

# The Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission

July 17, 2018

6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, City Hall  
801 Crawford Street, Portsmouth VA

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Edward A. Barham  
James E. Bento – Chairman  
James E. Toups – Vice Chairman  
Guy T. Wallace

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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 - Treasurer  
Ronald R. Peterman

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At 8:07 a.m. Mr. Bento called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the June 26, 2018 meeting were reviewed.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Mr. Barham and seconded by Mr. Toups, the Commissioners approved the minutes from the June 26, 2018 meeting as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Mr. Bento – yes; Mr. Peterman – absent; Mr. Reineberg – absent; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Wallace – yes.

The financial statements for April, May and June 2018 were presented. There were no questions from the Commissioners.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mr. Barham, the Commissioners accepted the April, May and June 2018 financial statements as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Mr. Bento – yes; Mr. Peterman – absent; Mr. Reineberg – absent; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Wallace – yes.

Mr. Moore reminded the Commissioners about the joint meeting PPIC will have with City Council on Monday, July 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Staff will work with Mr. Bento to put together a short PPIC presentation at the meeting.

Mr. Bento presented a resolution whereby the PPIC supports the City's 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, especially the former BASF site.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Mr. Barham and seconded by Mr. Toups, the Commissioners approved the resolution whereby the PPIC will consider 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, especially the former BASF site. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Mr. Bento – yes; Mr. Peterman – absent; Mr. Reineberg – absent; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Wallace – yes.

Mr. Moore reviewed the EPA's Draft Document for Public Comment, Second Explanation of Significant Differences for the Atlantic Wood Industries, Inc. Superfund Site located on Burtons Point Road.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Mr. Toups and seconded by Mr. Barham, the Commissioners approved having the Chairman sign and send a letter to EPA supporting the amendments to the cleanup plan for the AWI Superfund Site proposed in the Explanation of Significant Differences report. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barham – yes; Mr. Bento – yes; Mr. Peterman – absent; Mr. Reineberg – absent; Mr. Toups – yes; Mr. Wallace – yes.


Mr. Moore reported that the office move for the Department of Economic Development has been completed.

Mr. Moore introduced two new members to the Economic Development staff, Mr. Brian Donahue, Assistant Director and Mr. Armon Smith, Business Development Manager.

At the request of Ms. Miriam Jiggetts, EDA Commissioner, Mr. Gullickson explained that beginning in September the entire harbor, which includes the Portsmouth side and Norfolk side of the Elizabeth River, will be dredged to maintain the correct depth for ship traffic.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert D. Moore  
Secretary