

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
September 2, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alfred Blackman, Russ Carreker, Selvin Hollingsworth, Heath Schondelmayer, Chris Wightman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lisa Smith

ALSO PRESENT:

Pam Hodge, Tom Horn, Rob McKenna, Jerald Mitchell, Joe Sanders, Brian Sillitto, Katherine Kelly

Heath Schondelmayer, Treasurer, noting that a quorum was present in person and proper notice had been given in accordance with the requirements of Georgia law, called the September 2, 2021 meeting to order.

MINUTES

Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Chris Wightman, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the August 5, 2021 meeting attached as Exhibit "A".

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Finances August 2021 - Heath Schondelmayer reported that the audit is going well and should be presented at the October meeting. He reviewed the revenues which are right on budget and the expenses which are under budget. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Chris Wightman, the Authority unanimously approved the August 2021 Financial Report attached as Exhibit "B".**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- Russ Carreker talked about the report regarding Amtrak possible routes from Atlanta to Montgomery. He has been talking with Carol Comer at GDOT. He reported that it might be possible for Columbus to eventually get back in considerations.
- Brian Sillitto reported there were 7 leads in August with 2 coming from the State with 44 leads to date in 2021 with 15 from the State. He reported about the 15 prospects, 19 suspects, and give updates on the 5 projects.
- Jerald Mitchell reported that the project managers from GDEcD and Georgia Power will be here in September and they will see the competitiveness of Columbus. He reported on the Mass Economics / Smith Group findings. He highlighted and spoke briefly on some key findings. One area related to Global Business Attraction (Targeted Industries). He spoke about the following industries: logistics and distribution (e-commerce), manufacturing (food & electric vehicles), defense (robotics), and construction (green infrastructure). Another area related to innovation and entrepreneurship in these industries: healthcare, fintech, insurance/insurtech, and transportation/mobility. He talked briefly about looking forward.

CITY OF COLUMBUS REPORT

Pam Hodge reminded members that the SPLOST will be on the November 2 ballot and the campaign is underway. There is a \$9M budget item for economic development in MTP and South Columbus which would under an MOU. The project list for the T-SPLOST is still in progress. The T-SPLOST will be on ballot in May 2022. Sales taxes continue to increase each year. She reported that the first allocation of the ARP funds has been received in the amount of \$39M but still have not received the guidelines. The funding priorities are being worked on by the City Council.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Heath Schondelmayer spoke about Jacki Lowe and her service on the Authority. Brian Sillitto read the Resolution in Appreciation for the Services of Jacquelyn W. Lowe. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Alfred Blackmar, the Authority unanimously adopted the Resolution in Appreciation for the Services of Jacquelyn W. Lowe as presented.** A copy is attached as part of these minutes and a copy will be given to the City of Columbus.

LEGAL ISSUES

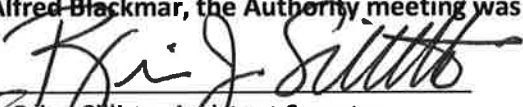
- Ron McKenna gave an update on the Highland Terrace 2 Project.
- Item 2 had been acted upon at the August meeting.
- **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Alfred Blackmar, the Authority unanimously approved the Estoppel Certificates for GPP Acquisitions 9833, LLC for the property at 5958 Osceola Court in MTP. Documents are on file.**
- **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Alfred Blackmar, the Authority unanimously approved the termination of the 1998 Bond Issue for Total System Services and release of the assets being sold. Documents are on file.**
- **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Alfred Blackmar, the Authority unanimously approved the Entry and Use Agreement for Liberty Utilities to have temporary use of property in MTP. Document is on file.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Alfred Blackmar, the Authority meeting was adjourned.

By: 
Brian Sillitto, Assistant Secretary

Approved by: 
Russell D. Carreker, Chair