

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
February 10, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alfred Blackmar, Geniece Granville, Selvin Hollingsworth, Heath Schondelmayer, Chris Wightman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

D. Copeland

ALSO PRESENT:

Tom Horn, Rob McKenna, Deborah Kidder, Jerald Mitchell, Stacy Pritchard, Joe Sanders, Brian Sillitto, Mat Swift, Katherine Kelly

Heath Schondelmayer, Treasurer, noting that a quorum was present and proper notice had been given in accordance with the requirements of Georgia law, called the February 10, 2022 meeting to order.

MINUTES

Upon motion made by Alfred Blackmar and seconded by Selvin Hollingsworth, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the January 13, 2022 meeting attached as Exhibit "A".

FINANCES

- Finances January 2022 - Heath Schondelmayer commented on the revenues and expenses. He explained some variances. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Alfred Blackmar, the Authority unanimously approved the January 2022 Financial Report attached as Exhibit "B".**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- Brian Sillitto gave an update of the grading on Parcel 5 in MTP. Parcels 8 and 9 have already been graded. He reported there were 4 leads in January and there are 4 projects and 19 suspects. There was some discussion about call centers having staff difficulties. He spoke about the 5 prospects.
- Jerald Mitchell reported that the modified Columbus Day at the Capitol was good event with all our delegation attending with Heath Schondelmayer, Major General Donohoe. The event sponsors were Georgia Power, Liberty Utilities, and AT&T. Calvin Smyre was recognized since this is his last session before confirmation of his Ambassadorship. The Chamber is assisting with processing the applications for the ARP funds and then forwarding the completed applications to the City for evaluation. There will be a Small Business Forum later in February with a keynote speaker and breakout workshops. He spoke about these opportunities to showcase Columbus: International Canoe Federation Kayak Sprint Cup in June -July with World Kayaking Championship here next year, Leadership Georgia and Leadership Georgia Gala in November. Heath Schondelmayer is Chairing The Red Carpet Tour for 2023. The Chamber remains focused on 6000 new jobs by 2026 and 500 new members in next 5 years. He reported efforts continue in regionalism and in marketing and branding He has met with Alesia Wolf, the regional director for Senator Jon Ossoff. The Chamber will support the TSPLOST but not be the face of it. He would like to be have a TSPLOST Overview at the March meeting. TSPLOST is important for economic development.
- Heath Schondelmayer asked ARP link to members. He made comments about the upcoming showcase events and asked members to put on their calendars.

CITY OF COLUMBUS REPORT

Pam Hodge was not able to attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution for Russ Carreker – Heath Schondelmayer spoke about the service of Russ Carreker to the Development Authority, Columbus 2025, Chamber of Commerce and other community organizations. Brian Sillitto read the “Resolution in Appreciation for the Services of Russell D. Carreker”. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Chris Wightman, the Authority unanimously adopted the “Resolution in Appreciation for the Services of Russell D. Carreker”.** Document is on file.
- Election of Officers – **Upon motion made by Geniece Granville and seconded by Chris Wightman, the following officers were elected to be effective immediately: Chairman – Heath Schondelmayer, Vice Chairman – Selvin Hollingsworth, and Secretary/Treasurer – Alfred Blackmar.**
- Jerald Mitchell spoke about efforts to have a local person appointed to the open position on the Georgia Department of Transportation Board upon the death of Russ Carreker.

LEGAL ISSUES

- **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Alfred Blackmar, the Authority unanimously approved the Termination of the Bonds for Hammett Steel and the transfer back of its property.** Documents are on file.
- **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Alfred Blackmar, the Authority unanimously approved the request from the Georgia Department of Transportation to acquire 0.35 acres of the property donated to the Authority by the former Atmos Energy.** Document is on file.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

MEETING ADJOURNED

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



Heath Schondelmayer, Chairman

By: 

Alfred Blackmar, Secretary/Treasurer