

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
July 18, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Selvin Hollingsworth, Charles Ray Sheffield, Laura Gower

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Geniece Granville, Will White (Travis Chamber and Dallis Copeland resigned)

ALSO PRESENT: Jerald Mitchell, Joe Sanders, Pam Hodge, Rob McKenna, Conner Miller, Alison Nalley, Helen Williams, Jennifer Bickerstaff w/C4C, Dr. Deb Kidder w/CSU, Christy Bozeman w/Georgia USA, Chuck Ford w/Rob McKenna

The meeting was called to order by Selvin Hollingsworth at 8:35am

I. WELCOME

- a. June 6, 2024, Minutes - **Having been distributed prior to the meeting and upon motion made by Charles Ray Sheffield and seconded by Laura Gower the Authority unanimously approved the minutes for May 2, 2024 and June 6, 2024 meeting attached as "Exhibit A."**

II. FINANCES

- a. June 2024 Financial Update – Joe Sanders reviewed the P&L and balance sheet. **Upon motion made by Laura Gower and seconded by Charles Ray Sheffield the Authority unanimously approved the May and June 2024 Financial Reports attached as "Exhibit B."**

III. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- a. FY2025 Budget Review
 - i. Handouts provided to the board members
 - ii. Joe reviewed the data
 - iii. Selvin and Charles Ray will schedule a meeting with Joe, if questions
- b. Economic Development Updates:
 - i. Alison has conducted a few site visits
 - ii. Parcel 11, 64 acres - work continues – Alison has the site permit
 - iii. Parcel 19, 62 acres
 - iv. Parcel 18, 101 acres
- c. Robotics:
 - i. Ft. Moore and CSU are collaborating on robotic labs
 - ii. Selvin and Jerald attended a Robotics Demo at Ft. Moore, very impressed with the Retro Fits and Drones
- d. Small Business updates by Tracey Herring
 - i. Small Business visits and new business checkup continues
 - ii. Roundtable with Mayor Henderson was July 2nd, hosted at the Chamber – the next mayor's roundtable is October 1, 2024 @ 9am
 - iii. 25 Small Businesses engaged during June 2024
 - iv. Small Business Summer Series: Restaurant Week and Business Plan Workshop

IV. LEGAL ISSUES

a. Rob McKenna provided the legal updates:

- Ratification of Option Extension
Upon motion made by Laura Gower and seconded by Charles Ray Sheffield, the Authority unanimously approval 30 days extension.
- Discussion of Lease Option with Waggoner's Family Trucking
No voting needed on this item; the Waggoner family would like to consider a purchase option.
- Approval of the refinance documents for the Cascade Hotels, LLC – Hilton Garden Inn Project **Upon motion made by Charles Ray Sheffield and seconded by Laura Gower, the Authority unanimously approved the refinance.**

V. C4C Update: Jennifer Bickerstaff provided an update:

- i. Awaiting the Recompete Grant application approval
- ii. The application is called: Prosper Chattahoochee
- iii. If the grant is not approved this year, it receives automatic approval next year
- iv. Requesting advice from the DA on Workforce Development
- v. NAPMP application is a part of the Chips Act

VI. CITY REPORT

a. Pam Hodge provided updates on the following items:

- i. FY25 Budget passed – the millage rate remains the same (no changes to homestead exemption tax)
- ii. Seeing more activity at the Judicial Center – projected for 2026
- iii. City Hall – the Synovus Bank building is moving out in September – renovations to start in October
- iv. The Annex building will be available in 2026
- v. Golden Park Baseball is making great progress – projected for 2025
- vi. Bradley Park construction is being addressed

VII. Government Affairs:

a. Jerald provided the upcoming Nov 5th election and Dec 3rd runoff dates

VIII. Upcoming Events

a. Inter-City Leadership Conference – September 25 - 27

IX. NEW BUSINESS – Nothing to report

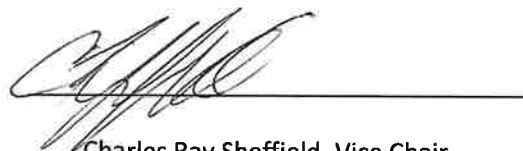
X. OLD BUSINESS – Nothing to report

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII. MEETING ADJOURNED



Selvin Hollinsworth, Chairman



Charles Ray Sheffield, Vice Chair