# POST-MEETING SUMMARY TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021

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, April 13, 2021, 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; Randy Burton, Secretary/Treasurer; Michelle Fuqua (departed 6:55 p.m.); Phong Duong; Mark Christmas; John Lampl (departed 7:13 p.m.); and Emma Godbee (by telephone). Also present were Authority counsel, M. Michelle Youngblood; Sydney-Alyce Bourget, Business Development Manager; and members of the public.

## **Call to Order and Welcome of Guests**

Chair Deloach called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed the guests. She called on Dr. Fulami to lead the invocation.

## 1. Approval of Agenda

Chair Deloach presented the agenda and inquired as to whether there were any additions, changes, or deletions. After a general discussion, the agenda was approved. Motion by Mark Christmas, seconded by Herman Andrews, vote unanimous.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 12, 2021 executive session meeting were presented. The minutes were approved as presented. Motion by Randy Burton, seconded by Regina Deloach, vote unanimous.

The minutes of the January 20, 2021 special called meeting were presented. The minutes were approved as presented. Motion by Mark Christmas, seconded by Phong Duong, vote unanimous.

The minutes of the February 9, 2021 executive session meeting were presented. The minutes were approved as presented. Motion by Herman Andrews, seconded by Mark Christmas, vote unanimous.

The minutes of the March 9, 2021 regular session meeting were presented. The minutes were approved as presented. Motion by Randy Burton, seconded by Herman Andrews, vote 7-0-1 (Michelle Fuqua abstained).

The minutes of the April 8, 2021 special called meeting were presented. The minutes were approved as presented. Motion by Mark Christmas, seconded by Regina Deloach, vote unanimous.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

# 1. Executive Session

Chair Deloach asked to hold an executive session for the purposes of discussing real estate, personnel, and potential litigation. Upon motion by John Lampl, seconded by Herman Andrews, it was unanimously resolved to enter into executive session for purposes of discussing real estate, personnel, and potential litigation matters.

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 6:16 p.m. (Michelle Fuqua departed at 6:55 p.m.; John Lampl departed at 7:13 p.m.)

The open meeting reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

Chair Deloach called for a motion to amend the agenda to add an item to consider formation of a working group to work on possible modifications to the existing intergovernmental agreement with Clayton County. Upon motion by Herman Andrews, seconded by Mark Christmas, it was unanimously resolved to so amend the agenda.

# 3. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Randy Burton reviewed the financial statements. Upon motion by Herman Andrews, seconded by Mark Christmas, the Treasurer's report was approved. Vote unanimous (6-0-0).

## 4. <u>Invest Clayton Project Report</u>

Chair Deloach noted that Director Larry Vincent was attending the Board of Commissioners meeting and called on Business Development Manager Sydney-Alyce Bourget for a report. Ms. Bourget reported that their office is focusing on workforce development and project financing. They have been working on 26 different projects, with a total capital investment of approximately \$1.4 billion.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

## 1. Economic Development Strategic Plan

Chair Deloach reported that the team at Clayton State University is preparing its findings and recommendations and will present them to the Authority and to the community.

# 2. Mountain View Project

Chair Deloach reported that Director Vincent is attending the Board of Commissioners meeting tonight to discuss the logistics of the project.

# 3. Clorox 2021 Bond

Chair Deloach called on Authority counsel for a report. Counsel reported that the bonds have been validated, and both the equipment and real estate bonds are projected to close at the end of the month.

## 4. Clayton State University Bond

Chair Deloach called on Authority counsel for a report. Counsel reported that the bonds have been validated, the Board of Commissioners passed the TEFRA resolution, and the closing is scheduled for April 21, 2021.

# 5. Workforce Clayton Update

Chair Deloach called on Sydney-Alyce Bourget for a report. Ms. Bourget reported that they are continuing to make improvements to the Authority's website, to consolidate all workforce resources into a single, easily accessible location. She reported that they also are focusing on social media, to get the information to 18-25 year-olds in particular.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## 1. <u>Internship – Clayton County Conservation District Outreach Program</u>

Chair Deloach reported that the Clayton County Conservation District works with youth interested in agribusiness; they have reached out to the Authority about the possibility of a partnership. It was the consensus of the Authority to obtain further information about the program and specifically what the partnership request entails.

# 2. Sponsorship Request – Youth Behind The Business

Chair Deloach called on Herman Andrews for a report. Vice-Chair Andrews reported that Youth Behind The Business helps high school students develop job readiness skills through apprenticeships, paid internships, and economic development training. They have requested sponsorship of their summer intern program, where participants work 25 hours per week at a wage of \$15.00 per hour. After a general discussion, upon motion by Mark Christmas, seconded by Herman Andrews, it was unanimously resolved to sponsor at the \$10,000.00 level. Sydney-Alyce Bourget will take the lead on this initiative, which will support local scholars.

# 3. Mandatory Training (New Board Members)

Chair Deloach reported that all new Board members are required to take state-mandated training. There are two (2) training opportunities coming up, April 22 or June 17, both to be held virtually. The Authority covers the cost of the training. She asked all new Board members to notify her or Director Vincent which date they want to be registered.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### 1. Consider Formation of Working Group

Chair Deloach asked the Board to consider forming a working group to discuss possible amendments to the existing intergovernmental agreement with Clayton County. After a general discussion, upon motion by Mark Christmas, seconded by Herman Andrews, it was unanimously resolved to form a working group to discuss possible amendments to the existing intergovernmental agreement with Clayton County; Authority members in the group will be Chair Deloach, Director Vincent, and two other Board members.

Chair Deloach inquired as to whether there was any additional business to come before the Board. There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. Motion by Mark Christmas, seconded by Regina Deloach, vote unanimous.

Randy Burton, Secretary/Treasurer