MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 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, March 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 (by telephone); Herman Andrews, Vice-Chair; Randy Burton, Secretary/Treasurer; Mark Christmas, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Larry Vincent; John Lampl (by telephone); and Phong Duong. Also present was Authority counsel, M. Michelle Youngblood, and Business Development Manager Sydney-Alyce Bourget.

Call to Order and Welcome of Guests

Chair Deloach called the meeting to order at 6:03 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. After a general discussion, upon motion by Mark Christmas, seconded by Larry Vincent, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

That the agenda be approved as amended.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 8, 2022, regular session meeting were presented. After a general discussion, upon motion by Randy Burton, seconded by Mark Christmas, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

The minutes be approved as presented.

The minutes of the February 11, 2022, special called meeting were presented. After a general discussion, upon motion by Mark Christmas, seconded by Randy Burton, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

The minutes be approved as presented.

3. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Randy Burton reviewed the financial statements. 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. <u>Invest Clayton Project Report</u>

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. <u>Clayton Works</u>

Sydney-Alyce Bourget reported that the national unemployment rate is 3.8%, while Clayton County is 3.6%. She reported that there will be a hybrid job fair on March 24, 2022, with the in-person component being held at the Morrow Center. She also has been engaging in outreach to employers who participated in previous job fairs, and several have asked to have their job openings posted on the Authority's website.

OLD BUSINESS

1. South Metro Development Outlook

Director Vincent reported that the South Metro Development Outlook will be held on March 29, 2022, at the Georgia International Conference Center. The Authority is a sponsor of the event, and Director Vincent will be speaking.

2. State of the County

Director Vincent reported that the State of the County address will be presented by Chairman Turner on March 16, 2022, at the Georgia International Conference Center. The Authority is a presenting sponsor, and Director Vincent will be speaking at the event.

NEW BUSINESS

1. DNR

Director Vincent called on Authority counsel for a report. Authority counsel reminded the Board that each year, the State requires a new letter specifying the rent for the upcoming fiscal year. The property manager, Richard Buckley, has prepared the rent letter. She noted that the base rent is specified in the rental agreement; the only component that changes is based on the previous year's expenses. Mr. Buckley has provided documentation of those, as well. After a general discussion, upon motion by Randy Burton, seconded by Larry Vincent, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: The rent letter be and hereby is approved, and the property manager is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the same.

Authority counsel also noted that Mr. Buckley had prepared the annual budget. After a general discussion, upon motion by Larry Vincent, seconded by Randy Burton, it was:

RESOLVED: The annual budget be approved as presented. (Vote 6-1-0; Mark Christmas abstained.)

2. Audit

Director Vincent reported Fulton & Kozak is prepared to begin the FY2021 audit. After a general discussion, the engagement letter was approved, and the officers authorized to execute and deliver the same. After a general discussion, upon motion by Mark Christmas, seconded by Larry Vincent, it was it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: The engagement letter be approved as presented.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Executive Session

Vice-Chair Andrews noted that there was a need for an executive session to discuss personnel matters. After a general discussion, upon motion by Mark Christmas, seconded by Randy Burton, it was it was unanimously

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned into executive session at 6:30 p.m. (John Lampl departed at 6:31 p.m. Chair Deloach departed at 6:42 p.m.).

The open meeting reconvened at 6:43 p.m.

2. Consideration of Items from Executive Session

There were no items to discuss.

Vice-Chair Andrews inquired as to whether there was any additional business to come before the Board. There being no further business to come before the Authority, and upon Motion by Mark Christmas, seconded by Larry Vincent, vote unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Randy Burton, Secretary/Treasurer

OR

Mark Christmas, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer