

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
of the
CITY OF HAMPTON, VIRGINIA**

Minutes – Regular Meeting

June 21, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.

Veteran’s Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER	Vice Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
DIRECTORS PRESENT	Richard M. Bagley, Jr., James A. “Pete” Peterson, Laura S. Sandford, Dianne B. Suber and George E. Wallace (arrived at 8:40 a.m.). Also present was Secretary/Treasurer Charles E. Rigney, Sr.
STAFF PRESENT	Steve Bond, Patricia Melochick, Terry O’Neill, Terri McCann, Josh Pearson, Thomas O’Grady, Steven Lynch, Christopher Tillett, Dominique DeBose, Michael Yaskowsky and Teresa Hudgins
GUESTS PRESENT	Mayor Donnie Tuck Councilman Chris Bowman Beau Turner, 757 Makerspace Seth Black, Hampton City Schools
MINUTES	Vice Chair Peterson stated the Minutes from the May 17, 2022 Regular Meeting were distributed. A motion was made by Dr. Suber and seconded by Ms. Sandford to approve the Minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken which resulted as follows: Ayes: Bagley, Sandford, Suber, Wallace and Peterson Nays: None
757 MAKERSPACE PRESENTATION	Beau Turner, CEO for 757 Makerspace, thanked the City and the EDA for its support of the 757 Makerspace project in Hampton. All goals and objectives in the matrix have been met and/or exceeded and the report has been filed with the State. Currently there are 29 active members and two companies are working towards commercializing its products. Makerspace is also working with Kecoughtan High School teachers and students on a summer SBI program that began this month.
LOAN & GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE	Ms. Sandford reported the Loan & Grant Review Committee met on June 14, 2022. There were no questions or comments on the Loan/Grant Program Fund Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2022. The Committee considered an EDA grant from Family Restoration Services but deferred action to the EDA board in order to provide staff additional time to obtain clarity on financial information provided. This item will be considered later in the meeting.

ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
REPORT

Mr. Rigney reported the updated Status Report on EDA Actions was included in the package. Other items of interest:

- Mr. Rigney will attend the Hampton Roads Chamber Leadership Exchange in Charlotte later this week.
- The Pride Fest was held in Phoebus on June 18th.
- The City of Portsmouth has elected not to fund the Hampton Roads Alliance.
- Liberty Source at Fort Monroe will be laying off employees in reaction to the pandemic. We will be working with the Workforce Council to assist employees affected.
- Staff is reviewing site plan revisions on the Manekin project at Hampton Roads Center North.
- We received the material samples for the Huntington Ingalls buildings at Hampton Roads Center North and will be reviewing it with staff.
- Christopher Tillett joined the Economic Development staff as the Business Development Coordinator – Retail on June 6th.

CLOSED
MEETING

Vice Chair Peterson stated a Closed Meeting will now be held pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711.A.3 for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property in Coliseum Central, Downtown and the Shell Road areas of the City, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Authority, Virginia Code 2.2-3711.A.5 for discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facility in the community and Virginia Code §2.2-3711.A.39 for discussion or consideration of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 3 of §2.2-3705.6 related to proprietary and confidential information voluntarily provided for economic development purposes pursuant to a promise of confidentiality. A motion was made by Ms. Sandford and seconded by Mr. Bagley to go into the Closed Meeting. A roll call vote was taken which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Bagley, Sandford, Suber, Wallace and Peterson
Nays: None

CERTIFICATION
OF CLOSED
MEETING

Vice Chair Peterson stated it was now appropriate to take a roll call vote and that to the best of our knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, 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 Closed Meeting. Any member who believes there was a departure from the requirements of subdivisions (i) and (ii) shall so state prior to the roll call vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his/her judgment

has taken place. Such statements shall be recorded in the Minutes. Vice Chair Peterson asked for any statements. There were none. A motion was made by Mr. Bagley and seconded by Dr. Suber to conclude the Closed Meeting and return to the Meeting. A roll call vote was taken which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Bagley, Sandford, Suber, Wallace and Peterson
Nays: None

OLD
BUSINESS

Mr. Lynch said the joint City Council, EDA, HRHA and Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for August 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. He thanked everyone for providing their comments and will provide additional details as they become available.

NEW
BUSINESS

Mr. Rigney presented a Resolution of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Hampton, Virginia approving the provision of a \$80,000 Hampton Community Cultural, Athletic and Visitor Attraction Grant to Victory Lane Motorsports, LLC. A motion was made by Ms. Sandford and seconded by Mr. Bagley to approve the Resolution as presented. A roll call vote was taken which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Bagley, Sandford, Suber, Wallace and Peterson
Nays: None

Ms. Melochick said no action was required on the third-party filming item anticipated to occur at the Boo Williams Sportsplex because the party selected another filming location.

A motion was made by Dr. Suber and seconded by Ms. Sandford to approve an Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$9,350 and a Façade Improvement Grant in the amount of \$4,602 to Family Restoration Services located at 2100 Kecoughtan Road subject to staff approval of the company's financial position and authorizing the Chair and/or Vice Chair to execute the Grant Agreements. A roll call vote was taken which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Bagley, Sandford, Suber, Wallace and Peterson
Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles E. Rigney, Sr.
Secretary/Treasurer