

**MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF EMPORIA
FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

Note to Reader: Although the printed agenda document for this Economic Development Authority meeting is not part of these minutes, the agenda document provides background information on most all the items discussed by the Board at this meeting. The Secretary of the Economic Development Authority maintains the agenda document. One may see a copy of the agenda for this meeting by contacting the Secretary.

The Economic Development Authority of the City of Emporia held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 201 South Main Street, Emporia, Virginia, Emporia, Virginia. David Bland, Chairman, presided over the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following Economic Development Authority Members indicated their presence:

Mr. David Bland	Mr. Robert Grizzard
Ms. Gloria Robinson	Mr. Kenneth Ryals
Mr. Vincent Lowery	
Mr. David Webb	

Not Present: Mr. Jason Slagle

Others present: Mr. William E. Johnson, III, City Manager
Shenetta Beck, Community and Economic Development Director
Lori R. Jarratt, EDA Secretary

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Webb moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Ryals, which passed as follows:

Mr. David Bland	aye	Mr. David Webb	aye
Ms. Gloria Robinson	aye	Mr. Robert Grizzard	aye
Mr. Vincent Lowery	aye	Mr. Kenneth Ryals	aye

MINUTES APPROVAL

There were no minutes provided at this meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

There was no financial report provided at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

With there being no comments to come before the Economic Development Authority, Mr. Bland closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

****Closed Session****

Ms. Robinson moved that the Economic Development Authority convene in Closed Session pursuant to Code of Virginia Freedom of Information Act Sections 2.2-3711 (A)(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.

Invited to attend the closed meeting, as necessary, are the City Manager and City Attorney because they are deemed necessary and their presence will reasonably aid the Economic Development Authority in its consideration of the topics discussed, pursuant to Virginia FOIA Section 2.2-3712(F), seconded by Mr. Webb, which passed as follows:

Mr. David Bland	aye	Mr. David Webb	aye
Ms. Gloria Robinson	aye	Mr. Robert Grizzard	aye
Mr. Vincent Lowery	aye	Mr. Kenneth Ryals	aye

*****Regular Session*****

Mr. Lowery moved that the meeting be returned to Regular Session. Mr. Ryals seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Mr. David Bland	aye	Mr. David Webb	aye
Ms. Gloria Robinson	aye	Mr. Robert Grizzard	aye
Mr. Vincent Lowery	aye	Mr. Kenneth Ryals	aye

CERTIFICATION

Mr. Ryals moved to certify the following: That the Economic Development Authority return to Public Meeting and certify by roll call vote that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered during the closed meeting, seconded by Ms. Robinson, which passed as follows:

Mr. David Bland aye
Ms. Gloria Robinson aye
Mr. Vincent Lowery aye

Mr. David Webb aye
Mr. Robert Grizzard aye
Mr. Kenneth Ryals aye

Ms. Robinson made a motion to authorize the chairman to execute the agreement for purchase and sale of real property between Investor Realty Ventures, LLC and Economic Development Authority of the City of Emporia, seconded by Mr. Webb which passed as follows:

Mr. David Bland aye
Ms. Gloria Robinson aye
Mr. Vincent Lowery aye

Mr. David Webb aye
Mr. Robert Grizzard aye
Mr. Kenneth Ryals aye

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Authority, Chairman Bland adjourned the meeting.



David Bland, Chair

2.29.2024

Date



Lori R. Jarraff, EDA Secretary

2.29.2024

Date