

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
July 9, 2020
Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alfred Blackmar, Russ Carreker, Selvin Hollingsworth, Jacki Lowe, Lisa Smith, Chris Wightman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Heath Schondelmayer

ALSO PRESENT:

Ben Adams, Richard Baxter, Josh Beard, Peter Bowden, Sendreka Lakes, Jamie Loyd, Jim Lovett, Rob McKenna, Stacey Pritchard, Joe Sanders, Brian Sillitto, Katherine Kelly

Russ Carreker, Chairman, noting that a quorum was present and proper notice had been given in accordance with the requirements of Georgia law, called the July 9, 2020 meeting to order.

MINUTES

Upon motion made by Jacki Lowe and seconded by Chris Wightman, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the June 4, 2020 meeting attached as Exhibit "A".

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Joe Sanders reported that this is the report for the end of FY 2020. He reviewed the reports and explained some variances. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Lisa Smith, the Authority unanimously approved the June 2020 Financial Reports attached as Exhibit "B".**
- Brian Sillitto gave an overview of the proposed budget for FY 2021. He gave an overview of the proposed budget which used historical data and estimated millage from the City to build a budget for FY 2021. It was suggested that some of the balance in FY 20 be used to increase the marketing line item. There might be other areas where these funds could also be used. Further discussions can take place. There was also some discussion about a spec building. **Upon motion made by Chris Wightman and seconded by Selvin Hollingsworth, the Authority unanimously approved the FY 2021 Budget as presented in Exhibit "B".**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Brian Sillitto reviewed the activity report for June. There was an announcement by HPPE and two new leads. He gave updates on the active projects.
- Richard Baxter reported that efforts are being made to develop the protocol to restart production of films and determine if companies already under contract will be able to come to Columbus. He will continue at least through July.
- Jim Lovett reported that Savannah continues to work from home program. He will be glad to assist us in any way he can.
- Josh Beard reported that Sendreka and he talked with engineering department at Auburn which is very interested in partnering with us and Fort Benning robotics people. There was a favorable write up from Senate Arms Committee with \$7.5M annually. There is support from other legislators. Efforts need to continue to get this passed into the budget.
- Jamie Loyd gave an update on the Certified Production Technician Program. The Ranger Regiment at Ft. Benning contacted him about a Certified Logistics Technician Program which will start in about two weeks. These programs should be an assist to the manufacturing partners.

The Heroes Make America has been approved the eligibility for funding by the Workforce Development Board.

- Sendreka Lakes reported there is a grant from the Workforce Development Board for a consultant to do a study on the effect of COVID-19 on the local workforce and id there is an effect on government contracts.

CITY OF COLUMBUS REPORT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OTHER ISSUES

Brian Sillitto reported that Gildan will be closing and has been affected by pandemic.

LEGAL ISSUES

- Upon motion made by Chris Wightman and seconded by Selvin Hollingsworth, the Authority unanimously approved the Second Amendments that the Development Authority security deed and subordination will remain in effect and unchanged by the delay of payments by Columbus Georgia Hotel Partners, LP with the lender for the project.
- Upon motion made by Jacki Lowe and seconded by Selvin Hollingsworth, the Authority unanimously approved the Quitclaim Deed to Total System Services, LLC of the property north of the existing TSYS Campus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

By: _____
Jacki W. Lowe, Secretary

Approved by:

Russell D. Carreker, Chair

NOTE: These minutes were approved by the Authority at the August 6, 2020 meeting but are not signed since meeting was via ZOOM.