



City of Petersburg

Economic Development Authority Meeting

Regular Meeting Agenda

August 18, 2022

5:30pm

Petersburg Public Library
201 W. Washington Street
Petersburg, VA 23803

1. Call to order – Mr. Samuel Rhue, Chairman
2. Roll call of Board Members
3. Determination of the Presence of a Quorum
4. Moment of Silence
5. Reports/responses to previous public information period
6. Approval of the Minutes- July 21, 2022
7. Financial Report- Mr. Richard, Taylor Secretary /Treasurer
8. Report from the Chairman- Mr. Samuel Rhue
9. New Business –
 - a. LISC Virginia- Jane Ferrara, Executive Director
 - b. EDA Legislative Agenda - Brian Moore, Director of Economic Development
10. Old Business –
 - a. 2655 Stedman Drive- Brian Moore, Director of Economic Development
 - i. Rezoning – City Council Agenda September 20, 2022
 - ii. Title Search – to be completed by September 1, 2022
 - b. Economic Development Report – Brian Moore, Director of Economic Development

11. Business or reports from the Vice Chairman or other members of the EDA Board

12. Public Comments Period

13. Announcements -

a. Next meeting date – September 15, 2022

14. Adjournment



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1. Call to order – Mr. Samuel Rhue, Chairman
2. Roll call of Board Members

Mr. Rhue made a motion to approve Dr. Lafayette Jefferson to participate remotely.

Present

Mr. Samuel Rhue

Mr. Mike Packer

Mr. Richard Taylor

Mr. Joel Erb

Dr. Ahkinyala Abdullah

Mr. Winston Saunders

Dr. Lafayette Jefferson

3. Determination of the Presence of a Quorum
4. Moment of Silence
5. Reports/responses to previous public information period-None
6. Approval of the Minutes- May 19, 2022

Mr. Rhue moved that the meeting minutes be approved.

7. Financial Report- Mr. Richard, Taylor Secretary /Treasurer

Mr. Taylor reported that the last bank statement that we received was for June 30. He has only written one check to the attorney in the amount of \$2,145.00 for the work on the Petersburg Hotel Project. This left a balance of \$7,780.68 in the checking and \$80,010.11. We mainly pay legal fees out of the account. Mr. Taylor has asked Mr. Hefty to provide the EDA with the amount that has been spent on the Hotel Petersburg Project that the EDA will be reimbursed by the developer. The reimbursement will take place at the closing on the project.

Motion: Mr. Rhue moved, second by Mr. Packer to approve the financial report.
Upon vote by those present, the motion was unanimously carried.

8. Report from the Chairman- Mr. Samuel Rhue

Mr. Rhue reported that he was excited

He was excited to see everyone face to face. He reported that Hotel Petersburg is moving along. He has signed documents and they plan to close on Monday and the EDA will be reimbursed legal fees. Mr. Rhue reported that the new City Manager will start in August. He has requested a meeting with him to discuss items to include the Tobacco Indemnification Fund. LISC will be coming to meet with the EDA in August to discuss how they can move forward with the revolving loan fund.

9. New Business –

- a. Brightpoint Community College Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Program- Dr. Cornelia Kavungo-Johnson, Program Director

In attendance with Dr. Johnson to present were Dean Severe-Barnett, Business, Engineering & Technology and Dr. Hicks, Interim Associate Dean.

They provided an presentation and overview of the program and how it can benefit students in high school as well as those entering college. It is a 1 year program for those in college and a two year program for those in high school. It will prepare them to do an internship at Civica or AMPAC. Dr. Abdullah asked how can the EDA help. Ms. Barnett explained that they needed help promoting the program because they have not received interest from the schools. She asking to promote in businesses, churches and civic organizations. Mr. Erb asked have the spoken with the schools? Dr. Abdullah asked if they had spoken with the Superintendent. Ms. Barnett

stated that they have reached out to the Superintendent however, there has been a transition in the position since then. This may be what has caused the lack of response. Dr. Abdullah asked is there funding for the program. Ms. Bennett stated that are in the process of having the program approved for FAFSA funding. Once this is completed, then they will be what is considered a G3 program. They currently have partnership with VCU but really desire a partnership with other organizations and the high school. Mr. Rhue stated that they should share this with the Council. The EDA will share it with civic organizations. Dr. Abdullah asked if the companies survey to the community to see if there was an interest in the program. Ms. Barnett stated that they are working with VEDP and they completed a study to show the interest of pharmaceutical programs in this area. Mr. Saunders stated that under the Obama Administration, Petersburg was designated as an Advanced Manufacturing community.

- b. Lease of Roper Site- Brian Moore, Director of Economic Development
Mr. Moore stated that once the RFP for the SCWWA road is complete then he will bring an update concerning a possible lease opportunity of the site.
- c. Legislative Update - Brian Moore, Director of Economic Development
Mr. Moore stated that the funding for Poor Creak had been approved. There will be a grants meeting on Wednesday to discuss the next steps for this process. The main item is sending out the RFP for the engineering work. The second item that was approved was funding to demolish the old Ramada Inn. Timmons group has completed a study showing two options to redevelop the site in compliance with the flood plain. The demolition will be mechanically done over a period of 4-5 months. The contract for the demolition has already been awarded. There has been some interest in the Old Economic Development Office as well that sits on that property. Finally, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee Study for the Casino. If this is passed, then the City can hopefully do a referendum next year and place this on the ballot for a vote.

Mr. Moore suggested to the EDA that for the upcoming Senate Finance Retreat, that the EDA and City make formal request to be added to the Tobacco Fund. Mr. Packer stated that Petersburg have to push the effort forward because we do longer have a Senator or Delegate who is from or only assigned to Petersburg. They represent other localities as well that may not want Petersburg to a part of the fund. Mr. Packer stated that the fund was created by the tobacco companies to avoid being sued. Petersburg was one of the localities who was greatly impacted economically by the tobacco industry leaving. Mr. Moore stated that he will bring this back before the EDA in August.

10. Old Business –

- a. 2655 Stedman Drive- Brian Moore, Director of Economic Development
 - i. Rezoning – The rezoning is in process. It has been passed by the Planning Commission and will go before the City Council in September.

- ii. Correct Name in GIS – Change from IDA to EDA. This has been completed by the Records Clerk and sent to the Assessor’s Office to make the name change in the system.
 - iii. Title Search – this should be completed by the end of the month.
- b. Economic Development Report – Brian Moore, Director of Economic Development
- Mr. Moore reported on the following items.
1. Hotel Petersburg will be closing on Monday and will be under the Hyatt brand.
 2. Economic Development is merging with Planning and Community Development and will be moving their office to 30 Franklin Street. The move will begin August 1 and the merger will be complete by September 1. Staff will be working on following the Library of Virginia retention schedule concerning the storing of files and shredding of files. He stated that staff will be working on updating technology to move files onto a shared cloud.
 3. Staff is working on two IRF grants for 1964 Puddledock and 112 Sycamore Street. Mr. Rhue asked can be noted in the meeting minutes that this is a withdrawal of the application by Mr. Myers for the Revolving Loan Fund for 112 Sycamore Street. Mr. Moore stated, yes, he has withdrawn his application.
 4. Staff have been working with three interns who is part of the Mayors Institute for the summer. Staff have been working on life skills with them and each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, they report to the library for training. On last Friday, Economic Development invited Wali Rainer, ex Pro Football player and engineer to speak to the interns.
 5. One of the goals that Economic Development is working on is increasing customer service. They will be adding several positions to the department to accomplish this goal. They will be adding a Program Coordinator, a Planner and possible a part time position.
 6. SCWWWA road project is moving forward
 7. Finalizing the Enterprise Zone expansion. This will allow Meridian and Atlantic Iron Metals to be included.
 8. Berkley Estates is updating their PUD
 9. There will be a special City Council call meeting on July 26 and August 2
 10. A traffic analysis will be completed based on the request by Dave McCormack to remove Joseph Johnson Jenkins road to develop a greenspace with a stage for concerts. If this is approved, the cost to remove the road, infrastructure, etc. will be at the cost of the developer.

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none

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