for this round of funding.

OAKBROOKE BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY CENTER UPDATE:

Mr. Tim Howlett updated on the progress in getting the reservation eliminated for the Southeastern Expressway so some of the property can be sold to existing Oakbrooke tenants. Mr. Howlett reported the PUD Modification will be on the Planning Commission agenda in December along with a request for double advertising to put the application on City Council's December agenda. Mr. Howlett advised an emergency action for the PUD Modification to become effective immediately will be made to avoid the usual 30-day waiting period.

WESTERN BRANCH UPDATE:

Mr. Steven Wright updated there is a tremendous amount of activity on the west side of I-664 particularly on the industrial side in both Chesapeake and Suffolk. Amazon is getting close to completing both large facilities they are building and has expressed an interest in building an Employee Center. CED is currently working with Amazon to identify an appropriate site for an Employment Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Will be discussed in closed session.

344 North Battlefield Boulevard:

Mr. Steven Wright updated on the potential acquisition of the 344 North Battlefield Boulevard property discussed at last month's EDA meeting. A phone vote with all the members of the Authority resulted in a unanimous vote to proceed with acquisition and the contract was executed. Mr. John Maddux made a motion to ratify the executed contract for acquisition of 344 North Battlefield Boulevard; seconded by Mr. Luis Jimenez. The motion was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Clause 3, discussion of acquisition of real property and/or disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in open session would adversely affect the negotiating position of the EDA.

Clause 5, discussion of a prospective business where no previous public announcement has been made of the business' interest in locating in Chesapeake, VA.

Clause 8, discussion of consultation with legal counsel retained by the EDA regarding a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice by counsel.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Ms. Dawn Matheson; seconded by Mr. Michael Malone. The motion was approved unanimously.

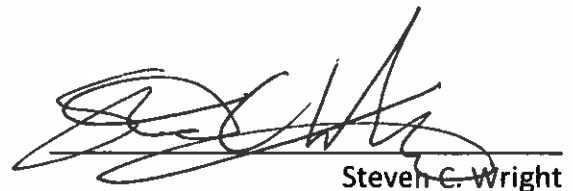
A motion was made by Mr. Brad Brickhouse; seconded by Mr. Mr. John Maddux certifying that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements were identified in the motion convening the executive discussion were heard, discussed, or considered. The certification was approved unanimously.

Mr. Brad Brickhouse made a motion; seconded by Mr. John Maddux to leave the Executive Session. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADDITIONAL MOTION:

Mr. Luis Jimenez made a motion to authorize the EDA Chairman to execute all the necessary documents for the Sales Agreement and the Development Agreement of the Mitsubishi property; seconded by Mr. John Maddux. 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