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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA) MINUTES

June 30, 2023

8:00 a.m. • Special Meeting
City Hall, Second Floor, The Suite
715 Princess Anne St.
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

The Economic Development Authority of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia met in special session on Friday, June 30, 2023 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall, Second Floor, The Suite, 715 Princess Anne St.

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

ABSENT. None.

ALSO PRESENT. Virginia Black Business Directory: Ernisha Hall; Tracey Hall; Fredericksburg Parent: Leigh Anne Van Doren; EDA Counsel: Jackson Key; Department of Economic Development and Tourism: Bill Freehling, Director; MC Morris, Assistant Director of Tourism; Amy Peregoy, Economic Development Specialist.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM. Susan Richey.

AGENDA.

Chair Mackintosh requested Item 6. Old Business, Fredericksburg Free Press be removed from the agenda.

MOTION by Beth Black, seconded by Mitzi Brown, the amended agenda was approved: Ayes (7); Nays (0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

PRESENTATION. Virginia Black Business Directory. Beth Black abstained from the discussion due to a business conflict. Chair Mackintosh introduced Ernisha Hall and Tracey Hall. The presentation on the Virginia Black Business Directory Expo included the following: the Directory's Mission and Board of Directors, 2022 Expo Impact, 2023 Expo Agenda, Projected 2023 Expo Impact, Objective of the Expo, Video of 2022 Expo Weekend Experience, and 2023 Weekend of Excellence. A request of \$20,000 for payment to the Fredericksburg Expo and Conference Center. There was a brief question and answer segment.

MOTION by Susan Richey, seconded by Mitzi Brown, to authorize a \$20,000 payment to the Fredericksburg Expo and Conference Center for the Virginia Black Business Directory Expo on August 11-13, 2023: Ayes (6); Nays (0); Abstain (1-Black).

CLOSED SESSION.

Ms. Richey moved for adoption of Resolution 23-11, the Economic Development Authority of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia convene a closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(3) for the purpose of discussion and consideration of disposition of publicly held real property, specifically, the Visitor Center and parking lot located at 706 & 700 Caroline Street, and review bids received for its purchase, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

MOTION by Susan Richey, seconded by Suzy Stone: Ayes (7); Nays (0).

Where upon the members went into closed session.

Upon coming out of closed session.

MOTION by Susan Richey, to adopt Resolution 23-12, certifying the proper conduct of the closed session. Seconded by Mitzi Brown: Ayes (7); Nays (0).

MOTION by Lee Murray, seconded by Beth Black, to authorize Chair Mackintosh to execute the contract for 700 and 706 Caroline St. with Jarrell Properties, Inc.: Ayes (6); Nays (0); Abstain (1-Stone).

Chair Mackintosh noted the next regular meeting is August 7. The July meeting may be cancelled. Board members will be notified.

Mr. Murray asked Mr. Freehling when the EDA would receive payment from the City for the sports tourism budget allocation, baseball insurance premium, Fredericksburg Expo and Conference Center performance agreement, and NBB payment. Mr. Freehling stated the payments would be made within the next few weeks. Mr. Murray stated once the payments are made Ms. Black needs to contact Philip Pierce regarding the purchase of the Certificate of Deposit from Community Bank of the Chesapeake.

Mr. Freehling gave an update on the six EDA candidates. Kevin Hughes was appointed by City Council. There was split vote between Anita Crossfield and Dan Clendenin in the absence of Councilman Kelly. The vote is tabled until July 11.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Economic Development Authority at this time, Chair Mackintosh declared the meeting officially adjourned at 8:45 a.m.


Susan Richey, Secretary

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RESOLUTION 23-11
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA MEETING

Proposed by: Black

Seconded by: Stone

RE: RESOLUTION 23-11 FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA TO CONVENE A CLOSED MEETING UNDER THE VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DISPOSITION OF THE VISITOR CENTER AND PARKING LOT.

WHEREAS, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act authorizes public bodies to hold closed meetings for certain limited purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Economic Development Authority of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia convene a closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(3) for the purpose of discussion and consideration of disposition of publicly held real property, specifically, the Visitor Center and parking lot located at 706 & 700 Caroline Street, and review bids received for its purchase, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

DATE OF ADOPTION: June 30, 2023

VOTE: AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

CERTIFICATION:

Secretary's Certificate

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the Secretary of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution 23-11 duly adopted at a meeting of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia meeting held June 30, 2023, at which a quorum was present and voted.

Date: _____


Secretary, Economic Development Authority
of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia

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RESOLUTION 23-12
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA MEETING

Proposed by: Richey

Seconded by: Brown

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

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Authority of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia has this date convened a closed meeting under Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(3), pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote adopting **Resolution 23-12** 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 Economic Development Authority of the City of Fredericksburg that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Economic Development Authority of the City of Fredericksburg 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 Economic Development Authority of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

DATE OF ADOPTION: June 30, 2023

VOTE: AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

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