

**The Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission**

**February 23, 2021**

**Electronic Meeting via GoToMeeting**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Edward A. Barham  
Daniel Evans  
Ronald R. Peterman – Vice Chairman  
James E. Toups – Chairman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Robert Moore - Secretary  
Brian Donahue – Assistant Secretary  
Jeff Miller – Deputy City Attorney  
Kelsey Swieringa – Assistant City Attorney  
Patti Phillips – Finance Dept.

**GUESTS:** Christopher Woodard- City Councilman  
Chris Gullickson- Port of Virginia

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Due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, this PPIC meeting was held electronically via GoToMeeting pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-102; each Commissioner attended the meeting electronically.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. The Chairman stated that the meeting was being held electronically, and identified the notices provided to the public to access the meeting.

The minutes from the January 26, 2021 meeting were reviewed.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Mr. Toups and seconded by Mr. Barham, the Commissioners approved the minutes from the January 26, 2021 meeting as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Mr. Evans – yes; Mr. Peterman – yes; Mr. Toups – yes.

Mrs. Phillips reviewed the Financial Statement for December 31, 2020. It was agreed to file December 31, 2020 statement for audit.

Mr. Moore gave an update for the Casino.

Chairman Toups nominated Mr. Barham to serve as Treasurer.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Peterman, the Commissioners approved Mr. Barham to be appointed as Treasurer. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Mr. Evans – yes; Mr. Peterman – yes; Mr. Toups – yes.

Mr. Moore advised the Commissioners that it was necessary to appoint a Budget Adhoc Committee. The Chairman appointed Mr. Barham and Mr. Toups.

Mr. Moore addressed the State of the Market Retreat as a joint virtual retreat with EDA and PPIC. This is to be April 30, 2021 and details will be sent at a later date.

Mr. Moore invited the commissioners to watch the Portsmouth & Chesapeake Joint Land Use Virtual Town Hall on March 2, 2021.

Mr. Moore gave a presentation of the new PORTSMOUTH@WORK.

**ACTION:** At 8:30 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Barham and second by Mr. Evans, the Commission entered a closed electronic meeting pursuant to Virginia Code subsections 2.2-3708.2 A.3 and 2.2-3711 A.5 and City Council Ordinance 2020 - 102 for the purpose of discussing a prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating its facilities in Portsmouth, specifically regarding Project Colt. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Mr. Evans – yes; Mr. Peterman – yes; Mr. Toups – yes.

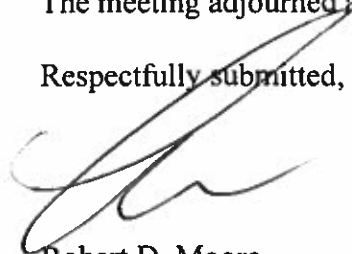
**ACTION:** At 9:02 a.m., on a motion by Mr. Barham and seconded by Mr. Evans, the Commission entered an open meeting whereby only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting just concluded. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Mr. Evans – yes; Mr. Peterman – yes; Mr. Toups – yes.

Port update was given by Chris Gullickson with the Port of Virginia

Items submitted by the commissioners to be updated are the status of the PER Property and the road upgrade between the Jordan Bridge and Elm Avenue.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert D. Moore  
Secretary