# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA AND THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

Mr. Hoege called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 3, 2023, in the EDA/IDA Board Room at 11820 Fountain Way, Suite 301, Newport News, Virginia.

# Those members present were:

Howard H. Hoege, III, Chair
Alonzo R. Bell, Jr.
Faye P. Gargiulo
Jameka R. Johnson
R.C. Miller
Jonathan P. Skinner
Cathy T. Williams
Florence G. Kingston, Secretary/Treasurer, ex-officio
Alan Archer, Acting City Manager, ex-officio

#### Absent:

None

### Legal Counsel:

Raymond H. Suttle, Jr.

#### Staff:

Joy Robison, Assistant Secretary Jessica Jacobs, Recording Secretary

### Also present:

Bob Pealo, Deputy City Attorney Larry Brunson, Director, Brooks Crossing Innovation + Opportunity Center

#### Call to Order

Mr. Hoege opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Resolution of the EDA/IDA Authorizing Officers of the Authority to Sign Documents in Connection with Certain Bonds of the Authority Issued for the Benefit of Riverside Healthcare Association, Inc.

Mrs. Kingston stated that Riverside Healthcare Association was undertaking a financing of its new Smithfield, Virginia facility through the Isle of Wight Economic Development Authority. She shared that, as part of that transaction, Riverside is amending the collateral security documents related to all of its outstanding debt, some of which is associated with tax-exempt bonds issued by the Newport News EDA and IDA. Mrs. Kingston noted that the amendments to the collateral security documents were not expected to affect any of the Newport News EDA/IDA bonds or bond documents issued on behalf of Riverside.

Mrs. Kingston said that Riverside's negotiations with its current creditors over consent to these amendments was ongoing, and it was possible that a creditor could request an amendment to the related bond documents. She shared that to allow for Riverside to close on its intended financing on schedule and out of an abundance of caution, Riverside is requesting that the Newport News EDA/IDA consider the enclosed resolution which would authorize the officers of the EDA/IDA, after consulting with legal counsel, to enter into technical amendments to the bond documents to reflect the new collateral security documents of Riverside. She stated that these amendments would likely be related to changing the names of the documents and updating section references, but that no substantive changes to the interest rates, maturity dates, or principal amounts are to be requested or would be made under the authorizations in the enclosed resolution.

Mr. Hoege asked if Board members had any questions, and there were none. Mr. Hoege introduced a Motion to approve Resolution 23-7 of the EDA/IDA, Authorizing Officers of the Authority to Sign Documents in Connection with Certain Bonds of the Authority Issued for the Benefit of Riverside Healthcare Association, Inc. Mr. Bell so moved and Ms. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

# **DHCD Resurgence Grant**

Mrs. Kingston reminded the Board that the EDA was awarded \$100,000 from the FY24 Virginia Business District Resurgence Grant Program – a program managed by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. She shared that the funding

application focused on adding business support within the Southeast Community and removing some of the barriers entrepreneurs face accessing our programs and starting up their business. Mrs. Kingston stated that the proposed use of funds would be to expand access to the Modified Façade Improvement (FIG) Grant program implemented for CNI to the entire Southeast Community; modify our existing e-commerce grant program to provide the required private match for businesses in the Southeast Community; and create a new rent credit program to help fill some of the vacant storefronts in the Southeast Community. She stated that to support the application, the \$120,000 in local match was committed to be provided from the existing funding allocated for the Modified FIG Program in CNI and existing funding for the e-commerce grant program. Mrs. Kingston shared that staff was working on modifications to the existing programs, as well as developing guidelines for the rent credit program, which she anticipated would be presented to the Executive Committee at its meeting later during the month.

Mr. Hoege asked if Board members had any questions, and there were none. Mr. Hoege introduced a Motion to authorize execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the EDA and Department of Housing and Community Development, in connection with the awarded FY 2024 Virginia Business District Resurgence Grant supporting expanded business resources and assistance in the Southeast Community of Newport News, subject to review and approval by EDA Legal Counsel. Mr. Bell so moved and Ms. Williams seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Kingston said that she was happy to have Chris Morello back with the Department, filling the vacant Assistant Director position. She said that after his six years with Isle of Wight County Economic Development, first as Assistant Director and then as Director, Mr. Morello brings not only fresh perspective to the team, but also a foundational understanding of our Department, and its culture and history. Mrs. Kingston said she was excited about the excellent leadership and experience being added to the team as we fill these important roles.

Mrs. Kingston stated that the Real Estate Coordinator position has been vacant since Macon Whitson, who previously served in the position, moved to a role in the City Attorney's office. She stated she was very proud to announce that Jameson LeClair was promoted to the position. Mrs. Kingston shared that Mr. LeClair started with the Department five years ago after completing his Bachelor's degree in Political Science, and has progressively moved up the ranks, from his initial administrative positions to Project Coordinator, and now to Real Estate Coordinator. She stated that these advancements are

evidence of his ability to quickly learn and master new responsibilities, adding that she looked forward to his added contributions to the Department in this new role.

Mrs. Kingston reminded the Board that the City has leased office space for its Department of Human Services in the EDA-owned Rouse Tower building since December 2007. She stated that the original lease has been followed by six subsequent addenda extending the lease, with the most recent addendum expiring November 30, 2023. Mrs. Kingston shared that the City is now seeking to extend the existing lease for an additional five-year term commencing December 1, 2023, and terminating November 30, 2028. She said that during this five-year lease extension, the initial rental rate will increase by 2% to \$21.08 per square foot, consistent with previous addenda, and includes a 2% annual escalation thereafter. Mrs. Kingston stated that the leased square footage will remain the same, adding that all other terms and conditions of the original lease, as amended, will remain in effect. She stated that she was recommending approval of Addendum Seven to the Agreement of Lease between the EDA and the City since it will retain a major tenant at Rouse Tower, adding that City Council is scheduled to take action on this lease at its November 28th meeting. She said that she would seek a Motion to authorize the execution of the addendum at the end of her report.

Mrs. Kingston informed the Board that there were two important real estate closings in the prior month – the long-awaited transfer of the Applied Research Center (ARC) to the Department of Energy and the transfer of 2800 Washington Avenue to The Monument Companies. Mrs. Kingston stated that staff had been working on the conveyance of the ARC Building for over 5 years, and it was timely to have finally conveyed the building in conjunction with the recent announcement regarding Jefferson Lab's selection by the U.S. Department of Energy as the location of the new High Performance Data Facility project. She said that in addition to supporting its research functions, the ARC building will be the future home of a visitor center for Jefferson Lab and where its STEM outreach programs will be based. She also informed the Board that a celebration event was being planned for December. She noted also that The Monument Companies had been a great partner through the closing on 2800 Washington Avenue and during the due diligence and design phases, and she looked forward to the enhanced momentum for Downtown as Monument renovates the building into an 87-unit apartment building.

Mrs. Kingston informed the Board that on October 19<sup>th</sup>, staff supported the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce with its Small Business Educational Series, "Start, Grow, Thrive: Succeeding in Business." She stated that the session featured Dean Risseeuw, a certified SCORE mentor, who shared about the Business Model Canvas, which provided information about developing business plans. Mrs. Kingston said that Shakir Johnson,

Kathrina Turner, Tricia Wilson, and Jordan Wilson, along with representatives from 757 Collab, the Hampton Roads Small Business Center and the City of Hampton, shared available resources with the businesses and entrepreneurs in attendance. She stated staff was glad to be able to market our programs while supporting the Chamber with this new event series, which creates another resource for business owners and entrepreneurs in the community. Mrs. Kingston announced that the next session in the Series, "Access to Capital: Knowing Your Options" is scheduled for Monday, November 13th at 9:00 am.

Mrs. Kingston stated that on October 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, Mallory Butler joined the Virginia Economic Development Partnership for the annual CoreNet Global Summit in Denver. She stated that this three-day conference is one of the premier events for corporate real estate professionals, adding that nearly 1,700 people responsible for managing the real estate assets of the world's largest corporations attended the event. Mrs. Kingston added that a series of pre-arranged appointments and impromptu meetings resulted in a number of leads for the Commonwealth, including several introductions with direct opportunities for Newport News.

Mrs. Kingston shared that during the following week, START Peninsula will be hosting its main event for the year. She stated that the Championship Pitch Event will be held on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Mrs. Kingston informed the Board that throughout the year, over 50 founders have participated in the lead-up events to the Championship. She shared that the Main Event will feature the remaining 12 businesses as they compete for the 2023 title, adding that this would be a virtual event.

Mrs. Kingston informed that Board that staff has been feverishly working to plan events for two of our newest businesses in the City, Aldora Glass and Saté Kitchen, both being held on the same day. She stated that Thursday, November 9th is going to be a full day, and she looked forward to celebrating success for all involved. Mrs. Kingston shared that Board members received an invitation to the Open House event for Aldora Glass that will showcase the company's facility for its national sales team and customers. She noted that the event will be held at 10:00 a.m. at 280 Enterprise Drive in Oakland Industrial Park. She also invited the Board to join staff at 2:00 p.m. the same day for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the long-awaited opening of Saté: A New American Experience at 694 Town Center Drive in City Center. She stated that it has been such a pleasure to work with Owner and Executive Chef Kyle Fowlkes, and she explained that the event has been broadly promoted to the public as well. Mrs. Kingston said that following remarks by the Mayor and others, guests will have the opportunity to sample Chef Kyle's delicious fare and tour the restaurant.

Mrs. Kingston stated that the Monthly Financial Statements were in Board Members' packages and noted a few highlights. She asked if Board members had any questions, and there were none.

Mrs. Kingston offered Acting City Manager Alan Archer the opportunity to provide comments. Mr. Archer stated that City staff has been working with City Council on final revisions for the 2025 Strategic Plan. He informed the Board that the final version would be presented to City Council shortly, and offered to present highlights to the Board at a future date. Mr. Archer said that both former and new Council members have helped to evolve the plan, and that he was excited that it encompassed both new and prior visions for the City. Mr. Hoege asked if any plans have changed with the recent Jefferson Lab announcement. Mr. Archer stated that while not specific to Jefferson Lab, technology innovation within the community is a focus. Mr. Archer noted that staff has recently been hired for the City's new Office of Innovation which he said would help the City solve complex problems and evaluate opportunities for new innovation.

Mr. Hoege introduced a Motion to authorize execution of Addendum Seven to the Agreement of Lease between the EDA and the City, connected with the City's Department of Human Services utilization of approximately 121,523 square feet in Rouse Tower, for a period of five years at an initial rental rate of \$21.08 per square foot, with a 2% annual escalation, subject to all necessary documentation being reviewed and approved by EDA Counsel. Mr. Bell so moved and Ms. Williams seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

# Assistant Secretary's Report

Mr. Hoege asked for the Assistant Secretary's Report. Ms. Robison advised the Board that the Committee Meeting Schedule was in their packages and noted relevant details.

#### Madison Government Affairs' Consultant Report

Mr. Hoege advised the Board that the Madison Government Affairs Report was in written format and asked if Board members had any comments or questions. There were none.

At 9:35 a.m. Ms. Williams moved for the Authority to go into a closed meeting pursuant to VA Code Section §2.2-3711.A: Real Estate (3), Prospective Business (5), and Investment of Public Funds (6) for the following purposes and subjects: (3) Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose or of the disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining

position or negotiating strategy of the public body, the subject of which is a proposed property disposition in the northern section of the City; and a proposed property disposition in the central section of the City. (5) Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, the subject of which is an unannounced business interested in locating in the northern section of the City, and unannounced business interested in locating in the central section of the City, and a proposed unannounced business expansion in the southern section of the City. (6) Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, the subject of which is an investment in the northern section of the City.

At 9:58 a.m., the EDA/IDA Board returned to open session following a certification motion by Ms. Williams, in accordance with VA Code Section §2.2-3712(D) that to the best of each member's knowledge: (D) (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter; 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 meeting by the public body.

# Action(s) Coming Out of Closed Session

There were no motions coming out of closed session.

### Committee Reports

Mr. Hoege called for the Committee Reports. Mr. Bell presented the Design Review Committee report, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote. Ms. Williams presented the Executive Committee report, which did not require Board ratification. Ms. Gargiulo presented the Marketing Committee report, which did not require Board ratification. Ms. Johnson presented the Revolving Loan Fund Committee report, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote. Mr. Skinner presented the South Newport News Committee report, which did not require Board ratification.

# Draft Resolution of Appreciation for Cynthia D. Rohlf

Mrs. Kingston stated that Cindy Rohlf had a significant impact on the City of Newport News, noting her support of EDA/IDA and City initiatives as City Manager. She shared that she was an enthusiastic and supportive ally of the Board for many years and was essential to

its accomplishments. She said that staff would like to thank Ms. Rohlf and acknowledge her public service with a Resolution of Appreciation from the EDA/IDA. She informed the Board that the draft Resolution of Appreciation for Cindy Rohlf was sent in advance and was provided at their places, and she invited the Board to forward any input, comments or edits to Ms. Robison. She shared that her plan will be to bring Ms. Rohlf to a Board Meeting in the near future once the Resolution is finalized and framed.

Mr. Hoege asked if Board members had any questions, and there was none. Mr. Hoege introduced a Motion to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation for Cynthia D. Rohlf. Mr. Bell so moved and Mr. Skinner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

# **Election of Officers**

Mr. Hoege called for nominations from the floor for Chair of EDA/IDA for 2024. Mr. Bell moved to nominate Howard Hoege for Chair, and Ms. Gargiulo seconded the motion. Ms. Williams moved to close nominations for Chair, and Mr. Bell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Hoege called for nominations from the floor for Vice-Chair of the EDA/IDA for 2024. Mr. Skinner moved to nominate Cathy Williams for Vice-Chair, and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Bell moved to close nominations for Vice-Chair, and Mr. Skinner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Ms. Johnson moved to elect Howard Hoege as Chair and Cathy Williams as Vice-Chair of the EDA/IDA for Calendar Year 2024, and Mr. Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

### Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2023

Mr. Hoege asked for approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2023. Ms. Bell so moved and Mr. Skinner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Mrs. Kingston informed the Board that the maturity date for the gap loan supporting the City Center Entertainment District and theatre block development was quickly approaching in mid-November. She stated that staff was coordinating with the lender and developer on

the purchase of the note for the gap loan, with plans to come back to the Board for approval of documents effectuating that purchase at the next meeting. Mrs. Kingston informed the Board that in the meantime, staff was working with the lender on an extension for the transaction, recognizing the December target for approvals. She said she would provide a full report and update at the November meeting, but wanted to make them aware of this ongoing coordination.

### **New Business**

Mr. Hoege asked for any new business. There was none.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Hoege adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Florence G. Kingston Secretary/Treasurer

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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Chair, Design Review Committee

SUBJECT: Chair's Report

DATE: November 3, 2023

The Design Review Committee met on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The Committee considered a request by International Cooperating Ministries, on behalf of The Rosser Foundation for approval of a proposed internally-illuminated building-mounted sign, non-illuminated building-mounted sign and monument sign face change at 99 Old Oyster Point Road, located in Jefferson Center for Research and Technology. Staff recommended that a waiver, as requested by the applicant, be approved to allow for two building-mounted signs, with one sign to face Interstate 64. Upon review, the Committee voted to recommend approval of the request, subject to approval by the Interstate Professional Center Condominium Association and in accordance with all applicable City codes and regulations.

Staff additionally reported that one administrative approval was processed on October 10<sup>th</sup> for an outdoor planter to be installed by Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. at 751 Lakefront Commons.

This Report requires Board ratification.

Alonzo Bell, Jr

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Date, Time and Location: October 19, 2023, at 8 a.m. at 11820 Fountain Way, Suite 301, Newport News, VA

Members Present: Alonzo Bell, Jr., Faye Gargiulo, Carl Briner, Thomas Herbert, Robert Mann, Bryan Trainum, Sylvia Weinstein, Beth Willis

Members Absent: Jameka Johnson, Teresa Nettles



TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Chair, Executive Committee

SUBJECT: Chair's Report

DATE: November 3, 2023

The Executive Committee met on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The Committee received a briefing regarding the EDA-owned Carleton Advanced Manufacturing Site. The 145-acre site consists of 165 and 185 Yorktown Road, located between I-64 and the CSX Railroad. The Committee was reminded that the property is currently zoned R9 Mixed-Use and has several site constraints such as a 200-foot wide Dominion easement containing overhead transmission lines and varying topography, in addition to being part of the Lee Hall Overlay District.

The Committee was informed that EDA staff has been working with staff of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) in pursuing funding from the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program (VBRSP) for the site. VBRSP is managed by VEDP and provides funding to promote the characterization of developable properties to better position them for future development. To be eligible for the program, the property must be appropriately zoned for commercial or industrial use, which given the property's mixed-use zoning, has been a barrier to taking advantage of this program in the past. Staff is beginning to take steps to prepare an application for rezoning in conjunction with preparing an application for the next funding cycle of VBRSP, with the goal of having the rezoning complete in time for the funding award. Staff will provide additional updates as progress is made.

Staff reminded the Committee that the City had not been selected for funding from the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure (Middle Mile) Program that would have supported construction of a fiber ring on the Peninsula, and provided connections to the fiber infrastructure being developed Southside. With the recent announcement of the High Performance Data Facility at Jefferson Lab, staff is evaluating potential options to

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implement elements of the proposed scope in the Middle Mile Program application, which would enhance connectivity on the Peninsula and connect to Southside assets.

The Committee was also advised that the region's NEXUS (National Excellence in Uncrewed Systems – Air, Land, Sea, Space and Digital Tech Hub) application for the United States Economic Development Administration's Tech Hubs funding opportunity had not been successful, and that two other Virginia applications had been selected – one in Richmond and one in the New River Valley. Despite not being selected for funding, staff believes that the relationships and framework developed through the application process are valuable and can be leveraged to support projects and other funding opportunities in the future.

The Committee's remaining items were handled in closed session. This report does not require Board ratification.

Cathy T/Williams

#### CTW:jer

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Date, Time and Location: October 24, 2023, at 11:00 am at 11820 Fountain Way, Suite 301, Newport News, VA

Members Present: Alonzo Bell, Howard Hoege, Jonathan Skinner, Cathy Williams

Members Absent: none



TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Chair, Marketing Committee

SUBJECT: Chair's Report

DATE: November 3, 2023

The Marketing Committee met on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Liz Parker, Director of Operations for LINK of Hampton Roads and member of the Board of Directors for the Newport News Hospitality Association, gave an enlightening presentation on the hospitality industry in Newport News. Committee members were pleased and encouraged by the data and information that was shared.

This report does not require Board ratification.

Faye\P. Gargiulo

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Date, Time and Location: October 19, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at 11820 Fountain Way, Suite 301, Newport News, VA

Members Present: Faye Gargiulo, R.C. Miller, Don Blankenship, Gary Hunter

Members Absent: Cathy Williams, Dan Powell



TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Chair, Revolving Loan Fund Committee

SUBJECT: Chair's Report

DATE: November 3, 2023

The Revolving Loan Fund Committee met on October 31st.

Committee members were provided financial statements for the Newport News Capital Fund (NNCF) as of September 30, 2023.

Staff presented three (3) Modified Façade Improvement Grant (FIG) Program requests and four (4) Façade Improvement Grant (FIG) Program requests:

- Modified FIG request for \$10,000 from Mark Howell to include exterior painting, removing and replacing roof, removing and replacing front windows/doors at 1802 Jefferson Avenue.
- FIG request for \$8,440 from Mark Howell to include exterior painting, removing and replacing roof, removing and replacing front windows/doors at 1802
   Jefferson Avenue.
- Modified FIG request for \$10,000 from Miracle Temple Baptist Church (Mario's Pawn Shop) to include soffit and vinyl replacement, roof replacement and door replacement at 3106 Jefferson Avenue.
- FIG request for \$10,000 from Miracle Temple Baptist Church (Mario's Pawn Shop) to include soffit and vinyl replacement, roof replacement and door replacement at 3106 Jefferson Avenue.

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- Modified FIG request for \$10,000 from Miracle Temple Baptist Church (Absolute Right Choice) to include soffit, gutters and downspout replacement, roof replacement and door replacement at 3214 Jefferson Avenue.
- FIG request for \$10,000 from Miracle Temple Baptist Church (Absolute Right Choice) to include soffit, gutters and downspout replacement, roof replacement and door replacement at 3214 Jefferson Avenue.
- FIG request for \$20,000 from Harbor View Associates to include replacing awnings, exterior lights, fencing, roof and decking, along with landscape and hardscape improvements at 200 Old Marina Lane.

All FIG requests were unanimously approved.

This Report requires Board ratification.

Jameka R. Johnson

#### JRJ:tfw

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Date, Time and Location: October 31, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at 11820 Fountain Way, Suite 301, Newport News, VA

Members Present: Jameka Johnson, R.C. Miller, John Lunsford and Sharon Owens-Clark

Members Absent: Howard Hoege and George Knight



TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Chair, South Newport News Committee

SUBJECT: Chair's Report

DATE: November 3, 2023

The South Newport News Committee met on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Derek Perry, with the City's Department of Development, provided the Committee with a comprehensive update on the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI), outlining the various goals and initiatives connected with the implementation of the Transformation Plan for the Marshall-Ridley Choice Neighborhood and the \$30 million CNI Implementation Grant awarded to the City and Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Committee Members were briefed on completed, ongoing and planned activities that are a part of the implementation of the Housing, People and Neighborhood Plans. Mr. Perry shared information about the Critical Community Improvements that include gateway improvements, a seafood market, a health and wellness trail network, housing rehabilitation program, and building rehabilitations to support neighborhood commercial development, as well as about other City and EDA projects, such as the rehabilitation of 2510 Jefferson Avenue, the Early Childhood Development Center, and the Residential Façade Program. Committee Members were impressed with the wealth of information provided and the implementation progress being achieved.

This report does not require Board ratification.

lenathan P Skinner

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Date, Time and Location: October 3, 2023, 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Development Conference Room

Members Present: Cathy Williams, Carl Burt, Richard Coleman, Troy Smith, Jr.

Members Absent: Jonathan Skinner, Jameka Johnson