

MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
August 1, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Selvin Hollingsworth, Charles Ray Sheffield, Laura Gower, Will White

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Geniece Granville

ALSO PRESENT: Jerald Mitchell, Joe Sanders, Audrey Tillman, Pam Hodge, Rob McKenna, Conner Miller, Alison Nalley, Tracey Herring, Helen Williams, Jennifer Bickerstaff and Ben Moser w/C4C, Christy Bozeman w/Georgia USA, Joshua Beard w/Mayor's ofc, (Rob McKenna interns: Trent Swinehart, Candace Callahan, Savannah Godowns)

The meeting was called to order by Selvin Hollingsworth at 8:35am

I. WELCOME

- a. July 18, 2024, Minutes - **Having been distributed prior to the meeting and upon motion made by Charles Ray Sheffield and seconded by Laura Gower, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes for July 18, 2024 meeting attached as "Exhibit A."**

II. FINANCES

- a. July 2024 Financial Update – Joe Sanders reviewed the P&L and balance sheet. **Upon motion made by Laura Gower and seconded by Charles Ray Sheffield, the Authority unanimously approved the July 2024 Financial Reports attached as "Exhibit B."**

III. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- a. FY2025 Budget Review
 - i. Handouts provided to the board members
 - ii. Joe reviewed the data
 - b. Economic Development Updates:
 - i. Alison provided a project pipeline update:
 1. Projects increase of 40
 2. 8 Leads (3 leads since the last DA meeting)
 - ii. Action item: Jerald will send Will the link for the list of sites
 - iii. Parcel 11, 64 acres at Technology Park – site development underway
 - iv. Parcel 19, 62 acres at Technology Park – permits under review
 - v. Parcel 18, 101 acres
 - c. Robotics:
 - i. Ted Maciuba robotics consultant from Ft. Moore attending conferences to get Columbus on the radar
 - ii. K12 in robotics competition
 - iii. Commanding General @ Ft. Moore is now the head of robotics for the U.S. Army
 - d. Small Business updates by Alison Nalley
 - i. Small Business visits and new business checkup continues
 - ii. Tracey continues to work on the small business toolkit
 - iii. Roundtable with Mayor Henderson was July 2nd, hosted at the Chamber – the next mayor's roundtable is October 1, 2024 @ 9am
 - iv. Small Business Summer Series: Strategic Planning for your business, Speed Coaching/ACE
- IV. The Columbus Railyards Presentation by Jack Schley w/Page Scrantom
- a. Jack shared a slide presentation on the Columbus GA Railyards (Past, Present & Future)

V. LEGAL ISSUES

a. Rob McKenna provided the legal updates:

- Bond Resolution for Project Maverick (Engine Center) \$144mil
- Bond Resolution for Project Maverick (Forge) \$60mil
Upon motion made by Charles Ray Sheffield and seconded by, Will White, the Authority unanimously approved the Bond Resolution for Pratt & Whitney Project Maverick (Engine Center and Forge)
- Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the SPLOST Funds
Upon motion made by Laura Gower and seconded by Will White, the Authority unanimously approved the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the Authority governing the transfer of SPLOST Funds from the City to the Development Authority
- Request for Amendments to the CCRs for MTP
Upon motion made by Charles Ray Sheffield and seconded by, Will White, the Authority unanimously agreed that Selvin will meet with Rob to better understand the requested changes to the declaration and make the final decisions based on the recommendations made at the meeting
- Termination of the 2002 Assessment Bonds – expired in 2022
Upon motion made by Laura Gower and seconded by, Charles Ray Sheffield, the Authority unanimously approved the terminate of the 2002 Cessna Bond at Cessna’s request

VI. CITY REPORT

a. Pam Hodge provided updates on the following items:

- i. RFP out for the Trade Center parking lot (neighborhood meeting scheduled Friday, Aug 9th)
- ii. Farmers Market on 10th Ave demolition work and environment work started (public meeting to be scheduled to discuss what to do with this property)
- iii. Council approved \$6 million for minor repairs at the jail
- iv. Implementing the One Cart System for trash pick-up starts Sep 9th – options to purchase an additional container is available

VII. C4C Update: Ben Moser provided an update:

- a. Ben recognized the passing Rick McKnight – Ben provided the date & time for the visitation and funeral
 - i. Workforce Development – Phase II Recompete announcement is next week
 1. If the grant is not approved this year, it will push into the finals for next year
 - ii. Land Development – awarded \$1.55 mil thru the HUD Spending Bill – starting work on the site north of Columbus
 - iii. Partnerships
 1. Working with GA Tech on a housing survey study

Government Affairs:

VIII. Upcoming Events

a. Inter-City Leadership Conference – September 25 – 27

IX. NEW BUSINESS – Nothing to report

X. OLD BUSINESS – Nothing to report

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII. MEETING ADJOURNED



Selvin Hollinsworth, Chairman



Charles Ray Sheffield, Vice Chair