

The Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission

April 25, 2017

6th Floor Conference Room, City Hall
801 Crawford Street, Portsmouth VA

COMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Edward A. Barham – Chairman
James E. Bento – Vice Chairman
George E. Watkins – Treasurer
Guy “Rob” Maguire
Grant D. Reineberg
James E. Toups
Guy T. Wallace

ALSO PRESENT:

Mallory C. Butler – Secretary
Solomon H. Ashby – City Attorney
Jeffrey S. Miller – Asst. City Attorney
Dr. L. Pettis Patton – City Manager
Robert D. Moore – Assistant Secretary
Alice Kelly – CFO
Bill Moody – City Councilman
Elizabeth Psimas – City Councilwoman
LaVoris Pace – Deputy City Manager
Chris Gullickson – VPA

GUESTS:

Heather Robbins – Navy Cultural Resource Team
Terri Davis – NNSY, PAO
Jennifer Zingalie – NNSY
Brian Swets – Planning Department

At 8:03 a.m. Mr. Barham called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the March 28, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Reineberg, the Commissioners approved the minutes from the March 28, 2017 meeting as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Mr. Bento – yes; Mr. Maguire – yes; Mr. Reineberg – yes; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Wallace – yes; Mr. Watkins – yes.

Ms. Kelly presented and reviewed the March 2017 financial statements.

ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Wallace, the Commissioners accepted the unaudited financial statements for March 2017 as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Mr. Bento – yes; Mr. Maguire – yes; Mr. Reineberg – yes; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Wallace – yes; Mr. Watkins – yes.

Mr. Barham reminded the Commissioners that Vice Chairman, Vaughnchette Rudisill, resigned from the PPIC in February due to a work transfer to Texas. With all the Commissioners present, Mr. Barham asked for nominations for a new Vice Chairman, to serve out Ms. Rudisill's term, which ends in June 2018.

Mr. Watkins nominated Mr. Bento who agreed to serve if appointed.

ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Barham, the Commissioners unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Bento as Vice Chairman through June 2018. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Mr. Bento – yes; Mr. Maguire – yes; Mr. Reineberg – yes; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Wallace – yes; Mr. Watkins – yes.

Ms. Robbins, from the Navy Cultural Resource Team, gave a presentation about the Hammerhead Crane, which has been located at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY) since the 1930's. The Crane has not been operated since 2001 and has basically outlived its usefulness and a decision needs to be made about the long term management of this historic icon. The Resource Team has asked for input and comments from the public community as well as the maritime community so that a plan can be put designed to preserve the Crane's history. Dr. Patton indicated that the City would add a link to their website and invite Portsmouth citizens to add their comments about the Crane.

Mr. Swets, Project Manager for the update to the City's Comprehensive Plan "Build One Portsmouth," gave an update about the community involvement with this process. The Commissioners completed an exercise to identify key locations and issues for the Plan. This information will be added to the matrix of all comments received throughout the process.

Mr. Watkins reported that he and Mr. Reineberg met with Alice Kelly and other city staff members to provide a PPIC FY2018 proposed budget. Mr. Watkins quickly reviewed the Proposed Budget and asked the Commissioners to review it and contact him or staff with any questions or concerns. The FY2018 budget will be voted on at the May meeting.

Ms. Butler reminded the Commissioners that the first joint PPIC meeting with City Council is scheduled for May 23, 2017 and will begin at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Psimas indicated that this meeting will be very much like a meet and greet so that the members of City Council can get to know the PPIC Commissioners and vice versa. All Commissioners were encouraged to attend.

Mr. Gullickson gave a brief report about things happening at the Virginia Port Authority.

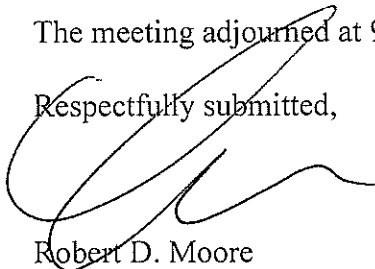
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Mr. Watkins reported that Atlantic Container Lines is moving its service back to Portsmouth International Terminals and he hoped that staff would encourage them to also move their administrative offices to Portsmouth.

Dr. Patton updated the Commission about Mr. Jim Salmons' project, PER Properties, located at 3991 Elm Avenue. There are many items that need to be addressed and worked out before his granary project can move forward. Dr. Patton and Mr. Ashby are working closely with Mr. Salmons through this process.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert D. Moore', written over the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

Robert D. Moore
Assistant Secretary