

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 25, 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, April 25, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., with Chairman Adam Lynch, presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Economic Development Director Daniel Pinard, EDA Clerk Cherie Compton, Town Attorney John Boitnott, Assistant Town Manager Mark Moore, Town Manager Robert Wood

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented

Motion By: Member Tara Holley

Second: Member Mark Redden

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:

January 24, 2023 - Regular Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2023 – Special Called Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve minutes as presented

Motion By: Member Doug Williams

Second: Member Ruth Cook

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

SECRETARY REPORT

Economic Development Clerk Cherie Compton advised members that the statement ending March 31, 2023 had a balance of \$5,000.00.

STAFF UPDATES

Economic Development Director Daniel Pinard provided the following business updates:

- Grand at 290 had rebranded and now is Venue 290
- New openings Hourglass Yoga, KK Creations, Cadillac Lounge
- Gina's Place has a new opener and is now called Divined Beauty with a ribbon cutting on Saturday, May 13 @ 12:30pm
- Ribbon Cutting at new Hallmark May 19 @ 3:00pm
- Town 150th anniversary events coming up Venue 290 is holding a fashion show May 21st @ 3:00pm, Court Days June 10th @ 3:00pm, Harvester story telling event August 12th, 150 fest September 30th
- Dog Park is in the towns capital improvements and is moving forward, Rocky Mount Rotary Club has made this project their annual project and will be selling tickets to help raise money to assist with the development of the dog park
- DORA application was submitted, and everything is on track and possibly will use this as a soft launch at Court Days

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS

Town Manager Robert Wood provided an update on the potential purchase of a 64.4 acre property in town along highway 40 and highway 220. He mentioned the boundary survey being ordered, working with a firm for an Environmental Assessment, and Financing.

NEW BUSINESS

Quarterly Payments

Daniel requested approval for the EDA to accept the checks from the Town and quarterly accounting checks to be written to the Harvester Performance Center LLC in the in the amounts of \$105,116.63 for 3rd and 4th Quarter.

Motion: To accept the checks from the Town in the amounts of \$105,116.63 and checks to be written to the Harvester Performance Center LLC in the amounts of \$105,116.63 for 3rd and 4th Quarter

Motion By: Member Doug Guilliams

Second: Member Justin Muse

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

AUTHORITY BOARD COMMENTS

Member Ruth Cook asked for an update on the Economic Development Strategic Plan. Daniel stated the Town was waiting on the County to finish theirs so the Town could compliment theirs and not duplicate anything that would be in their draft.

UPCOMING NETWORKING EVENTS & EDA MEETINGS

Community Partnership – May 8, 2023 9:00 am (1035 Franklin St)

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

EDA Meeting – May 23, 2023 - 5:30 pm (Town Municipal Bldg)

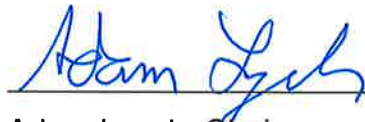
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Tara Holley

Second: Member Mark Redden

Action: Adjourned by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 5:52 p.m.



Adam Lynch, Chairman

ATTEST:



Cherie Compton, Clerk

