

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
February 6, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Richard Baxter, Josh Beard, Pam Hodge, Sendreka Lakes, Rob McKenna, Joe Sanders, Brian Sillitto, 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 February 6, 2020 meeting to order.

MINUTES

Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Jacki Lowe, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the January 9, 2020 meeting attached as Exhibit "A".

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Heath Schondelmayer reviewed the reports and explained variances. He talked about MTP site development fees which are in and out dollars. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Jimmy Yancey, the Authority unanimously approved the January 2020 Financial Reports attached as Exhibit "B".**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Brian Sillitto gave update on 5 active projects. The Marriott will begin refreshing rooms from the ground floor up later this month. He will be meeting with the new site manager at Kodak. The renewal of lease on the warehouse is still under negotiations. The CEDC has approved the reroofing of the warehouse. He gave updates on GCS which is ramping up hiring and First Credit Services expects to open in April. The Corporate Ridge Business Park Association has been reorganized and now being managed by the Association. Parcel 9 in MTP is pad ready and Parcel 8 is pad ready but not stabilized yet. The Economic Development Report is attached as Exhibit "C".

CITY OF COLUMBUS REPORT

Pam Hodge reported that process of moving Health Department to the former Virginia College facility is underway. Evaluations of the Government Center and the SPLOST continue. Improvements to the Government Center will be done to ensure safety. Evaluations are also being done on possible sites for new facility.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business; however two reports were made. Russ Carreker gave an update on the status of the Chamber CEO search. He reviewed the Authority members' terms which would be expiring at the end of April. The City Council will be re-appointing or appointing people for the expiring terms.

NEW BUSINESS

Russ Carreker reported that unofficially it appears the Army plans to stand up a 4th Corp with sites narrowed but not decided at present. He reported on discussions about funds for robotics. It appears that funds will be further in the future than expected. The needs of Ft. Benning in the area of robotics should be better understood. Comments were made about making sure that the UGA Economic Outlook reflects correctly what is happening in Columbus area.

LEGAL ISSUES

- Project Zummit agreement is not ready for action by Authority.
- **Upon motion made by Jimmy Yancey and seconded by Jacki Lowe, the Authority unanimously approved the termination of the Virginia College Bond Issue and transfer of property to 5601 VPCG, LLC and giving right of entry to the City of Columbus.**
- **Upon motion made by Jimmy Yancey and seconded by Selvin Hollingsworth, the Authority unanimously approved the assignment of the SunBelt RCG Project (Residence Inn) Lease to RAM.**
- **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Jimmy Yancey, the Authority unanimously approved an easement at the Maple Ridge Apartments Project to Georgia Power.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER ITEM

Richard Baxter reported on the two film grants in 2019. He reported on the current film being done in Columbus and status of other prospects. He reported on the hearing on the procedures of auditing tax credits on the film industry. He spoke before the Department of Revenue about what is happening in Columbus. The DOR also addressed what the multiplier should be in determining the economic impact of films. The Film Fund Update from the Columbus Film Commission is attached.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion made by Jimmy Yancey and seconded by Jacki Lowe, the meeting was adjourned.

By: 
Jacki W. Lowe, Secretary

Approved by:



Russell D. Carreker, Chair

HEATH SCHUNDELMAYER, TREASURER