

MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
March 6, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Selvin Hollingsworth, Geniece Granville, Doug Jenkins, Laura Gower, Audrey Tillman, Will White, Charles Ray Sheffield

MEMBER(S) NOT PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Sanders, Rob McKenna, Pam Hodge, Conner Miller, Eric McDonald w/Ga Power, Jennifer Bickerstaff, Ben Moser, Hailey Rainey and Gen. Andy Hilmes w/UWCV - C4C, Joshua Beard w/Mayors office, Destinee Williams and Jim Livingston/River Valley Regional Commission, Victoria Thomas w/MCSD, Dean. Kidder w/CSU, Jamie Lloyd/CTC, Natalie Bradley/Flint Energy, Tabettha Getz/Columbus2025, Pace Halter/W.C. Bradley

The meeting was called to order by Selvin Hollingsworth at 8:32am

I. WELCOME

- a. February 6, 2025, Minutes - **Having been distributed prior to the meeting and upon motion made by Audrey Tillman and seconded by Laura Gower, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes for February 6, 2025 meeting attached as "Exhibit A."**

II. FINANCES

- a. February 2025 Financial Update – Joe Sanders reviewed the P&L and balance sheet, with highlights on the SPLOST Funding, Millage Rate and C4C/Col2025 Reimbursement. **Upon motion made by Will White and seconded by Charles Ray Sheffield, the Authority unanimously approved the February 2025 Financial Reports attached as "Exhibit B."**

III. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- a. Economic Development Updates by Conner Miller:
 1. There are 20 Leads - 25 Projects - 1 visit and 6 Proposals
 2. Parcel 11, 64 acres at Technology Park – projected to be completed by March 28th

IV. C4C Update:

- a. General Andy Hilmes shared a PowerPoint slide presentation with the following information:
 1. Upcoming World Korean Business Convention
 - i. When: April 17th to April 20th (Thurs. – Sun.)
 - ii. Where: Gas South Convention Center, Duluth Ga.
 - iii. Hosted by: Overseas Korean Agency and Korean American Chamber of Commerce USA
 2. Currently working on the following items:
 - i. Translation of Columbus promotional materials
 - ii. Finalizing relocation assistance program packages
 - iii. Developing Korean linkage to Choose Columbus website
 - iv. Preparing to re-engage Absolics Inc. on attraction of Korean based supply chain
 3. Recent announcement:
 - i. Taiwan semiconductor business is looking to invest \$100 Billion in the U.S. economy
 4. State Manufacturing ranking:
 - i. Georgia is 2nd in states leading in the manufacturing space race
 - ii. Georgia is #1 in the State-by-State Powerhouses manufacturing job creation

5. Site selection trends are shifting:
 - i. **Growth Industries**, from Clean Energy - to All Energy, AI hardware (semiconductor), Aerospace & Defense Geopolitical tensions
 - ii. **Site Preference**, from Brownfield - to Greenfield, etc.
 - iii. **Power Upgrades**, demand on power grids from 2 years - to 4 to 8 years
 - iv. **Labor**, from Low-cost - to recruiting/retention of high-quality talent
 - v. **Incentives** – from pursue state, local and federal to receive anything value - to never make a bad location a good one
6. Upcoming Workforce Summits:
 - i. April 17th (Thursday) @ Columbus State
 - a) Summit Title: Imagine Prosperity
 - ii. September 2025 (Date TBD)
 - a) Summit Title: Harnessing Economic Potential
7. Absolics was awarded \$100 million NAPMP under the CHIPS Act
 - i. Kickoff scheduled March 28th at GA Tech

V. CITY REPORT

- a. Pam Hodge provided an update
 - i. Working on the FY26 Budget
 1. The budget will be presented to Council the end of April
 - ii. Continuing with the construction projects
 1. Brasfield & Gorrie has worked a tight timeline on the Synovus Park renovations
 - iii. Trade Center master plan will be presented to Council on Tuesday
 - iv. Several public meetings are scheduled for the Liberty District
 1. Liberty Theater Restoration
 2. Working to spark activity in the Liberty district to compliment the work taking place in Uptown
 3. Streetscape and Splashpad projects are scheduled
 - v. SPLOST funds of \$48 million Park Improvements for the following parks:
 1. Cooper Creek, Flatrock, Woodruff Farm and Lakebottom Parks

VI. Legal Items:

- a. No legal items per Rob McKenna

VII. Government Affairs:

VIII. Upcoming Events

IX. NEW BUSINESS – Nothing to report

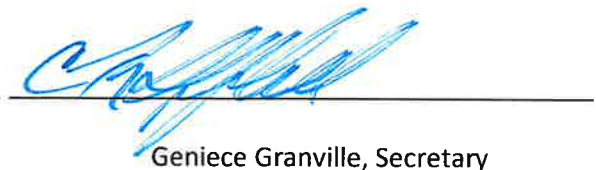
X. OLD BUSINESS – Nothing to report

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Executive session requested after the DA meeting - **Upon motion made by Audrey Tillman and seconded by Geniece Granville, the Authority unanimously approved to move into the Executive Session**

XII. MEETING ADJOURNED



Selvin Hollinsworth, Chairman



Geniece Granville, Secretary