

The Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission

July 25, 2017

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Edward A. Barham – Chairman
James E. Bento – Vice Chairman
George E. Watkins – Treasurer
Grant D. Reineberg

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. L. Pettis Patton – City Manager
Solomon H. Ashby – City Attorney
Robert D. Moore – Assistant Secretary
Alice M. Kelly – CFO
Erycka Thompson – Finance Department
Vincent E. Jones – Interim Economic Development Director
Chris Gullickson – VPA
James Wright – City Engineer

ABSENT:

Guy “Rob” Maguire
James E. Toups
Guy T. Wallace

At 8:05 a.m. Mr. Barham called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the May 23, 2017 regular meeting and the May 23, 2017 joint meeting with City Council were reviewed.

ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Reineberg, the Commissioners approved the minutes from the May 23, 2017 regular meeting and the May 23, 2017 joint meeting with City Council as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Mr. Bento – yes; Mr. Maguire – absent; Mr. Reineberg – yes; Mr. Toups – absent; Mr. Wallace – absent; Mr. Watkins – yes.

Ms. Thompson presented and reviewed the May and June 2017 financial statements.

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

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

Mr. Wright, City Engineer, reviewed the Wetlands Delineation report for PPIC-owned property located at 3930 Burtons Point Road. The Army Corps of Engineers has provided a preliminary determination accepting the contractor's results, however the Final Jurisdiction of Determination has not yet been received. The final determination will provide the amount of usable property.

Mr. Wright also reported that a roadway reconstruction project to define Elm Avenue will begin soon. This project will include appropriate pavement, drainage, and sidewalks. The design work should be done by year-end with road work to begin shortly thereafter.

Mr. Barham requested that the Commission be updated by EPA about the cleanup work along the Elizabeth River as well as the PER Properties project at 3991 Elm Avenue.

Mr. Bento reported that October 6th is designated as Manufacturing Day and would like to see the City acknowledge the day with some type of event. Mr. Jones responded that staff would look into it and report back at the August meeting.

Mr. Jones reported on the city's new Military Municipal Partnership Initiative, an executive steering committee comprised of military partners from Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Naval Hospital Portsmouth, the Coast Guard, and the Norfolk Naval Command. Each partner has provided priority items to be worked on in conjunction with the city, hopefully to promote economic development opportunities in the city.

Mr. Gullickson reported that the Port of Virginia had another record year which equates to a year-over-year increase of a 7%. He also reported that funding was awarded, through the Port's Aid to Local Port program, for two City of Portsmouth projects, PortSide and the River Academy at Paradise Creek.

Dr. Patton reported that the seawall repair project continues. The span currently being worked on should be complete by mid-August and then the span from the High Street Landing down to Ocean Marine will be started.

Dr. Patton also commented that the PortSide project will consist of a permanent structure built on the green space. City Council has approved the design and provided funding in the CIP budget, which will be enhanced by the funding from the Port. The design is on line for the public to view and construction should be complete by the fall of 2018.

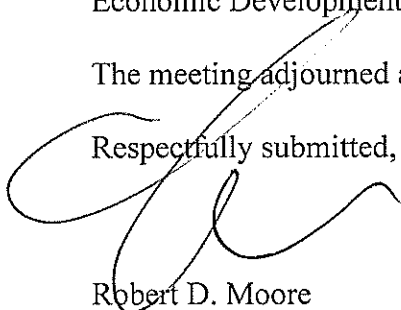
Mr. Watkins reported that the Virginia Maritime Association is planning to hold their November mixer at Portsmouth's waterfront restaurant, Fish and Slips.

Mr. Moore reported that Legend Brewing Company will host a VIP reception at their new location at 1 High Street on Wednesday, July 26th beginning at 6:30 p.m. and will host a ribbon cutting on Friday, July 31st at 11:00 a.m. All Commissioners were invited to attend.

Mr. Jones introduced Mr. Armon Smith, a summer intern working with the Department of Economic Development.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Robert D. Moore
Assistant Secretary