

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE  
THURSDAY,  
May 15, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Chesapeake was held on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at Summit Pointe, 555 Belaire Avenue, Suite 310, Chesapeake, VA 23320.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kevin J. Cosgrove, Chair; Julie Anderson, Vice Chair; Dawn Matheson, Treasurer/Assist. Secretary; Tonya Gill, Member; Jeffrey Ganthner, Member; Kristi Wooten, Member; Troy Lindsey, Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bradley Brickhouse, Member; Luis Jimenez, Member

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

**COUNSEL PRESENT:** John Sawyer, WRG PC, EDA Counsel

**CED STAFF PRESENT:** Preston Wilhelm; Sherry Barnette; Edie Saecker; Tim Howlett; Kerstin Plarr; Curtis Cobert; Austin Bussey; Jude Jackson

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Brian Solis, Deputy City Manager; Catherine Lindley, City Attorney – via Teams; Daniel Brownell, Standard Calibration Inc.; Kymberly Henson, Healed to Help; Cory McCoy, Oasis Health Group

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Kevin Cosgrove, Chair, declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. Ms. Kristi Wooten made a motion to adopt the Draft Agenda; seconded by Mr. Jeffrey Ganthner. The motion was unanimously approved.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

After a review of the April 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes, Ms. Dawn Matheson made a motion to approve the Minutes as corrected; seconded by Ms. Tonya Gill. The motion was unanimously approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Edie Saecker presented the Treasurer's Report for April 2025. No questions or concerns were expressed; Chair Kevin Cosgrove declared April 2025, Treasurer's Report filed for audit.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:**

Mr. Steven Wright provided a comprehensive update on recent special events attended by CED staff, including the final Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) meeting before the summer hiatus. Deputy City Manager Brian Solis moderated the well-attended session which featured key figures from Richmond including Mr. Chris Lloyd with McGuireWoods, Ms. Gretchen Heal, with the HR Chamber, and Ms. Abigail Wescott, with VEDP, who offered insightful updates and future legislative impacts to economic development. Mr. Wright also thanked Ms. Tonya Gill for her participation.

Mr. Wright highlighted the exceptionally successful groundbreaking ceremony for LS GreenLink, and thanked all the members of the Authority who were able to attend. Mr. Wright reported LS GreenLink is the most significant capital investment project in the history of the City of Chesapeake as well as Hampton Roads. The event exceeded expectations and showcased LS GreenLink's continued commitment despite global trade uncertainties. Mr. Wright reported the facility's tower will be over 600 feet tall, making it the tallest building in the Commonwealth of Virginia. He noted that the project is expected to be operational by late 2027 or early 2028. Led by U.S. Managing Partner Patrick Shim, LS GreenLink is bringing advanced Korean technology and capital while relying on U.S. materials and local contractors for construction. Mr. Wright described the project as iconic, with a substantial economic impact that will benefit the City for many years to come.

Mr. Wright reminded Authority members that the June meeting will be a week earlier on June 12, 2025 at 3:00 pm to account for the Juneteenth holiday.

**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 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); and potentially consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by counsel all as permitted by Sections 2.2-3711(A)(3) and (A)(8) of the Code of Virginia. Chair, Kevin Cosgrove initiated Executive Session via unanimous roll call vote.

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 unanimously via roll call vote. Ms. Dawn Matheson made a motion to come out of Executive Session; seconded by Ms. Kristi Wooten; and the Executive Session was closed by Chair Kevin Cosgrove unanimously via a roll call vote.

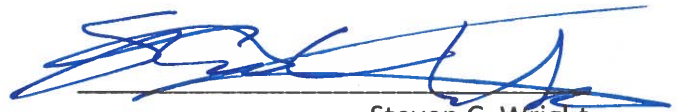
**ADDITIONAL MOTION(S):**

Mr. Jeffrey Ganthner made a motion to approve the sale of the EDA-owned parcel discussed in Executive Session to be sold for \$15,000.00 per acre; seconded by Ms. Dawn Matheson. The motion was approved with one abstention.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

- **May 22, 2025 – 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic at Cypress Point Country Club**
  - Registration 8:00 am
  - Shotgun Start 9:00 am
- **May 27, 2025 – VNG Groundbreaking at 1:00 pm**
  - 401 Clearfield Avenue, Chesapeake 23320
- **May 29, 2025 – Chesapeake Career Center Graduates Recognition from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**
  - Chesapeake Conference Center, 700 Conference Center Drive, Chesapeake 23320
- **July 2, 2025 – Riverview Center Grand Opening Celebration from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm**
  - 103 Watson Road, Chesapeake 23320

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Kristi Wooten made a motion to adjourn; no second being needed, it was the consensus to adjourn the meeting.



Steven C. Wright  
Executive Secretary