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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES (EDA)**

**December 3, 2020**

**8:00 a.m. • EDA Special E-Meeting**

**Recorded Go to Meeting**

The Economic Development Authority of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia met in special session on Thursday, December 3, 2020 beginning at 8:00 a.m. via recorded Go to Meeting.

Chair Black read the following statement, this meeting is being held electronically by Go to Meeting, pursuant to City Council Ordinance 20-05, an Ordinance to Address Continuity of City Government during the pendency of a Pandemic Disaster.

**EDA MEMBERS PRESENT.** Beth Black Chair, presiding. Will Mackintosh, Suzy Stone, Mitzi Brown, Chris Waller, Lee Murray and Susan Richey.

**ABSENT.** None.

**ALSO PRESENT.** Department of Economic Development and Tourism: Bill Freehling, Director; Angela Freeman, Diversity, Equity and Economic Advancement Officer; Amy Peregoy, Economic Development Specialist.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM.** Mitzi Brown.

**AGENDA.**

**MOTION by Mitzi Brown, seconded by Suzy Stone, the agenda was approved: Ayes (7); Nays (0).**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** Chair Black asked Ms. Peregoy if there were any public comments submitted prior to today's meeting via the instructions on the published agenda. Ms. Peregoy stated, no public comments were received.

**NEW BUSINESS. Restaurant Week/Charitable Promotion** – Mr. Freehling presented the program per the package memorandum. There was a brief discussion.

**MOTION by Will Mackintosh, seconded by Lee Murray the board established a gift card program of up to \$35,000 to purchase restaurant gift cards with proceeds to be reinvested in another sector of City businesses and authorize Susan Richey and Mitzi Brown to develop the program: Ayes (7); Nays (0).**

Mr. Freehling noted with the purchase of gift cards the debit card spending limits would need to increase to \$1,000 per transaction. The board discussed giving the restaurants the choice of an EDA check.

**MOTION by Suzy Stone, seconded by Lee Murray the board authorized an increased spending limit of \$1,000 for Mr. Freehling and Ms. Peregoy to purchase gift cards for the gift card promotion: Ayes (7); Nays (0).**

***CLOSED SESSION.***

Ms. Brown moved for adoption of Resolution 20-06 under Code of Virginia 2.2-3711.A.3 for the purpose of discussion or consideration of acquisition of real property for a public purpose, specifically, to acquire and enhance the attractiveness, usage and marketability of a vacant or underutilized parcel of real estate in the City of Fredericksburg, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Economic Development Authority.

**MOTION by Mitzi Brown, seconded by Susan Richey: Ayes (7); Nays (0).**

Where upon the members went into closed session.

Upon coming out of closed session.

**MOTION by Mitzi Brown, to adopt Resolution 20-07, certifying the proper conduct of the closed session. Seconded by Chris Waller; the motion was passed: Ayes (6); Nays (0); Absent from Meeting (1-Mackintosh).**

**MOTION by Chris Waller, seconded by Suzy Stone the board authorized the Strategic Investments Committee to negotiate on behalf of the EDA and draft a purchase agreement on the target property: Ayes (7); Nays (0).**

***ADJOURNMENT.*** There being no further business to come before the Economic Development Authority at this time, Chair Black declared the meeting officially adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

  
Mitzi Brown, Secretary

**Resolution 20-06 for Economic Development Authority to Hold Closed Meeting Under  
The Virginia Freedom of Information Act**

Date of Adoption: December 3, 2020

Proposed by: Brown

Seconded by: Richey

Resolved that the Economic Development Authority convene a closed meeting under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act in order to discuss:

**Personnel** – specific City officers, appointees, or employees, for the purpose of considering such person’s assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salary, disciplining, or resignation, under Virginia Code **§2.2-3711.A.1**, more particularly, the performance of the Director of the Department of Economic Development & Tourism of the City of Fredericksburg, VA.

**Real Property** -

**the acquisition of real property**

for the purpose of discussion or consideration of acquisition of real property for a public purpose, specifically, to acquire and enhance the attractiveness, usage and marketability of a vacant or underutilized parcel of real estate in the City of Fredericksburg, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Economic Development Authority, under Virginia Code 2.2-3711.A.3.

**the disposition of publicly held real property,**

**Prospective Business** -

**a prospective business or industry, OR**

**the expansion of an existing business or industry,**

for the purpose of holding a discussion concerning : \_\_\_\_\_ , where no previous announcement has been made of the business or industry’s interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, under Virginia Code **§2.2-3711.A.5**.

**Legal Matters** -

**actual litigation** specifically, \_\_\_\_\_

with legal counsel, where such consultation in open session would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the Economic Development Authority, **OR**

**probable litigation** with legal counsel, staff, or consultants, where (1) litigation has been specifically threatened or on which the Economic Development Authority or its counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party, and (2) such consultation in open session would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the Economic Development Authority, **OR**

**legal matters,** \_\_\_\_\_, with counsel, where such matters require the provision of legal advice, under Virginia Code **§2.2-3711.A.7**.

**Other** – (Specify subject matter, purpose of discussion, and applicable Code Section)

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**RESOLUTION 20-07 CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED EDA MEETING**

Proposal by: Brown  
Seconded by: Waller

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Economic Development Authority of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has this date convened a closed meeting under Virginia Code §2.2-3711.A.3, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote adopting **Resolution 20-07** and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, §2.2-3712.D of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Authority that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Authority hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law (Chapter 37 of Title 2.2) were heard, discussed or considered in such closed meeting, and (ii) 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 by the Authority.

**Date of Adoption: December 3, 2020**

**VOTE: AYES: 7 NAYS: 0**

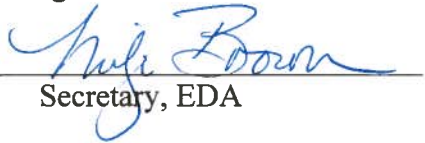
CERTIFICATION:

Secretary's Certificate

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the Secretary for the Economic Development Authority of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution 20-07 duly adopted at a meeting of the Economic Development Authority held on December 3, 2020, at which a quorum was present and voted.

Given under my hand and the official seal of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Date: 12/29/20

  
Secretary, EDA