

MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
April 3, 2025

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

MEMBER(S) NOT PRESENT: Geniece Granville, Doug Jenkins

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Sanders, Rob McKenna, Pam Hodge, Conner Miller, Eric McDonald w/Ga Power, Joshua Beard w/Mayors office, Destinee Williams and Tracey Hadley/River Valley Regional Commission, Pace Halter/WC Bradley, Christy Bozeman/Regional PM, Ashley Woitera/Visit Columbus, Robert Watkins/Ga Power, Tom Horn/CWW

The meeting was called to order by Selvin Hollingsworth at 8:30am

I. WELCOME

- a. March 6, 2025, Minutes - **Having been distributed prior to the meeting and upon motion made by Will White and seconded by Audrey Tillman, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes for March 6, 2025 meeting attached as "Exhibit A."**

II. FINANCES

- a. March 2025 Financial Update – Joe Sanders reviewed the P&L and balance sheet.
Upon motion made by Charles Ray Sheffield and seconded by, Audrey Tillman the Authority unanimously approved the March 2025 Financial Reports attached as "Exhibit B."

III. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- a. Economic Development Updates by Conner Miller:
 1. The Amazon announcement is scheduled this week with operations scheduled to start this month
 2. There are 23 Leads - 25 Projects - 2 visit and 4 Proposals
 3. Parcel 11, 64 acres at Technology Park has been completed and ready to go
 - i. Parcel 11 timeline:
 - a. Started the process with permit in Oct 2024
 - b. Grading and clearing started in Nov/Dec 2024
 - c. Mar 2025, clearing completed, the grass is in place and site is ready
 4. Parcel 16, 79 acres
 - i. Applied for the Rural Site Development Grant
 - a. Grant approval is scheduled for June 2025
 5. Parcel 22, 35-46 acres
 - i. Development proposal from Barge has been submitted
 - ii. Pre-work and clearing should take 3 to 4 months

Upon motion made by Will White and seconded by, Laura Gower the Authority unanimously approved the pre-work/clearing for Parcel 22

IV. CITY REPORT

- a. City updates by Pam Hodge:
 1. Update presented to City Council for the RFP to be released on the South Commons proposed development next to the baseball field
 2. Working on the Trade Center parking garage
 - i. The purpose is to increase parking at the Trade Center to prevent parking in the historic district

3. The Trade Center Authority has developed a master plan to include a hotel with a parking garage connecting to the Trade Center

V. Legal Items:

- a. Legal update by Rob McKenna:

1. Inducement Resolution and Project Agreement for Omega Plastics

Upon motion made by Audrey Tillman and seconded by, Will White the Authority unanimously approved the Inducement Resolution and Project Agreement for Omega Plastics

VI. Government Affairs:


VII. Upcoming Events

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – Nothing to report

IX. OLD BUSINESS – Nothing to report

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Executive session requested after the DA meeting - **Upon motion made by Audrey Tillman and seconded by Will White, the Authority unanimously approved to move into the Executive Session for Project discussion**

XI. MEETING ADJOURNED



Selvin Hollinsworth, Chairman



Geniece Granville, Secretary