

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 24, 2023  
5:30 P.M.**

The Economic Development Authority (EDA) of the Town of Rocky Mount, Virginia met at the Rocky Mount Municipal Building on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., with Chairman Adam Lynch, presiding.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Board Members Present: Chairman Adam Lynch, Vice Chair Doug Guilliams, Economic Development Authority Board Members Ruth Cook, Justin Muse, Tara Holley and Mark Redden

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Economic Development Director Daniel Pinard, EDA Clerk Cherie Compton, and Town Attorney John Boitnott

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The floor was opened for nominations for Chair. Member Doug Guilliams made a motion to keep Adam Lynch as Chairman. Hearing no further nominations Member Adam Lynch declared nominations closed for Chairman.

Motion By: Member Doug Guilliams

Second: Member Justin Muse

Chairman Adam Lynch opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Member Mark Redden made a motion for Member Justin Muse to be elected as Vice Chair. Hearing no further nominations the Chairman declared nominations closed for Vice Chairman.

Motion By: Member Mark Redden

Second: Member Doug Guilliams

Action: The board members voted to elect Adam Lynch as Chairman and Justin Muse as Vice Chairman

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To remove the closed meeting section and approve with the change

Motion By: Member Tara Holley

Second: Member Ruth Cook

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present.

## **REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Let the record show that prior to the meeting, Economic Development Authority received the following draft minutes for review and consideration of approval:

### **November 22, 2022 - Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion: To approve minutes with the change of members present from Chas Mitchell to Ruth Cook

Motion By: Member Doug Guilliams

Second: Member Mark Redden

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

## **SECRETARY REPORT**

Economic Development Clerk Cherie Compton advised members that the statement ending December 31, 2022 had a balance of \$5,000.00.

## **STAFF UPDATES**

Economic Development Director Daniel Pinard provided the following business updates:

- Community Development Block Grant was approved
- Town Council voted to move forward with DORA
- Dog park possibility near the YMCA and Jammin building
- 2023 is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Town of Rocky Mount there will be events throughout the year in celebration
- The Homegrown Music Series hosted by Twin Creeks at the Harvester and was a great success

- New Yamazato, Starbucks, Kids Castoffs, Seays Historic Inn, Venture Studio, Olde Towne Social House all have opened or will be opening soon

An open discussion ensued in regards to the Homegrown Music Series.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None at this time

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None at this time

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Daniel Pinard provided an update on the town being approached by the West Piedmont Planning District Commission to be part of a Regional Economic Development Strategic Plan, however the plan was not funded so the town is considering budgeting for a town wide Economic Development Strategic Plan in the upcoming year. An open discussion ensued. All Economic Development Authority members agreed to move forward with that plan.

### **AUTHORITY BOARD COMMENTS**

Member Tara Holley stated that she gathered information on the Economic Development Authority and asked for more clarification on how the EDA should conduct business as a more effectively working EDA. An open discussion ensued.

### **UPCOMING NETWORKING EVENTS & EDA MEETINGS**

Franklin County Connects – February 8, 2023 9:00am (Franklin Center)

Community Partnership – February 13, 2023 9:00am (1035 Franklin St)

Business Community Town Hall- February 21, 2023 5:30pm (Town Municipal Building)

EDA Meeting – February 28, 2023 - 5:30 pm (Town Municipal Bldg)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Mark Redden

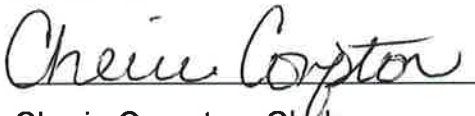
Second: Member Tara Holley

Action: Adjourned by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 5:54 p.m.

  
Adam Lynch, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Cherie Compton, Clerk