

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE
CITY OF MANASSAS
May 9, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Jones, Chair
Denise Harrover, Vice-Chair
Andrea Morisi, Secretary
Sheryl Bass
Larry Naylor
Scott Hepburn, Treasurer
Mark T. Olsen

W. Patrick Pate, City Manager, *ex-officio*
Patrick J. Small, ED Director, *ex-officio*

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: None

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Gary Jones called the EDA to order at 6:00PM. A quorum was present.

MINUTES

Andrea Morisi moved to approve the Minutes of the March 22 Meeting which was seconded by Denise Harrover. There being no discussion the Chair asked the Secretary to call the roll.

Sheryl Bass – AYE
Gary Jones – AYE
Denise Harrover – AYE
Larry Naylor – AYE
Andrea Morisi -AYE
Mark T. Olsen – AYE
Scott Hepburn – AYE

The motion passed 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Scott Hepburn presented the March City Treasurer's Report. He noted the EDA began with a balance of \$382,262.45 and had an ending balance of \$383,220.20 and that the only activity was an interest deposit of \$957.75. Andrea Morisi moved to approve the

City Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Sheryl Bass. There being no discussion the Chair asked the Secretary to call the roll.

Sheryl Bass – AYE
Gary Jones – AYE
Denise Harrover – AYE
Larry Naylor – AYE
Andrea Morisi -AYE
Mark T. Olsen – AYE
Scott Hepburn – AYE

The motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Patrick Small noted that he had sent out a letter from VFN stating that Martin Crim was leaving that firm and requesting that EDA select whether to (1) stay with VFN, (2) join Mr. Crim at his new firm, or (3) select different counsel. Mark Olsen moved that the EDA remain with VFN which was seconded by Denise Harrover. After some brief discussion the Chair asked the Secretary to call the roll.

Sheryl Bass – AYE
Gary Jones – AYE
Denise Harrover – AYE
Larry Naylor – AYE
Andrea Morisi -AYE
Mark T. Olsen – AYE
Scott Hepburn – AYE

The motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Gary Jones briefly discussed the importance of the strategic plan and requested the members actively participate in attending community events and public meetings in their capacity with the EDA.

CLOSED SESSION

I, Denise Harrover, move that the Economic Development Authority of the City of Manassas convene in closed session for discussion concerning the expansion of an existing business or industry in Downtown where no previous announcement has been made of the business or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 Paragraph A (5) for which the Virginia Freedom of Information Act permits discussion in closed session which was seconded by Sheryl Bass. There being no further discussion Secretary Morisi called the roll.

Sheryl Bass – AYE
Gary Jones – AYE
Denise Harrover – AYE
Larry Naylor – AYE
Andrea Morisi -AYE
Mark T. Olsen – AYE
Scott Hepburn – AYE

The motion passed 7-0.

After reconvening in Public Session Scott Hepburn moved that the Economic Development Authority of the City of Manassas certify that, in the closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and (2) lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in the motion which was seconded by Mark Olsen. There being no further discussion Secretary Morisi called roll.

Sheryl Bass – AYE
Gary Jones – AYE
Denise Harrover – AYE
Larry Naylor – AYE
Andrea Morisi -AYE
Mark T. Olsen – AYE
Scott Hepburn – AYE

The motion passed 7-0.

Mark Olsen made a motion to authorize an EOF grant in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to support the relocation of Flowers with Passion subject to the receipt of a Certificate of Occupancy at the new location and receipts verifying actual costs incurred from the move which was seconded by Scott Hepburn. There being no further discussion Secretary Morisi called the roll.

Sheryl Bass – AYE
Gary Jones – AYE
Denise Harrover – AYE
Larry Naylor – AYE
Andrea Morisi -AYE
Mark T. Olsen – AYE
Scott Hepburn – AYE

The motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.