## DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF CLAYTON COUNTY, REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF CLAYTON COUNTY, URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF CLAYTON COUNTY

## MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 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, June 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Lake City Community Center, 5471 Jonesboro Road, Lake City, Georgia.

Members present at the meeting were Larry Vincent, Chairman; Regina Deloach, Vice-Chair; Herman Andrews, Secretary/Treasurer; Sylvester Ford, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer (by telephone); Deborah Green (by telephone); Jean-Claude Bourget; Deborah Green; and Michelle Fuqua. Also present were Authority counsel, M. Michelle Youngblood (by telephone); Lori Smith, Research Analyst and Office Manager; and members of the public.

## Call to Order and Welcome of Guests

Chairman Vincent called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. and welcomed the guests.

## Approval of Agenda

Chairman Vincent presented the agenda and inquired as to whether there were any additions, changes, or deletions. There was a request to add a Census Update. The agenda was approved as amended. Motion by Regina Deloach, seconded by Herman Andrews it was unanimously:

> To approve the agenda as amended and presented. **RESOLVED:**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the May 12, 2020 regular session were presented. After a general discussion, upon motion by Regina Deloach, seconded by Larry Vincent, it was unanimously:

That the regular session minutes be and hereby are approved as **RESOLVED:** presented.

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## Approval of Treasurer's Report

Herman Andrews presented the Treasurer's report. He reported that the Authority's operating account opened the month with a beginning balance of \$4,813,620.12 and ended the month with a closing balance of \$4,776,041.07. He reported that the Authority has not received funds from the County, but revenues are also down for the County due to COVID-19. After a general discussion, upon motion by Jean-Claude Bouget, and seconded by Larry Vincent it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** That the Treasurer's report was approved.

#### **Project Report**

Chairman Vincent presented the monthly project update, noting that Interim Director Erica Rocker-Wills was out due to a family emergency. He reported that there have been three proposals to purchase or develop Authority property and one request for a DACC funding partnership. Clayton County continues to be represented on the Economic Development Collective of Aerotropolis Alliance, and the Metro Atlanta Chamber continues to hold virtual stakeholder meetings.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

5. Economic Development Strategic Plan

Chairman Vincent reminded the Board that the proposal from Clayton State University had been sent to the Board of Commissioners, which has taken no action on the proposal to date. He reported that the County COO, Detrick Stanford, indicated that the Commissioners wanted to revisit their participation in the preparation of the plan. Chairman Vincent asked the Authority to consider paying the entire amount so that the process can move forward. After a general discussion, upon motion by Sylvester Ford, seconded by Herman Andrews, the Authority unanimously:

> RESOLVED: The approval of the proposal and authorized payment of the full amount of \$75,000.00.

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## 6. Community Partnership Request

Chairman Vincent reported that the City of Jonesboro has requested the Authority to join in a consortium of local government agencies which would loan \$395,000 (2.1% of the project funding) to support the development of an active adult senior living community in downtown Jonesboro. The Housing Authority of Clayton County has been asked to contribute \$300,000.00 to the Consortium. The Jonesboro Housing Authority has been asked to contribute \$50,000.00 to the Consortium, and the request is for the Development Authority to contribute \$45,000.00. After a general discussion, the Authority tabled the matter to allow Chairman Vincent to work with the City of Jonesboro to obtain more information about the structure and governance of the project. Upon motion by Sylvester Ford, seconded by Deborah Green it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

That the Community Partnership Request was approved.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

### 7. EDA CARES Grant Application

Chairman Vincent reported that on May 7, 2020, the US Economic Development Administration made CARES Act Recovery Assistance funding available to assist communities in responding to and recovering from the effects of COVID-19. After a general discussion, upon motion by Herman Andrews, seconded by Regina Deloach. it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** The application for the grant was approved.

## 8. Census Update

Herman Andrews and Jean-Claude Bourget reported that response rate to the 2020 census is 54% from Clayton County residents. The response rate to the 2010 census was 67%. Clayton County receives \$2,314 annually per respondent, so the financial repercussions of a low response could be dramatic. After a general discussion, the Authority authorized Chairman Vincent and Vice-Chair Deloach to reach out to the Board of Commissioners to discuss ways the Authority can assist with the effort to increase responsiveness. Upon motion by Jean-Claude Bouget, seconded by Herman Andrews, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

That Chairman Vincent and Vice-Chair Delocah will reach out to the Board of Commissioners to discuss ways the Authority can assist with the effort to increase responsiveness to the Census.

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#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

## 1. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate matters.

Chairman Vincent noted the need to have an executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate matters. Upon motion by Regina Deloach, seconded by Herman Andrews, it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** That the meeting be adjourned into executive session for purposes of discussing real estate.

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:04 p.m. Whereupon, the open meeting reconvened at 7:25p.m.

## 2. Consideration of Items, if any, Discussed in Executive Session

Upon motion by Regina Deloach, seconded by Herman Andrews, it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** To conduct a comparative analysis of multiple offers to develop Authority property.

Chairman Vincent inquired as to whether there was any additional business to come before the Board. There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion Regina Deloach, seconded by Herman Andrews, it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** That the meeting be adjourned.

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Merman Andrews, Jr. Secretary/Treasurer

-or-

Sylvester Ford, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer