

The Economic Development Authority of the City of Portsmouth

Joint Meeting with

The Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission

July 17, 2018

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Anthony W. Hinds
Miriam J. Jiggetts – Treasurer
Tracy Link
Cathy Revell – EDA Chairman

ALSO PRESENT:

Edward A. Barham – PPIC Commissioner
James E. Bento – PPIC Chairman
James E. Toups – PPIC Vice Chairman
Guy T. Wallace – PPIC Commissioner
Robert D. Moore – Secretary
Dr. L. Pettis Patton – City Manager
Solomon Ashby – City Attorney
Jeffrey S. Miller – Assistant City Attorney
Elizabeth M. Psimas – Vice Mayor
Cheryl Spivey – CFO
Sandy Schreiber – Finance Department
Chris Gullickson – VPA

ABSENT:

Grant D. Reineberg – PPIC Treasurer
Ronald R. Peterman – PPIC Commissioner
Aaron Kelley – Vice Chairman
Don L. Scott – Commissioner

Mr. Moore called the roll at 8:36 a.m. and the meeting commenced.

Mr. Bento reported that the PPIC approved a resolution whereby the PPIC supports the City's making application for funding under the Economic Development Access Program administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation, which would be used to improve access to maritime/industrial sites in the West Norfolk area of the city, specially the former BASF site.

Mr. Bento hopes that through these joint meetings the combined boards will be more aware of what is going on throughout the city.

Ms. Revell reported that the EDA has opened the Local Incentives Program to the entire city, which will give many more businesses the opportunity to utilize this grant program.

Mr. Hinds reported that the EDA had listed eight (8) of their properties for sale with Divaris Commercial Real Estate and all eight are under contract, close to closing, or under discussions with perspective buyers.

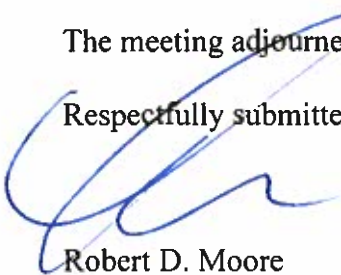
Dr. Patton concurred with Ms. Jiggetts' recommendation for the Commissioners of both Boards to tour the Port facilities. Dr. Patton asked staff to work with the Port to schedule a tour for the EDA and PPIC Commissioners.

Dr. Patton spoke about the city working with Mr. Dan Stevens from Portrail Crane on opening an academy that will teach local students and citizens the skills necessary to assemble the automated cranes used at ports such as Virginia International Gateway.

Mr. Moore also indicated that the HIRE Portsmouth initiative is underway, a kick-off round table discussion will take place in the near future.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert D. Moore
Secretary