

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NORFOLK

## Meeting Minutes

The Economic Development Authority of the City of Norfolk called, and held, its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 12:00 Noon on the 4th floor of the Dominion Tower, 999 Waterside Drive, Suite 400 Norfolk, Virginia 23510.

Due to COVID-19, the public was also granted electronic access to the meeting via WebEx through a link on the EDA's Website.

### **DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Antonio Sisco – Chair  
Jeffrey Brooke – Vice Chair  
Gary Bonnewell  
Kim Brown  
Jaeson Dandalides  
Kelsey Host-Sarcone  
Carter Smith  
Morgan Whayland

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Jared Chalk – Executive Director  
Sean Washington – Secretary-Treasurer  
Dawn Ryan – Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

### **COUNSEL PRESENT:**

Barry Hunter – Kaufman & Canoles, P.C.

### **GUESTS:**

Brandon Sabetta – S.B. Ballard Construction Company  
Latarsha Williams – 4 Legacy Lawncare

### **ABSENT:**

Richard Ottinger  
Ursula Rhodes

## **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chairman Sisco called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM and thanked staff and directors present for attending.

## **OLD BUSINESS/BRIEFING**

Chairman Sisco entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the November 3, 2021, Board meeting. Mr. Bonnewell moved to approve the minutes and Ms. Whyland seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with Mr. Dandalides and Ms. Brown abstaining with a vote of 6-0-2.

## **AGENDA OVERVIEW**

Mr. Chalk reviewed the agenda items and spoke about the mission of the EDA as we enter the new year. He reviewed the upcoming calendar and advised that, on a quarterly basis, the EDA meetings would be offsite at other locations pending access approvals and availability. Items for the next year include potential rebranding of the EDA logo, development of the Globe Iron site, creating a Minority Business Development Office, the Offshore Wind Project, Military Circle Mall, and McArthur Mall. (Attachment #1)

## **NEW BUSINESS / UPDATES**

Mr. Washington presented a performance-based grant resolution (the "Resolution") authorizing the execution and delivery of a Performance Agreement with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) and CMA-CGM (America) LLC in connection with a Performance grant relating to the facilities in the City of Norfolk. Mr. Smith moved to approve the Resolution, which was seconded by Ms. Brown. The Resolution was approved with a vote of 7-0-1. Mr. Dandalides abstained. (Attachment #2)

Mr. Hunter updated the Board on the sale of the 935 Denison Avenue property and explained the reasons for the closing delay. Closing is now scheduled for late January.

Mr. Chalk then gave an update on the Holiday event on December 16<sup>th</sup> and requested the Board respond to the Evite that was going to be sent out.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Brooke made the following motion to convene in a closed meeting:

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Directors of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Norfolk convene in a closed meeting pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711.A.29 and 2.2-3711.A.39 of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract which relate to the redevelopment of Military Circle Mall, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the Authority's bargaining position or negotiating strategy, and/or discussion or consideration of proprietary information related to economic development which is excluded from mandatory disclosure pursuant to subdivision 3 of Section 2.2-3705.6 of the Code of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brown and unanimously approved on a roll call vote. Roll call vote: Mr. Bonnewell, Mr. Brooke, Ms. Brown, Mr. Dandalides, Ms. Host-Sarcone, Mr. Sisco, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Whayland, all aye, with no nays. (Vote 8-0-0)

The Directors of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Norfolk certify that to the best of their knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened, were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the Directors of the Authority. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brown and unanimously approved on a roll call vote. Roll call vote: Mr. Bonnewell, Mr. Brooke, Ms. Brown, Mr. Dandalides, Ms. Host-Sarcone, Mr. Sisco, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Whayland, all aye, with no nays. (Vote 8-0-0)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 PM.

Approved by  \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments:

1. Director's Report
2. VEDP and CMA-CGM Performance-Based Grant Resolution