

**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY
OF JEFFERSONVILLE AND TWIGGS COUNTY
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**

October 27, 2022

6:30 P.M. Development Authority Office, Chairman Douglas Chance presiding

PRESENT: Mr. Douglas Chance, Chair; Donald Floyd, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Cindie Nobles, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Louise Wimberly, Mrs. Tabitha Little, Board Members; Mr. Kevin Brown, Attorney; Mrs. Judy Sherling, Executive Director. Absent: Mr. Dale Lumley, Mr. Eddie Stephens, Board Member

INVOCATION: Mr. Floyd

VISITORS: There were no visitors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no announcements.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

1. Park project grant application with 2% administrative fee
2. RDI recommendations for a branding website
3. Logistics Summit sponsorship - \$500

Mrs. Little made a motion to approve the addition of these items to the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Wimberly. Unanimous vote of the five members present. Motion Carried.

At this time, Mrs. Nobles left the meeting.

MINUTES: Mrs. Wimberly made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Sept 22, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Little. Unanimous vote of the four members present. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. Little made a motion to approved the Sept 30, 2022 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mrs. Wimberly. Unanimous vote of the four members present. Motion Carried.

At this time, Mrs. Nobles re-entered the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Sherling presented a schedule of upcoming holidays for consideration of the board. After discussion, Mrs. Little made a motion to approve the schedule with the addition of Monday, Jan. 2, 2023 as an observed New Years Day holiday. Mrs. Wimberly seconded. Unanimous vote of the five members present. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Sherling presented an update on the downtown park project with the opportunity to apply for a matching grant from Historic Trust. The grant would require that a 501-c-3 organization be the applicant. The Four County Area Exchange Club has agreed to be the applicant but will charge a 2% service fee. Mrs. Little made a motion that the Development Authority cover the 2% admin fee up to \$200, seconded by Mrs. Nobles. Unanimous vote of the five members present. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Sherling then brought up the topic of a branding website and presented several quotes for the service of hosting and maintaining the website. Several suggestions were made including the possibility of having the Board of Education provide the same service. Mrs. Sherling with continue the conversation with the partner organizations. No vote was needed.

Mrs. Sherling presented the sponsorship package for the 2023 Logistics Summit in Savannah. The Bronze package is, once again, \$500. Mrs. Little made a motion that we pay for a bronze sponsorship, seconded by Mrs. Wimberly. Unanimous vote of the five members present. Motion Carried.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Mrs. Sherling updated the Authority on the 2023 budget and the request made to the county for an increase of \$5,000. Given that no announcement has been made by the county, Mrs. Nobles made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget as presented with the understanding it could be amended in December if the request for an increase is not granted. Mrs. Little seconded. Unanimous vote of the five members present. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Sherling gave updated information on the negotiations concerning the 20-acre SR96 tract. No action is needed at this time.

Mrs. Sherling asked that Project Midway and Project Hillandale discussions be moved to Executive Session.

Mrs. Sherling updated the Authority on the USDA grant application for the Health Education building, noting that we are still waiting for a response from the Army Corps of Engineers. She will reach out to Congressman Scott for assistance, if needed.

The Malone Mixed Use project has not been addressed by the city and, it would appear, is now on hold or may be no longer viable.

Project Kim discussions continue with assistance from a commercial Realtor and a civil engineer.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mrs. Sherling reported on the following topics:

- **TRI-COUNTY EMC** – Mrs. Sherling attended the annual meeting of the co-op
- **BE PRO – BE PROUD BUS** – Mrs. Hogan attended this event at the high school
- **NEW PROSPECT ACTIVITY** – Discussion ensued on the potential for foreign investment and activity with a general agreement that all Chinese projects must come from the State.
- **SEWER EXPANSION UPDATE** – Mrs. Sherling announced that the expansion work should begin in January and be completed by March.
- **UPDATE ON SR 96** – Mrs. Sherling shared that Project Manager Caldwell has stated that EPD still has not approved GDOT's plans and that the latest revision is back with EPD for additional review. No Notice To Proceed can be issued until final EPD approval is given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mrs. Nobles made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate sales. Mrs. Little seconded. Unanimous vote of the five members present. Motion Carried. The meeting was closed to the public at 7:32 PM.

Upon completion of closed discussion, Mr. Floyd made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Mrs. Little. Unanimous vote of the five members present. Motion Carried. The meeting was re-opened at 7:45 PM.

Mr. Floyd made a motion to draw down escrow funds from Project Midway to the Truist Savings Account. Mrs. Wimberly seconded. Unanimous vote of the five members present. Motion Carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nobles made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mrs. Little. Unanimous vote of the five members present. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Mr. Douglas Chance, Chairman

Mrs. Cindie Nobles, Secretary-Treasurer