OF THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE THURSDAY, November 17, 2022

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Chesapeake was held on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at Summit Pointe, 555 Belaire Avenue, Suite 310, Chesapeake, VA 23320.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vonda W. Chappell, Chair

Kevin J. Cosgrove, Vice Chair M. Bradley Brickhouse, Secretary

Dawn Matheson, Treasurer/Assistant Secretary

John Maddux, Member – via telephone

Michael Malone, Member

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Luis Jimenez, Member; Tonya Gill, Member; Julie Anderson, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Steven C. Wright, Executive Secretary

COUNSEL PRESENT: John Sawyer, WRG PC, EDA Counsel

CED STAFF PRESENT: Ben White; Preston Wilhelm; Lloyd Jackson; Tim Howlett; Curtis Cobert;

Kerstin Plarr; Constantia Matthews; Stephanie Howell

GUESTS PRESENT: Brian Solis, Deputy City Manager; Jay Stroman, City Attorney; Toi Hunter, HR

Alliance; Fatmir Langmeier, Ormosys – Langmeier Orthopedic Insoles

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Vonda Chappell, Chair, declared a quorum present, and called the meeting to order.

MEETING MINUTES:

After a review of the October 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes, Ms. Dawn Matheson made a motion; seconded by Mr. Kevin Cosgrove, to accept the minutes from the October 20, 2022 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mr. Ben White introduced Mr. Fatmir Langmeier with Langmeier Orthopedic Insoles from Raubling, Germany. Mr. Langmeier reported that he started his company in 1995 manufacturing orthopedic insoles working with hospital patients and currently has three stores in Germany.

Mr. Langmeier advised the feet are the foundation of the body and his company's vision is to improve people's quality of life in a holistic manner with an orthopedic solution. Mr. Langmeier explained his company uses a dynamic AI system called Ormosys to create custom orthopedic insoles based on the digital real-time analysis of the human gait.

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TREASURER'S REPORT(S):

Mr. Steven Wright presented the treasurer's report for October 2022. No other questions or concerns were expressed; therefore, Chair Vonda Chappell declared October 2022 Treasurer's Report filed for audit.

INVOICES:

All the invoices were approved budgeted invoices.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

Mr. Steven Wright reported Mr. Shinichi Nakano had a ground breaking at his facility in Greenbrier North. Mr. Wright advised the ribbon cutting should be sometime next year.

Mr. Wright also updated there continues to be a lot of interest in the Coastal Virginia Commerce Park as well as Three Oaks.

THREE OAKS AT GREENBRIER COMMERCE PARK:

Mr. Steven Wright updated the process of getting the water and sewer extension and enhancements to the park has begun and fortunately the Go Virginia Grant will help with that process.

OAKBROOKE BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY CENTER UPDATE:

No new updates.

WESTERN BRANCH UPDATE:

Mr. John Sawyer, EDA Counsel, updated the EDA owned property at Chesapeake Square Mall is under contract and the application for the Conditional Use permit has been submitted. Mr. Preston Wilhelm added the original purchase and sale agreement included an automatic 90-day extension which has been exercised. The VA has requested a second 90-day extension based on the conditional use permit timeframe which would extend the deadline out to February 10, 2023.

Mr. Kevin Cosgrove made a motion to approve the VA's request for a 90-day extension; seconded by Michael Malone. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Steven Wright requested the Authority vote to change the December 15, 2022 EDA meeting from 3:00 pm to 2:00 pm due to the holiday reception.

Mr. Michael Malone made a motion to move the time of the December 15, 2022 EDA meeting from 3:00 pm to 2:00 pm; seconded by Dawn Matteson. The motion was unanimously approved.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. John Sawyer, EDA Counsel, stated the EDA may wish to consider a motion to conduct a closed meeting for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining or negotiating position of the Economic Development Authority (EDA), specifically for potential acquisition of real property for economic development purposes and the disposition of publicly held real property all as permitted by Sections 2.2-3711(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia.

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

Mr. John Sawyer, EDA Counsel, stated the EDA may wish to consider a motion to certify that to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered. The certification was approved, and the Executive Session was closed unanimously via a roll call vote.

ADDITIONAL MOTION:

Mr. Kevin Cosgrove made a motion to hold a special meeting of the EDA on December 12, 2022, at Summit Pointe, 555 Belaire, Suite 310, Chesapeake, VA 23320 at 3:00 pm and once the meeting is convened to go directly into closed session to discuss issues revolving around real property discussed in the current meeting's Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Michael Malone. The motion was unanimously approved.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- December 15, 2022 Economic Development Holiday Open House
 - o Summit Pointe 2nd Floor 4:00 pm

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

Steven C. Wright Executive Secretary

Minutes provided by Jude Jackson