

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023**

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, July 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at the Lake City Community Center, 5471 Jonesboro Road, Lake City, Georgia.

Members present at the meeting were Randy Burton, Vice-Chair; Terry Baskin, Secretary/Treasurer; Emma Godbee; Michelle Fuqua; Dr. Tim Hynes; Don Craddock; Rich Mahon; and Dr. Harrison Braddy (arrived 6:25 p.m.). Also present was Larry Vincent, Executive Director; Authority counsel, M. Michelle Youngblood; Tiffany Duckworth, Office Manager; Jean-Claude Bourget; Sydney-Alyce Bourget; and members of the public.

**Call to Order and Invocation**

Vice-Chair Burton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and called on Terry Baskin for the invocation.

**Approval of Agenda**

Vice-Chair Burton presented the agenda and inquired as to whether there were any additions, changes, or deletions. There being none, upon motion by Don Craddock, seconded by Emma Godbee, it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED:** That the agenda be approved as amended.

**1. Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2023 Regular Session Meeting**

The minutes of the June 13, 2023, regular session meeting were presented. After a general discussion, upon motion by Michelle Fuqua, seconded by Don Craddock, it was:

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes be approved as presented.

**\*\*Vote 5 in favor, 2 abstained, 0 opposed. Rich Mahon abstained as this is his first meeting; Terry Baskin abstained as he was not present at the meeting. \*\***

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**2. Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2023 Executive Session Meeting**

The minutes of the June 13, 2023 executive session meeting were presented. After a general discussion, upon motion by Dr. Tim Hynes, seconded by Don Craddock, it was:

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes be approved as presented.

\*\*Vote 5 in favor, 2 abstained, 0 opposed. Rich Mahon abstained as this is his first meeting; Terry Baskin abstained as he was not present at the meeting. \*\*

**3. Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Terry Baskin reviewed the financial statements. After a general discussion, upon motion by Emma Godbee, seconded by Michelle Fuqua, it was:

**RESOLVED:** That the treasurer's report be approved as presented.

\*\*Vote 6 in favor, 1 abstained, 0 opposed; Rich Mahon abstained as this is his first meeting. \*\*

**4. Update from Executive Director**

Director Vincent reported on several projects his office is working on. He reported that Victory Station expects to have two (2) buildings ready this year, and two (2) more next year, totaling approximately 700,000 sf. Negotiations are ongoing with Project Woodpecker, which should include approximately \$14 million in bond financing. He reported that his office is looking at retaining someone to focus exclusively on grant research and writing. Unemployment rose across the board (nationally, statewide, metro Atlanta, and locally); Clayton County's unemployment rate increased from 3.7% in May to 4.2% in June. Twenty-six (26) students graduated Construction Ready, and ADTS graduated 7 welders, 5 forklift operators, and 5 heavy equipment operators. His office also will be working with the Clayton County Community Support Authority.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**5. DNR Building Update**

Director Vincent reviewed the monthly report from property manager Richard Buckley. There were no significant issues to report.

**6. Small Business Program Update**

Director Vincent noted that the first of four (4) listening sessions has been completed. The others will be held in July and August. There will be one session in each of the four Commission districts. He reported that 26 small businesses registered, but only four attended the first listening session. The remaining sessions will be held on Thursday or Saturday, to provide different scheduling opportunities for participation.

\*\*Board Member Braddy arrived at 6:25 p.m. Terry Baskin asked for new Board member Rich Mahon to introduce himself. Board member Mahon introduced himself to the Board. \*\*

**7. Election of Chair**

The office of Chair is vacant due to the expiration of the term of Regina Deloach, who was serving as Chair. Board member Craddock nominated Dr. Braddy as the new Chair. Board member Emma Godbee nominated Randy Burton. After a general discussion, it was:

**RESOLVED:** No Chair was elected due to lack of necessary votes.

\*\*3 votes in favor of Dr. Braddy as Chair (Board members Craddock, Braddy, and Baskin) and 4 in favor of Vice-Chair Burton (Board members Hynes, Fuqua, Burton, and Godbee). (Rich Mahon abstained, as this is his first meeting). \*\*

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**8. Nourishing Hands – Request for Funding**

Director Vincent reported that Nourishing Hands has requested \$2,000 to fund a scholarship. Nourishing Hands provides mentorship for young women ages 18-24 during a school-year-long program, followed by an internship with businesses located in Clayton County. Director Vincent reported that the Authority does not have the capacity to work with an intern at this time, so the organization has requested financial support of the career readiness program just described. Michelle Fuqua is on the Board of Nourishing Hands, so she will abstain from the vote. After a general discussion, upon motion by Terry Baskin, seconded by Dr. Harrison Braddy, it was:

**RESOLVED:** That the Authority approved a \$2,000.00 sponsorship.

\*\* Vote 7 in favor, 1 abstained, 0 opposed; Michelle Fuqua abstained as she is on the board of Nourishing Hands. \*\*

**9. AeroATL – 3rd Annual Aerotropolis Honors Dinner**

Director Vincent reported that the third annual Aerotropolis Honors Dinner is coming up September 14, 2023, at the Porsche Experience Center. This year's honoree is Joe Folz, former Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of Porsche Cars North America. After a general discussion, upon motion by Terry Baskin, seconded by Michelle Fuqua, it was:

**RESOLVED:** To support the event at the Champion level at a cost of \$2,500.00, which will include a table of 8 for the event.

\*\* Vote 6 in favor, 0 abstentions, 2 opposed; Board members Braddy and Craddock opposed.\*\*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**10. Executive Session**

Board member Baskin asked for an executive session to discuss personnel and potential litigation matters. Upon motion by Terry Baskin, seconded by Don Craddock, it was unanimously:

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**RESOLVED:** To adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Whereupon, the Authority adjourned into executive session at 6:46 p.m.

The open meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

**11. Consideration of Items from Executive Session**

Dr. Tim Hynes made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director on the personnel matter discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Michelle Fuqua. The motion passed.

**\*\*Vote 5 in favor, 0 abstentions, 3 opposed; Board members Baskin, Braddy, and Craddock opposed. \*\***

There being no further business to come before the Authority, upon motion by Randy Burton, seconded by Michelle Fuqua, it was unanimously:

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

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Terry Baskin, Secretary/Treasurer

OR



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Mark Christmas, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer