MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

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, February 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at Arts Clayton, 136 South Main Street, Jonesboro, Georgia.

Members present at the meeting were Regina Deloach, Chair; Herman Andrews, Vice-Chair; Randy Burton, Secretary/Treasurer; Mark Christmas, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Larry Vincent; Emma Godbee (by telephone); and John Lampl (by telephone). Also present was Authority counsel, M. Michelle Youngblood.

Call to Order and Welcome of Guests

Chair Deloach called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She called on Mark Christmas for the invocation.

1. Approval of Agenda

Chair Deloach presented the agenda and inquired as to whether there were any additions, changes, or deletions. She asked to add one item under New Business: membership in Arts Clayton. Authority counsel noted that there had been no executive session meeting in January, so there were no minutes to approve. After a general discussion, upon motion by Mark Christmas, seconded by Randy Burton, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

That the agenda be approved as amended.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 11, 2022 regular session meeting were presented. After a general discussion, upon motion by Herman Andrews, seconded by Mark Christmas, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

The minutes be approved as presented.

3. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Randy Burton reviewed the financial statements. He noted that the Authority had received \$187,500 in bond fees in January. After a general discussion, upon motion by Mark Christmas, seconded by Larry Vincent, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

That the Treasurer's report be approved.

4. Invest Clayton Project Report

Director Vincent reported that his office is working on 13 projects with a total of over \$1 billion in capital investment and over 10,000 new jobs. In 2022, his office will continue to work on the implementation of the Economic Development Strategic Plan, as well as developing a large business growth strategy with the Chamber. He noted that the large business growth strategy is about developing relationships and attracting new business. His office also will work on Advanced Workforce Development, seeking projects that fit in existing underserved communities in the County.

5. Clayton Works

Director Vincent noted that Sydney-Alyce Bourget is out due to family illness. He noted that the national unemployment rate is 4.0%, while Clayton County is 3.6% (up from 3.5% last month). His office also is working on expanding the marketing of job fairs and other workforce development initiatives, to maximize the audience for job fairs and other upcoming events. Promotions will appear in the tag office as well as MVP in Forest Park, for example.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mountain View Update

Director Vincent reported that land aggregation is key for the successful future development of this area. He has several companies interested in ~100 acres at the airport.

2. 5711 Jonesboro Road Update

Director Vincent reported that the project is moving forward. The developer is exploring the possibility of retiring the existing bond debt as part of a possible land swap transaction. The groundbreaking is scheduled for March 22, 2022.

3. OA Development / Gilbert Road

Director Vincent reported that the bond issue closed in January (resulting in the bond fees noted in the Treasurer's report).

NEW BUSINESS

1. Authority Retreat

Director Vincent reported that the Authority's 2022 retreat will be Friday, February 11, 2022, at Arts Clayton. The purpose of the retreat is to discuss the intergovernmental agreement with Clayton County, as well as 2022 goals generally. The retreat will begin with breakfast at 8:30 a.m., and continue until 4:00 p.m.

2. Arts Clayton

Chair Deloach asked the Board to consider joining Arts Clayton. Director Vincent noted that practically every request for information he gets asks for information on the arts, parks, and recreation available in the County. Chair Deloach noted that the new director, Brian Hubert, already has held several events. Director Vincent will obtain additional information about the cost of membership to present at an upcoming meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Executive Session

There was no executive session.

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, upon motion by Mark Christmas, seconded by Regina Deloach, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Randy Burton, Secretary/Treasurer

OR

Mark Christmas, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer