

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA  
November 7, 2019

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Alfred Blackmar, Russ Carreker, Selvin Hollingsworth, Heath Schondelmayer, Chris Wightman, Jimmy Yancey

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jacki Lowe

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Richard Baxter, Josh Beard, Pam Hodge, Sendreka Lakes, Rob McKenna, Stacey Pritchard, Joe Sanders, Brian Sillitto, Ty Webb, Katherine Kelly

Russ Carreker, Chair, noting that a quorum was present and proper notice had been given in accordance with the requirements of Georgia law, called the November 7, 2019 meeting to order. He welcomed members of the CEDC.

**MINUTES**

**Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Heath Schondelmayer, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the October 3, 2019 and the October 18, 2019 meetings attached as Exhibit "A".**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Heath Schondelmayer made a few comments about finances. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Chris Wightman, the Authority unanimously approved the October 2019 Financial Reports attached as Exhibit "B".**
- The CEDC was called to order in a joint meeting to hear the report of the FY 2018/2019 Consolidated Audit. Matt Sellers of Robinson, Grimes & Company presented the consolidated audit to the members. He reviewed items on a number of pages and explained some new requirements. Discussion took place. **Upon motion made by Jimmy Yancey and seconded by Selvin Hollingsworth, the Authority unanimously accepted the 2018/2019 Consolidate Audit as presented.** Document is on file.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Richard Baxter reported that the second Bruce Willis film should be in pre-production in December and shooting after first of the year. A contract has been approved. Negotiations are underway with the group that did the first Bruce Willis movie for two more movies in 2020. There are discussions with nine other prospects interested in Columbus. The workforce goal is to have 200-250 locally based trained employees in three years. It is encouraged that companies use local vendors. Richard Baxter is retiring at the end of July 2020. Discussion took place.
- Brian Sillitto reported on Califormulations which recently announced a capital investment of \$5 million and 30 new jobs. He reviewed some of the projects nearing announcements. He reported on leads and gave updates on the active projects in Exhibit "C".
- Josh Beard gave an update on the activities he has been doing. He has been talking with community, State and Federal leaders about robotics. Now action needs to happen. The areas being worked on are academics and workforce, military industry front and legislative affairs. He highlighted activities with these areas. Discussion took place.
- Russ Carreker reported that Mat Swift, Brian Sillitto and he met with Commissioner Pat Wilson and had good discussion.

**CITY OF COLUMBUS REPORT**

Pam Hodge reported that Council is beginning to evaluate options for government center and judicial center. The first round of public meetings for SPLOST is half way completed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

A request for funds has been received from the Japanese Saturday School. **Upon motion made by Jimmy Yancey and seconded by Selvin Hollingsworth, the Authority unanimously approved remitting \$1,000.00 to the Japanese Saturday School.**

**LEGAL ISSUES**

**Upon motion made by Jimmy Yancey and seconded by Selvin Hollingsworth, the Authority unanimously approved the Bond Resolution for the EJWHM (Hampton) Project.**

**OTHER ISSUES**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**Upon motion made by Jimmy Yancey and seconded by Selvin Hollingsworth, the meeting was adjourned.**

Approved by:



Russell D. Carreker, Chair

BY:   
Jacki W. Lowe, Secretary