

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
August 4, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Heath Schondelmayer, Selvin Hollingsworth, Charles Ray Sheffield, Dallis Copeland, Geniece Granville Tyson Begly

ALSO PRESENT:

Pam Hodge, Jamie Spencer, Meghan Richardson, Tabettha Getz, Conner Miller, Marcia Dunn, Jerald Mitchell, Joe Sanders, Brian Sillitto, Steve Davis, Josh Beard, Deborah Kidder, Stacey Pritchard, Mayor Skip Henderson, Jim Yancey, Pace Halter, Mat Swift, Robert McKenna, Travis Chambers; By zoom: Isaac Yilma, Paul Burnside, David Mitchell, Christy Bozeman and Natalie Bradley

MINUTES

Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Dallis Copeland, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the July 7, 2022 meeting attached as Exhibit "A".

FINANCES

- Finances July 7 2022 – Tyson Begly commented on revenue and expenses.
- **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Charles Ray Sheffield, the Authority unanimously approved the July 2022 Financial Reports attached as Exhibit "B".**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Meghan Richardson presents economic development snapshot. She reported the following items:

- Discussion on leads, defined projects, proposals, 2022 pipeline projects, and trajectory on jobs.
- Workforce Development: Conner Miller gave a brief update on Better Work Columbus graduation, Construction Ready class 3, PIE Kickoff, JROTC Tours, Workforce round table with workforce partners.
- Discussed what social media pages members should follow and content being shared.

CITY OF COLUMBUS REPORT

- Pam Hodge discussed work on old Synovus building construction, occupancy to begin summer 2024.
- SPLOST-collected for 3 months now with projects kicking off January 2023
- TSPLOST-initial conversations of prioritizing the 11 projects in band 1, with a list being shared in the next couple of months.
- City is still moving forward with the pay plan, with presentations being done. Hope to present to city council by end of August and implement in January.
- Mayor Skip Henderson congratulated the Development Authority after questions on all topics covered by Pam.

CHAMBER REPORT

- Jerald Mitchell reminded members of the mission of the chamber, as well as growth goals, growing the profile of Columbus past the city limits of Columbus.

- Major upcoming initiatives with growing memberships, Columbus 2025 Campaign, support of the 2022/2023 World Kayaking Cup events, and celebration of the Chamber's 175th year, Cohesive Image and Identity Project.
- July activity included: TSPLOST, New Office, ARP Grant, GA Department of Transportation meeting with representative, GA Department Economic Development Board Meeting in August and, Livability Magazine.
- Discussion on the relaunch of Partners in Education
- Meghan introduced Marcia Dunn as the Small Business Manager
- Jerald briefly discussed new chamber staff, ICLC, Annual meeting on 2 December, Valley Partnership and that more events with marketing opportunities are coming up.

OLD BUSINESS

- Nothing significant to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- Travis Chambers introduced by Heath

LEGAL ISSUES

- Brian Sillitto discussed AFB proposal and incentives. Rob McKenna presented the request for an Inducement Resolution and Project Agreement in support of the Project **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Tyson Bagley, the Authority approved the Inducement Resolution and Project Agreement by unanimous vote.**
- The Preserve at Columbus, LLC requested the approval of the Transfer and Assignment of The Preserve, the execution of Joinder to Security Deed, and a Lease Extension. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Charles Ray Sheffield, the Authority approved the same by unanimous vote.**
- Ratification of offer to Quitclaim of 1 Polychrome Way to Kodak. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Charles Ray Sheffield, the Authority approved the same by unanimous vote.**
- Approval of transfer to 4551 Cargo Drive to CEDC. The CEDC reported that it was going to pay off the existing Bonds and requested the transfer of the Project to the CEDC pursuant to its option under the Lease. **Heath Schondelmayer recused himself from this vote and Upon motion made by Dallis. Copeland and seconded by Charles Ray Sheffield, the Authority approved the transfer to the CEDC.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MEETING ADJOURNED

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



Heath Schondelmayer, Chairman



Tyson Bagley, Secretary/Treasurer