

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
March 7, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heath Schondelmayer, Selvin Hollingsworth, Charles Ray Sheffield, Laura Gower, Geniece Granville, Travis Chambers, Pam Hodge

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Dallis Copeland

ALSO PRESENT: Jerald Mitchell, Joe Sanders, Rob McKenna, Tracey Herring, Conner Miller, Christy Bozeman, Helen Williams, (Steve Catchings, Ashley Gresham, Natalie Bradley w/Flint Energies), (Jennifer Bickerstaff and Ben Moser w/C4C), Rebecca White w/DCA, Christy Bozeman w/Georgia USA

The meeting was called to order by Heath Schondelmayer at 8:29 AM.

I. WELCOME

- a. February 1, 2024, Minutes - **Having been distributed during to the meeting and upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Laura Gower the Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the February 1, 2024, meeting attached as "Exhibit A."**

II. LEGAL ISSUES

- a. Rob McKenna provided the following items:
 - i. Approval of MOU between the City and the Authority for funding of Regional Prosperity Initiative, Inc. (Columbus 2025). **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Laura Gower, the Authority unanimously approved to Allow Access.**
 - ii. Discussion of valuation of Blanchard Blvd in connection with Waggoner Lease. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Charles Sheffield, the Authority unanimously approved to Allow Access.**

III. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- a. Jerald provided an overview of the 2023 Annual Report
- b. Barge 11 update

IV. CITY REPORT

- a. Pam provided updates:
 - i. Significant concept changes with the construction due to the replacement of the Oglethorpe Bridge that will change the original design
 - ii. RFP redevelopment of South Commons parking lot – two portions of the parking lot asphalt and tank farm
 - iii. Housing Authority is rethinking how to include Northside of Victory Dr into the redevelopment

- iv. The Judicial center is well on the way and coming back to council for the first meeting in April for the release package for the contractors - the completion date for the Judicial center is 2026
- v. Working on a Jail Assessment – coming back to council in April to make a decision on the jail (rebuild or not), it needs a lot of work
- vi. We have kicked off all of the TSPLOST projects, there are about 45 active projects

V. FINANCES

- a. February Financial Update – Joe Sanders reviewed the P&L and balance sheet and provided an update on the SPLOT funds line items. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Laura Gower, the Authority unanimously approved the February Financial Reports attached as “Exhibit B.”**

VI. NEW BUSINESS - Heath introduced Jennifer Bickerstaff and Ben Moser to provide an update on C4C (Chips for Chips)

- a. Jennifer provided an Education/Workforce Development update:
 - i. 19 Columbus representatives visited Manassas, VA for 3 days (including reps from CSU, Columbus Tech, Muscogee County School District, Dr. David Lewis & team, Russell County School District, Phenix City School District, CDCC, Alabama Community College, Troy University, and the Chips for Chips team)
 - ii. Visited Micron a memory chips maker with the goal to see how Manassas community interacted with Micron in regards to Education and Workforce Development
 - iii. They would like to put STEM in the K-12 and Universities
 - iv. Dr. David Lewis has a STEM plan for K-12
- b. Ben provided an Economic Development update:
 - i. Micron has been in VA for 15 years
 - ii. Located on 200 acres of land
 - iii. Micron makes memory chips for automotives
 - iv. Micron is looking for a North American packaging location
 - v. Two projects in the pipeline:
 - 1. Project Plantronics – manufacture of semiconductors (wants to relocate)
 - 2. Project Silica – semiconductor industry (showed sites in Harris County)
 - vi. Formed a relationship with a law firm in Indiana that is very familiar with semiconductor companies
 - vii. Looking for land with 100 – 1000 acres for the companies to relocate to Columbus GA or surrounding areas
 - viii. Heath mentioned plots 17 & 18 maybe an area to check out
- c. Bill Dudley provided updates:
 - i. House Bill 1440 Richard Smith Chips Act
 - ii. License Reciprocity for Military spouse (recognize the education and experience that a licensee has obtained in another state).
 - iii. Tax Credit for Historic preservations

VII. Upcoming Events

- a. Small Business Bootcamp – March 19th
- b. State of Fort Moore – April 26th
- c. Partnership Golf Tournament – May 3rd

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Nothing significant to report

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Nothing significant to report

X. MEETING ADJOURNED

- i. There being no further business of the Authority was declared adjourned by the Chairman at 9:28 am.



Heath Schondelmayer, Chairman



Selvin Hollingsworth, Vice Chair

