

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2015

At a meeting of the Economic Development Authority held on the 10th day February 2015, in the Accomack County Airport Conference Room, in Melfa, Virginia.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Economic Development Authority Members Present:

Mr. John LeCato, Chairman

Mr. Wesley Edwards

Ms. Shirley Zamora

Ms. Ira Ashby-Hope

Mr. C. Ray Davis

Economic Development Authority Members Absent:

Mr. Robert Bloxom, Vice Chairman

Mr. Calvert Seybolt

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Director of Planning and Community Development

Ms. Kristen Tremblay, Assistant Planner

B. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEWEST EDA MEMBER: C.RAY DAVIS

Chairman LeCato took a moment to welcome and introduce Mr. C. Ray Davis to the Economic Development Authority.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The floor was opened for the public comment period. No one signed up or requested to speak.

4. MINUTES

A. January 13, 2015

On a motion made by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Ms. Ashby-Hope, the Economic Development Authority voted to approve the minutes of January 13, 2015 as presented.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Edwards reported that he is waiting on a phone call to deposit the check from Shore Ice. Rich Morrison stated that it could be deposited at this time into a non-interest bearing account. Chairman LeCato authorized its deposit.

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Mr. Edwards also reported that there is an old quarterly reimbursement request from the County that needs a signature in addition to the current one.

He asked if they could remember the amount believed to be owed for the Paper People purchase of marketing materials. Discussion ensued.

Chairman LeCato explained why the reimbursement requests were coming in on a quarterly basis.

On a motion made by Ms. Zamora and seconded by Ms. Ashby-Hope, the Economic Development Authority voted to approve the County Reimbursement Request for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2015.

On a motion made by Ms. Ashby-Hope and seconded by Mr. Davis, the Economic Development Authority voted to approve the Treasurers report as presented.

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

A. Ms. Zamora

Ms. Zamora has nothing to report at this time.

B. Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis stated that he came from Chincoteague and was Ms. Irene Davis' replacement.

C. Mr. Edwards

Mr. Edwards informed the EDA that someone broke the water lock on the building situated on the corner adjacent to the airport. He stated that this cause significant damage. He also discussed some potential futures for the building.

He reported that he has not drawn down the third (3rd) and fourth (4th) quarter appropriations.

Mr. Edwards also reported that the County is not proposing a tax increase for the budget and reported some of the highlights from the Board of Supervisors Budget meeting.

D. Ms. Ashby-Hope

Ms. Ashby-Hope has nothing to report at this time.

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E. Chairman LeCato

Chairman LeCato reported that there will be a job fair at the Community College on February 11, 2015 at 9 a.m. and that many companies will be in attendance.

He also reported that trees are being cut on either side of the airport runway. Discussion ensued.

7. MARKETING STRATEGIES

Nothing to report at this time.

8. STAFF REPORT

Rich Morrison reported that the EDA orientation for Mr. Davis had occurred.

He also reported that the Board of Supervisors budget review is in process. He stated that the EDA may want to send a representative in case questions are asked by the Supervisors. He reported that the Board discussed a study for the airport and business plan, to look at taxation of large planes in the budget.

Mr. Morrison reported that there has been a conditional rezoning request to allow for a Dollar General on a site in Mappsville.

He also reported that the Planning Commission will be holding the public hearing on the Capital Improvements Plan tomorrow.

Mr. Morrison asked if the EDA would like to take a role in the demolition of Whispering Pines. Discussion ensued.

He then stated that the EDA may have noticed the holes with flags in them along the road in the Industrial Park. He then proceeded to inform the EDA that they were working on the lights.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Chairman LeCato read a proposed motion to go into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.5 of the Code of Virginia. Mr. Edwards moved the motion and Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the closed session, the door was opened and Chairman LeCato asked for a roll call vote to go back into public session. All Ayes.

10. NEXT MEETING

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The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Accomack County Airport Conference room.

11. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Zamora, and seconded by Mr. Edwards, the Economic Development Authority voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Mr. John LeCato, Chairman