

# The Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission

September 26, 2017

6<sup>th</sup> 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  
Buy “Rob” Maguire  
James E. Toups

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Vincent E. Jones – Interim Economic Development Director  
Solomon H. Ashby – City Attorney  
Jeffrey S. Miller – Assistant City Attorney  
Elizabeth M. Psimas – Councilwoman  
Robert D. Moore – Assistant Secretary  
Alice M. Kelly – CFO  
Lisa Blackford – Finance Department  
Chris Gullickson – VPA  
James Wright – City Engineer  
Doug Smith – Building Official

**ABSENT:**

Grant D. Reineberg  
Guy T. Wallace

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

The minutes from the July 25, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Mr. Bento and seconded by Mr. Toups, the Commissioners approved the minutes from the July 25, 2017 meeting as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Mr. Bento – yes; Mr. Maguire – yes; Mr. Reineberg – absent; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Wallace – absent; Mr. Watkins – yes.

Ms. Blackford presented and reviewed the July and August 2017 financial statements.

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

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

Mr. Wright, City Engineer, gave an update on the EPA Clean-up along the Elizabeth River.

Mr. Smith, Building Official for the City of Portsmouth, reported on the PER project on Burtons Point Road. His office has not received a complete application. They still need information regarding the proposed buildings and fire suppression requirements. Mr. Watkins expressed concern about the timeline of the project. Mr. Barham requested that Mr. Salmons be invited to attend the next PPIC meeting to give an update.

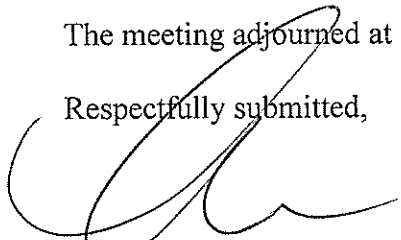
Mr. Jones and Mr. Moore presented a draft proclamation for Manufacturing Day. Mr. Jones stated that Mayor Rowe will present/make the proclamation at the October 10, 2017 City Council meeting, to which Mr. Barham and Mr. Bento will be invited.

Mr. Jones presented information about the future feasibility of acquiring use of the piers at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard that are currently not being used by the U. S. Navy.

Mr. Gullickson reported that the Port of Virginia had another record month.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert D. Moore  
Assistant Secretary