

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
July 13, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heath Schondelmayer, Selvin Hollingsworth, Charles Ray Sheffield, Travis Chambers, Geniece Granville

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Dallis Copeland

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Sanders, Jerald Mitchell, Brian Sillitto, Pam Hodge, Conner Miller, Robert McKenna, Heather Chason, Kathryn Quackenbush, Deborah Kidder, Fady Mansour, Jason Kosmas, Janeen Tucker, Tyson Begly

The meeting was called to order by Heath Schondelmayer.

I. WELCOME

- A. June 1, 2023 Minutes - **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Charles Ray Sheffield, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the June 1, 2023 meeting attached as "Exhibit A".**
- B. June 15, 2023 Minutes - **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Charles Ray Sheffield, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the June 15, 2023 meeting attached as "Exhibit C".**

II. FINANCES

- A. June Financial Update – Joe Sanders commented on several line items to include millage funding, ICF expenses, and the CEDC funds balance. Jerald Mitchell noted that the project managers event would be moved to October. Brief discussion over budget preparation for the next fiscal year. Joe Sanders commented that board members could expect to receive the budget for review and approval at the next meeting. **Upon motion by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Travis Chambers, the Authority unanimously approved the May 2023 Financial Reports attached as Exhibit "B".**

III. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- A. Jerald Mitchell presents Economic Development snapshot. He reported the following:
 - Jerald discussed 2023 Project Pipeline and goals with an expectation of 10-15% of opportunities materializing and an 18-month timeline for cycle of completion. He commented on the most promising target industry sectors including battery production and storage, electric vehicle suppliers, aerospace, and advanced manufacturing.
 - Jerald reported on the status of active projects and development of the site plan for Muscogee Technology Park including cleared sites and priority sites. Jerald emphasized the importance of reducing speed to market timeframes. Discussion over target areas, cost productive sites, and traction of smaller projects. Jerald reported on the status of AFB International's site development and facility preparations.

- Conner Miller discussed CTC receiving approval for their manufacturing center and its current design plan including the location and the allocated square footage for lab base and classrooms. Jerald Mitchell elaborated on the importance of CTC as a workforce partner and prioritizing workforce development initiatives.

B. Charles Ray Sheffield questioned the status of receiving grading quotes for Technology Park and the lot sale. Discussion over preparing sites for joint site projects, comparing estimates for grading quotes, and bringing quotes to the group to make a collaborative decision on how to proceed to get sites pad ready. Heath Schondelmayer also commented on the lot sale being under contract and still in the due diligence period. Heath also suggested making a joint visit to walk the sites to finalize decisions regarding site development and priorities.

IV. CITY OF COLUMBUS REPORT

A. Pam Hodge reported that the City passed the annual budget and last-minute adjustments included lowering the millage rate but it did not change for the Development Authority. The City is expecting to free up about \$800,000 for economic development funds over the next two years. Discussion over how the millage rate reductions will affect home values and homestead exemptions.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing significant to report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing significant to report.

VII. LEGAL ISSUES

A. Rob Mckenna reported on receiving and needing to approve the bond resolution for Pratt & Whitney. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Geniece Granville, the Authority unanimously approved the bond resolution for Pratt & Whitney.**

B. Rob Mckenna reported on a request from Synovus for consent to build solar panels on Moon Road property and a nondisturbance. Heath Schondelmayer recused himself. **Upon motion made by Travis Chambers and seconded by Selvin Hollingsworth, the Authority unanimously approved the consent and nondisturbance for Synovus.**

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive session called.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED

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



Heath Schondelmayer, Chairman



Selvin Hollingsworth, Vice Chair