

**MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF NORFOLK
Wednesday, November 1st, 2017
Department of Development
500 E. Main Street, Suite 1500
Norfolk, VA 23510**

Present:

Directors

Robert E. Garris, Jr. - Presiding
Michael Lee
Jeffrey Brooke
B. Wayne Coleman
Michael Cox
Jaeson Dandalides
Richard Ottinger
Ursula Rhodes
Antonio Sisco

Counsel

George Consolvo – Kaufman & Canoles

Staff

Chuck Rigney – Executive Director
Andrew Yancey - Secretary-Treasurer
Dawn Ryan - Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Christine Garczynski – Director of Finance

Guests

Sean Washington – Department of Development
Christine Morris – City of Norfolk Resiliency
Eric Hartley – Virginia Pilot
Dawn Best – Froehling & Robertson
Patrick Lane – Froehling & Robertson

Absent

Kim Brown
W. Craig Reilly

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Garris called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. and welcomed guests and presenters to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Garris asked Chuck Rigney to introduced the presenter from the City of Norfolk – Chief Resilience Officer, Christine Morris. Ms. Morris was excited to be giving the board an update on the changes that have taken place since she last presented to the EDA Board about two years ago. The work that's underway for the City of Norfolk is to update flood plain requirements, zoning codes and the vision 2100 community visioning process. She then said, another way to help is to retain your rain water workshops for citizens. Historic shorelines and neighborhoods and the impact they have and what can be changed to retain storm water or pump it out while taking into consideration increased precipitation, surface runoff, groundwater and rising tides but also storm surge. Coastal defense is key by using tidal control gates, pump houses pump stations. Raised road at berm and living shorelines are what the communities have asked for as well as walking paths to keep the waterfront part of community accessibility. Ms. Morris stated, that placing flood walls and berms will help to retain the flood waters until the tides can recede or be pumped out helping with neighborhood flooding issues. The biggest proponent right now is the use of rain barrels at a cost of \$100.00 per barrel to help with the water retention and reduction of flooding. There is an app called retain your rain that help with process. Lastly she said, Norfolk's resiliency project has been granted \$120M dollars that her and her team plan to spend it all to help beautify and make Norfolk's waterfront communities usable and look beautiful doing it. (Attachment #1).

Chairman Garris asked Mr. Rigney to update the Board on the upcoming departure from the City of Andrew Yancey and to introduce Sean Washington as his replacement effective November 1, 2017. Mr. Rigney also asked that the board consider updating the roles of staff for the EDA and remove Mr. Yancey and replace him with Sean Washington by voting for an update to the Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Lee motioned to elect Sean Washington as Secretary-Treasurer of the EDA board, seconded by Mr. Sisco. (Vote 9-0-0).

Mr. Rigney also explained that Andrew Yancey's role as Assistant Executive Director gave him the ability to sign off on EDA related materials should Mr. Rigney not be available to do so. Mr. Lee then made a motion to appoint Sean Washington as Assistant Executive Director, seconded by Mr. Sisco. (vote 9-0-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Garris wanted to also comment on the Norfolk Public Schools presentation from the October meeting with some follow up comments. After some discussion the Chairman asked Mr. Coleman and Mr. Lee to be a sub-committee for the school board. Mr. Coleman asked the board to brainstorm ideas to propose to the school board. Mr. Coleman asked the directors to forward their ideas for impact suggestions with the school system and businesses and suggested that he would ask Kevin Will from the Boys and Girls club of Southeastern Virginia to come make a presentation at our December meeting.

Mr. Rigney gave an update on the EDA/Development Office moving to the 24th floor of the Dominion Tower building at 999 Waterside Drive Suite 2430 on December 18th, 2017. With the move the department and the EDA will need to share in some cost associated with it. For example, the IT budget for moving is \$32,000 of which will go through the City funds to pay and about \$7,000 will go

through Development budget for the moving of the furniture. What is being asked of the EDA is to help with costs of furnishing the reception and conference room area's as well as some furniture in a few offices, break room and back work room totaling \$20,000.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Rhodes made the following motion to enter into a closed session regarding the acquisition by lease for public purpose:

"Mr. Chairman, I move that the Directors of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Norfolk meet in closed session, as allowed by Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Virginia Code, to discuss the disposition by short-term lease of publicly held real property located at 6280 Northampton Boulevard or 1599 Premium Outlets Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia, to Tidewater Mulch, Inc., Four Seasons Nursery for the sale and storage of Christmas trees, where discussion in open meeting would adversely affect the Authority's bargaining or negotiating position or strategy."

Ms. Rhodes's motion was seconded by Mr. Sisco and unanimously approved. (Vote 9-0-0). By a roll call vote, Mr. Brook, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dandalides, Mr. Lee, Mr. Ottinger, Ms. Rhodes, Mr. Sisco, and Mr. Garris voted aye.

Mr. Dandalides stepped out of the closed session room.

After the closed session, the Board reconvened in an open meeting. Ms. Rhodes then made the following motion:

"Mr. Chairman, I move that the Directors of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Norfolk, Virginia, adopt a resolution by roll call vote certifying that the only matters discussed during the closed session just concluded were those matters both lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lee and unanimously approved. (Vote 8-0-0). By a roll call vote, Mr. Brook, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dandalides, Mr. Lee, Mr. Ottinger, Ms. Rhodes, Mr. Sisco, and Mr. Garris voted aye.

MINUTES

Chairman Garris asked the Board to review the minutes in their packets for September, 6th, 2017 and October 4th, 2017 and hearing no questions or adjustments he asked for a motion to approve the minutes separately.

Upon a motion by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Sisco, the minutes of the September 6th, 2017 meeting of the Authority, were approved. (Vote 8-0-0)

Upon a motion by Mr. Lee and seconded by Ms. Rhodes, the minutes of the October 4th, 2017 meeting of the Authority, were approved. (Vote 8-0-0)

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Rigney gave the Board an update on the Rock Climbing Wall. It has been discovered that since the letter of intent was signed they have found out that there are new regulations for storm water retention and this is impacting the purchase of the property due to additional expenses to site improvements. Mr. Rigney will keep the Board updated as they proceed through the process.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

Approved by Marky W. Lee

Attachments: 1. Resiliency Presentation