

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING Wednesday, October 18, 2023

**Commissioners Present:** Lauren Becker, Chair; Jamie Waters, Vice Chair; Amy Bryan, Dan Gilbert, Pace Halter, Michelle Spivey

**Commissioners Absent:** Miles Greathouse, Secretary/Treasurer; Sherricka Day, Peter Jones, Mayor Skip Henderson

**Special Invitees:** Norm Easterbrook, RiverCenter for the Performing Arts; Haley Tillery, Columbus GA Convention & Trade Center; Merri Sherman, Columbus Sports Council; Ed Wolverton, Uptown Columbus, Inc.

Staff Present: Peter Bowden, Shelby Guest, Kim Gonzalez, and Ashley Woitena

Call to Order ..... Lauren Becker

• The October 2023 meeting was called to order by Lauren Becker at 4:00 pm.

Special Presentation Tourism Investment District.....Lauren Becker

- Lauren Becker introduced Tiffany Gallagher with Civitas. Ms. Gallagher gave a presentation about the inner workings of a Tourism Investment District (TID). She explained how a TID operates, and the various steps needed to form a TID. Ms. Gallaher took questions from attendees.
- A motion to proceed with the TID feasibility study was made by Pace Halter, seconded by Dan Gilbert. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Secretary Treasurer Report ...... Lauren Becker

 In the absence of Secretary/Treasurer Miles Greathouse, Lauren Becker presented the consent agenda which included minutes for the September 2023 meeting, as well as financials for September 2023. She asked if there were any questions or discussion. There being none, a motion was made by Pace Halter to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Jamie Waters. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Adjournment ...... Lauren Becker

With no further business, Ms. Becker adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.