

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
February 2, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heath Schondelmayer, Selvin Hollingsworth, Tyson Begly, Charles Ray Sheffield, Geniece Granville, Travis Chambers, Dallis Copeland

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Katelin Bahten, Meghan Richardson, Joe Sanders, Jerald Mitchell, Conner Miller, Kathryn Quackenbush, Ben Adams, Pam Hodge, Deborah Kidder, Kristie Bozeman, Robert McKenna

The meeting was called to order by Heath Schondelmayer. He introduced everyone to the meeting.

I. WELCOME

- A. January 5, 2023 Minutes - **Upon motion made by Travis Chambers and seconded by Selvin Hollingsworth, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the January 5, 2023 meeting attached as "Exhibit A".**

II. FINANCES

- A. January Financial Update – Tyson Begly commented on several line expenses to include the AFB funds, millage rates and elaborated on the balance sheet fluctuations. Joe Sanders explained the cash flow project with Tyson and replenishing the funds after projects begin. Pam Hodge commented on how the city allocates various funds. Discussion across the board on different outlooks on millage funds. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Charles Ray Sheffield, the Authority unanimously approved the January 2023 Financial Reports attached as Exhibit "B".**

III. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- A. Meghan Richardson presents economic development snapshot. She reported the following items:
- Discussion on the Columbus Economic Development strategy for 2023. Goals, strategic industries, tactics for workforce development and success building opportunities.
 - Meghan shared the GA Power video and explained the purpose of how they are using this video to market the city.
 - Discussion on the 2023 project pipeline focusing on the 13K jobs created and \$7.5 Billion potential investments. The pipeline has been growing and increasing opportunity to compete on a new project investment and jobs.
 - Meghan projected the upcoming CMMC 2.0 Workshop partnered with GA Tech, Fort Benning and CSU to help companies working with the government become compliant as the Department of Defense begins to require this certification.
 - Meghan spoke on workforce development apprenticeship programs to include HK, McCauley, Oneda, Panasonic and Columbus Technical College to help build these connections throughout the pipeline.

IV. CITY OF COLUMBUS REPORT

- A. Pam Hodge gave a brief report of the City of Columbus. She talked on City Council taking an economic development tour of Columbus, meeting with Uptown and discussing investments. Cit Hall will be moving into the Synovus building at the beginning of June with demolition of the government center scheduled for August. She spoke on the council issuing warning and citations to all parts of the city, and using this as a way to help clean and uplift the community.

V. CHAMBER REPORT

- A. Jerald Mitchell reported on the following items:
- Jerald recapped on the Chamber mission and the Organizational goals, moving the needle on Valley Partnership, workforce expo and continuing to grow the external influence.
 - He shows and elaborates on a snapshot of where the Chamber is headed such as growing a robust pipeline, land site readiness, advancing robotics partnership and furthering the small business connections.
 - Jerald spoke on the visit to Atlanta with Meghan, Heath and Selvin. Discussion followed by the board with questions, explanation of mega projects in comparison to mega sites, as well as the positivity of being a Tier 1 City.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Nothing significant to report.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ben Adams from Barge gave a presentation of the parcels in Muscogee Technology Parkway. He explained the dollar difference of cost per acre and how it varies on the type of terrain. Ben discussed concepts and possibilities of pad layouts for different parcels, equaling a total of 80 acres, and estimating 6 months to complete the padding. Discussing across the board on cost, clearing and which parcel(s) to develop.

VIII. LEGAL ISSUES

- A. Termination of Columbus Productions Bond Documents. Upon motion made by Dallis Copeland and seconded by Selvin Hollingsworth, the Authority unanimously approved the Termination of Columbus Productions Bond Documents.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. None.

X. MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business the Authority was declared adjourned by the Chairman.



Heath Schondelmayer, Chairman



Tyson Begly, Secretary/Treasurer