# CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MARCH 16, 2021 MINUTES

The City of Virginia Beach Development Authority ("Authority") held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. in the Economic Development Town Center Boardroom at 4525 Main Street, Suite 700, Virginia Beach, VA, pursuant to notice given by the Chair.

Full video of item presentations and discussions can be viewed on our website at the following link - https://www.yesvirginiabeach.com/about-us/Pages/development-authority.aspx

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa M. Murphy, Chair

Joseph Strange, Vice-Chair

W. Taylor Franklin, Assistant Secretary

William Brown, Commissioner Penny Morgan, Commissioner Guenter Weissenseel, Commissioner

MEMBERS PRESENT BY PHONE;

David Bernd, Secretary

Dorothy Wood, Commissioner

ADVISORS PRESENT: Taylor Adams, Director of Economic Development

Alexander Stiles, Senior City Attorney

Charles Bauman, Senior Business Development Manager

David Couch, Business Development Coordinator Laura Hayes, Business Development Coordinator Blake Huffman, Interim Accountant, VBDA

Vicki Kelley, VBDA Clerk

Letitia Langaster, Business Development Rep II

Olivia O'Bry, Executive Assistant Lyndon Remias, City Auditor

Jeffrey Smith, SWAM Business Coordinator

Svetla Tomanov, Marketing Assistant

Ray White, Business Development Coordinator

Kathy Warren, Planning and Community Development

REPORTED BY: Taylor V. Adams

RECORDED BY: Vicki Kelley

Chair, Lisa Murphy, began the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

#### **OPEN FLOOR**

No public speakers

## REGULAR MEETING

1. Approved Minutes

• December 15, 2020

MOTION: William Brown SECOND: Dot Wood APPROVED: 10-0

#### REVIEW OF FINANCIAL POSITION

- 2. Blake Huffman gave the monthly financial overview for February 2021
  - See video of meeting
  - Presentation attached

### **Operating Account Summary: February 2021**

**Beginning Cash** 

\$4,609,668

Significant Cash Receipts

✓ None

### Significant Cash Disbursements

- ✓ \$13,390 to Globalinx for Feb conduit management fee
- ✓ \$13,390 to Globalinx for Mar conduit management fee
- ✓ \$10,000 to TIP Strategies, Inc for Economic Development strategic plan

**Ending Cash** 

\$4,577,491

#### **Incentive Account Summary: February 2021**

**Beginning Cash** 

\$4,624,322

**Significant Cash Receipts** 

✓ \$2,407,760 of CARES Act funding held by City

#### **Significant Cash Disbursements**

- ✓ \$81,950 of Part A and award payments
- ✓ \$2,464,677 of CARES Act award payments
- ✓ \$356,508 of Bio Initiative funding for
  - ✓ Bio Accelerator rent (\$10,285)
  - ✓ Bio Accelerator management fees and reimbursable expenses (\$342,070) (two months)
  - ✓ Bio Park engineering fees (\$4,135)

**Ending Cash** 

\$4,122,901

#### **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FACILITIES**

- 3. Approval to utilize accrued funds for capital improvements at Virginia Beach National Golf Course
  - See video of meeting
  - Presentation attached

MOTION: Taylor Franklin SECOND: Guenter Weisenseel

APPROVED: 6-0

#### **CORPORATE PARKS**

- 4. Direction to proceed forward to issue an RFI for development of industrial space at VBDA corporate parks.
  - See video of meeting

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EDIP)

- 5. Approved a Resolution authorizing an EDIP Part A award in the amount of \$20,000 for Integrity Bank for Business (an organization).
  - See video of meeting
  - Presentation attached

MOTION: Taylor Franklin SECOND: Joseph Strange APPROVED: 5-0-1

Lisa Murphy abstained from voting on this and abstention letter attached to these minutes.

Ray White read a response letter from the CEO of Integrity Bank for Business.

- See video of meeting
- 6. Director Taylor Adams asked that ABW Virginia Beach LLC (dba) New Realm Brewing Company be deferred until the next monthly meeting.
  - See video of meeting

#### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- 7. Chair, Lisa Murphy made announcements.
  - Our previous Chair, Dot Wood had an accident and was participating by phone as she was home recovering. Chair Murphy wished her a speedy recovery.
  - Chef, Jesse Wykle of Aloha Snacks won against Bobby Flay on the Food Network Show Beat Bobby Flay.
    - i. See video of meeting
- 8. Director Adams shared updates and a video of Virginia Beach projects.
  - See video of meeting

### **CLOSED SESSION**

The VBDA moved to recess into a closed session pursuant to the exemptions from open meetings allowed by Section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, for the following purposes:

Motion: Taylor Franklin Second: Joseph Strange

Approved: 6-0

CONTRACTS: Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(30).

PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY: Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(5).

Motion: Taylor Franklin Second: Joseph Strange

# Approved: 6-0

Board Members reconvened into Open Session to vote on an item that was brought to their attention during the Closed Session.

Chair Murphy announced, there was a report given by City Auditor, Lyndon Remias during Closed Session, regarding a loan to Vanguard Landing Inc., currently in default. In connection with the default, the City Attorney's Office has advised we needed to go back to Open Session and vote to give staff direction in this matter.

Staff was directed to give notice of default to Vanguard Landing as provided for in the promissory note. The notice was to advise that the Authority would forebear immediate acceleration of sums due for sixty (60) days on the condition that the City Auditor be given full access to all of Vanguard Landing's books and records within ten (10) days.

Motion: Taylor Franklin Second: Guenter Weissenseel

Approved: 6-0

Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 9:52 am



March 16, 2021

Ms. Vicki Kelley City of Virginia Beach Development Authority 4525 Main Street, Suite 700 Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462

Re: Abstention/Disclosure Pursuant to Conflict of Interests Act § 2.2-3114(E)

Dear Ms. Kelley:

Pursuant to the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act, I make the following declaration:

- 1. I am executing this written disclosure regarding the City of Virginia Beach Development Authority's discussion and/or vote on the award of an Economic Development Investment Program (EDIP) funds grant to Integrity Bank for Business (the "Applicant"), whose address is 2901 S. Lynnhaven Road, Suite 100, Reflections IV, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452.
- 2. Willcox Savage is a service provider for the Applicant, and I am employed by, and have a personal interest in, Willcox Savage, and I work in their office at 440 Monticello Avenue, Suite 2200, Norfolk Virginia 23510.
- 4. The City Attorney's Office has advised me that although I have a personal interest in this transaction, because I do not personally provide services to the applicant, the Act provides that I may participate in the Authority's discussion and vote on this application, upon disclosure of this interest. I have nevertheless chosen to voluntarily abstain from the Authority's consideration of this matter.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that you record this declaration in the official records of the Authority.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Vice Chair

LMM/AWS