

**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF CLAYTON COUNTY,
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AND
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF CLAYTON COUNTY**

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020

The regular session meeting of the Development Authority of Clayton County, Redevelopment Authority of Clayton County, and Urban Redevelopment Agency of Clayton County was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Lake City Community Center, 5471 Jonesboro Road, Lake City, Georgia.

Members present at the meeting were Regina Deloach, Chair; Herman Andrews, Vice-Chair; Jean-Claude Bourget, Secretary/Treasurer (arrived 6:23 p.m.); Sylvester Ford, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer (by telephone); Larry Vincent; Michelle Fuqua (by telephone); and Randy Burton. Also present were Authority counsel, M. Michelle Youngblood; Tom Harrold, Miller & Martin; and Sydney-Alyce Bourget, Business Development Manager

Call to Order and Welcome of Guests

Chair Deloach called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m. and welcomed the guests.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Deloach presented the agenda and inquired as to whether there were any additions, changes, or deletions. Authority counsel noted that the Bond Resolution for the Rock Hill Ventures project had been added to the agenda as item #5 under old business after the agenda was published. Director Vincent asked to delete item 1 under Old Business and to add an item #6 under Old Business for Clorox expansion. After a general discussion and, upon motion by Herman Andrews, seconded by Jean-Claude Bourget, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the agenda be approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 13, 2020 regular and executive session meetings were presented. After a general discussion, upon motion by Larry Vincent, seconded by Herman Andrews, it was:

RESOLVED: That the special called meeting minutes we approved as presented. vote 5-2-0 (Sylvester Ford and Michell Fuqua abstained).

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Approval of Treasurer's Report

Vice-Chair Andrews presented the Treasurer's report. He presented the financial statements and reviewed the income and expenditures for the month of October. He noted that the \$495,000 in grant funding to reimburse for the Small Business Grants awarded earlier this year had been received but was erroneously listed in account 99000 instead of 60302. After a general discussion, upon motion by Regina Deloach, seconded by Jean-Claude Bourget, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer's report was approved.

Invest Clayton Project Report

Director Larry Vincent discussed current projects in connection with Authority goals.

OLD BUSINESS

1. DACC Goals

Director Vincent reported that the impact of COVID-19 on the airport is the primary driver of the county's 13% unemployment rate. However, at any given time, there are approximately 25,000 job openings in the county, with wages ranging from \$17-50/hr. The Authority's website has been updated to include a button to help jobseekers locate those openings. He also reported that he is working on three new projects, including a Japanese manufacturer, a food grower, and a replacement for Gate Gourmet, in addition to the Clorox project.

2. Economic Development Strategic Plan

Chair Deloach reported that work on the Economic Development Strategic Plan continues. Recent discussions have focused on job creation and health. There also has been discussion about working with local bankers to create a Business 101 class for small business owners to learn about how to manage a business.

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3. Board Member Training

Director Vincent reported that Member Burton is registered for training in December, and that will complete the required training for all members. Chair Deloach noted that she also has registered for additional training in December.

4. Bond Resolution – SP/DSP Rock Hill Ventures, LLC Project

Authority counsel reminded the Board that it had approved an inducement resolution for this project back in September. The proceeds from the \$12 million bond will be used to acquire an approximately 12-acre site on Rock Hill Drive, and to construct and equip an approximately 180,000 sf facility which is projected to bring at least 67 new full-time jobs. After a general discussion, upon motion by Larry Vincent, seconded by Sylvester Ford; it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the bond resolution was approved as presented

5. Clorox Project

Authority counsel reported that the Authority had issued a \$42 million equipment bond for Clorox in 2016 and had made annual draws each year since. They have just sent notice of the final draw, which is being made this year. Director Vincent noted that Clorox has just elected to expand operations at its Clayton County facility (over sites in two other states); he expects to receive a request for another bond issue shortly. The expansion should bring approximately 90 new jobs, with wages over \$37/hr.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Open Records Request

Director Vincent reported that the Authority had received an open records request, to which Authority counsel has responded. Counsel noted that the request pertains to the CC Kitchens / Castellini project.

2. Clayton Cares Grant

Director Vincent reported that the County has set aside \$1 million in grants (\$800,000 for small businesses and \$200,000 for non-profits). The application portal will be open through November 13, 2020, and the committee will begin reviewing the applications on November 16.

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The selection committee is headed by the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce and includes County CFO Ramona Bivins. The goal is to have all awards distributed by December 18, 2020.

3. Resignation – Board Member Green

Chair Deloach noted that Board Member Green had tendered her resignation, because her family is moving outside Clayton County.

4. Aerotropolis – State of the Aerotropolis

Chair Deloach reported that the annual State of the Aerotropolis event will be held on December 11, 2020 and asked everyone to reserve that date on their calendars. She noted that the event will be held virtually this year.

5. Sponsorship – Sconiers Homeless Prevention Program

Chair Deloach reported that the Authority has received a sponsorship request from the Sconiers Homeless Prevention Program. Director Vincent will contact the program to be sure they have applied for a CARES Grant.


OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Deloach inquired as to whether there was any additional business to come before the Board. There being none an upon motion by Larry Vincent, seconded by Randy Burton, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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Jean-Claude Bourget, Secretary/Treasurer

-or-

Sylvester Ford, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer