



City of Petersburg

Economic Development Authority Meeting

Regular Meeting

Minutes

March 4, 2021

5:00 p.m.

Videoconference Meeting

Zoom Recording Link

<https://zoom.us/rec/share/lhhaTuebBnfczYPV2zfZwr62FHeCbY0NIspXPhVoYTyo5ceWBWSLRtrV-1fSiD2.4gMpGTeASFvU6Dse?startTime=1614894159000>

EDA Website Link

<http://www.petersburgva.gov/991/Economic-Development-Authority>

1. **Call to order** – Mr. Samuel Rhue, Chairman
2. **Roll call of EDA members:** Clay Mansell, Economic Development Fellow

The following Board Members were present:

- Chairman S. Samuel Rhue
- Vice Chair Mike Packer
- Robert Taylor
- Dr. Ahkinyala Abdullallah
- Winston Sanders
- Lafayette Jefferson

City Staff Present

Lionel Lyons, Deputy City Manager for Development and Operations

Jeremy Tennant, Assistant to the City Manager

Cynthia Boone, Administrative Assistant for Economic Development

Clay Mansell, Economic Management Fellow

3. **Approval of the Minutes:**

Regular Scheduled Meeting - January 21, 2021

Motion: Mr. Sanders moved, second by Mr. Packer second to approve the minutes.

Upon vote by those present, the motion was unanimously carried.

4. **Financial Report-** Mr. Richard Taylor Secretary /Treasurer

Mr. Taylor advised the Board of the change in the account from a savings account to a High-Performance Bank Account. The balance as of March 1,2021 in the Petersburg EDA Checking is \$6,123.52 and the EDA High Performance is 100,000.00. (Report given at 01:07 minutes)

Motion to accept the financial report subject to audit: Dr. Abdullallah, second Mr. Jefferson

Upon vote by those present, the motion was unanimously carried.

Motion to have the Vice Chair to have signing authority on the checking

account: Mr. Taylor moved to have the Vice Chair to sign, second by Mr. Sanders.

Upon vote by those present, the motion was unanimously carried.

5. Report from the Chairman- Mr. Samuel Rhue

Mr. Rhue thanked everyone for adjusting their schedule. He advised them that they have advertise for the EDA Attorney. He thanked the City for removing the graffiti off the EDA property located at 130 Pocahontas Rd. He will send the board a copy of the agreement between the City and the EDA concerning the property located on Pocahontas Island.

6. New Business

a. Pocahontas ROW Request by South Central Wastewater Authority (SCWWA)

– Robert Wilson, Executive Director ARWA/SCWWA.

Mr. Robert Wilson provided a presentation and overview of the SCWWA plan to minimize the construction and plant truck traffic from SCWWA on Pocahontas Island. The presentation provided exhibits that shows the proposed new truck route that will go through the old Roper Warehouse Site (130 Pocahontas Island.). Mr. Richard Steward, Pocahontas Resident, spoke on his concern on the impact to the residential homes that are located on Pocahontas St. He also expressed concern of the location of the staging area for the trucks waiting to enter SCWWA. You may see the complete presentation with the comments and concerns on the link provided at the end of the agenda or by visiting the EDA website. (*Presentation start at 00:5:37 minutes*)

Motion to accept the request from the SCWWA to have access to the site to conduct survey work and boring and to present their request to the City of Petersburg City Council- Mr. Taylor moved, Mr. Sanders second.

Upon vote by those present, the motion was unanimously carried.

- b. EDA 101 – Elizabeth Povar, Principal, The RiverLink Group
David Denny, Managing Partner, Sanford Holshouser
Elizabeth Povar and David Denny provided EDA 101 Training for the EDA Board members. You may see the complete presentation with the comments and concerns on the link provided at the end of the agenda or by visiting the EDA website. *(Presentation starts at 00:30:53 minutes)*

7. Old Business

- a. **Ramada Inn Update-** Anthony Williams, City Attorney
Mr. Williams was not present.
- b. **Hotel Petersburg Update-** Dr. Nat Cuthbert was not present.
Jeff Sanders presented on how a revolving loan line of credit can assist the EDA in not only financing the Hotel Petersburg project, but other developments in the City. You may see the complete presentation with the comments and concerns on the link provided at the end of the agenda or by visiting the EDA website *(Presentation start at 01:19:42)*
- c. **Economic Development Report-** Jeremy Tennant, Assistant to the City Manager
Mr. Tennant provided an update on different projects and developments for the City of Petersburg. You may see the complete presentation with the comments and concerns on the link provided at the end of the agenda or by visiting the EDA website *(Presentation starts at 01:27:38)*

8. Public Comment Period

(Comments starts at 01:35:17)

Citizens

Joe Erb- Mr. Erb commented on the EDA 101 Presentation, and the diverse history and culture of the City. He commented on the proposed project for Pocahontas Island and the Strategic Plan. You may see the complete comments on the link provided at the end of the agenda or by visiting the EDA website *(Comments starts at 01:35:17)*

9. Announcements

- a. Next meeting date- March 18, 2021 at 5:00 pm

10. Adjournment