



## **Business and Industrial Development Authority Meeting Summary**

Thursday, January 4, 2024

6:30 pm

### **I. Call to Order**

Prior to the call to order there was a board discussion held in reference to possibly changing the regularity of the number of annual meetings from monthly meetings to possibly to every other month or quarterly meetings by Ms. Beth McMillan? Mr. Kirby Glaze informed the Board that there is no Constitutional Provision that states the number of meetings that must be held; however, the by-laws which are created by the board can be changed at any time if the board would like them to. Currently, our by-laws state: *“A regular meeting of the membership should be held on the first Thursday of each month or at such other time as directed by the Authority.”* Nonetheless, it is Mr. Glaze’s recommendation which would be to keep the first Thursday date of each month but to add a cutoff time and date to give the Secretary/Treasurer notice of change so the chairperson can make the decision of cancellation. Mr. Alexander Gothard and Mr. Stacey Dunson the BIDA Board meetings should meet with a purpose and productive direction.

Ms. Regina Carter added to the steps that staff are responsible for to conduct an onsite BIDA Board meeting. These steps include notifying the Clerk who is responsible for scheduling an onsite Police Officer, Building & Grounds to set up the seating arrangements in the Council Chamber, Information & Technology Department to post meeting information on the website and lastly the Public Information Department to post meeting date, time and location on social media.

Vice Chairperson Gloria Speed called the January 4, 2024, meeting of the East Point Business and Industrial Development Authority to order at 6:55 pm.

### **II. Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Alexander Gothard made a motion to approve the current agenda. Mr. Stacey Dunson seconded the motion. **The motion was approved unanimously, the motion carried.**

### **III. Approval of the December 7, 2023, Meeting Summaries**

Mr. Alexander Gothard made a motion to approve the December 7, 2023, summary with one correction to change Mrs. Gothard to Mr. Gothard as making of an approval, and Ms. Helen Simmons seconded the approval motion with the state correction. **The motion was approved unanimously, the motion carried.**

### **IV. Chairperson Report**

**None**

**V. Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Carter stated the CHASE Bank releases statements on the fifth of each month; therefore, the December statement would not be available until January 5, 2024. The next item to be completed is the Nomination of Officers.

Mr. Alexander Gothard nominated Mr. Stacey Dunson to serve as the Chairperson of the BIDA board. This motion was seconded by Ms. Gloria Speed with no other nominees submitted. **The motion was approved unanimously, the motion carried.**

Ms. Gloria Speed nominated Ms. Beth McMillan to serve as Vice Chairperson of the BIDA board. This motion was seconded by Mr. Alexander Gothard with no other nominees submitted. **The motion was approved unanimously, the motion carried.**

Mr. Stacey Dunson nominated Ms. Regina Carter to continue serving as Secretary/Treasurer of the BIDA board. This motion was seconded by Ms. Helen Simmon with no other nominees submitted. **The motion was approved unanimously, the motion carried.**

**VI. Legal Report**

Mr. Kirby Glaze informed the board that he does not have a legal report.

**VII. Old Business**

Mr. Maceo Rogers introduced the Economic Development Department business announcements, upcoming events and department initiatives and conference & project activities at various stages of the process.

**VIII. New Business**

Ms. McMillan asked Mr. Rogers for an update on the Old Washington Rd VW/Furniture Location which has been cleared? Mr. Maceo Rogers informed the board that Economic Development Department last met with a development firm that purchased the site on October 12, 2023 to obtain an update but was unable to get in touch with them; however, he should have an update at the next meeting. Ms. McMillan also asked about what would replace the old "This Is It" location.? Maceo said he was not sure what they are going to do with it and we had a holiday luncheon at the new location yesterday in hopes of speaking with Butch but he was not there; however, they are opening a new restaurant in Douglasville if anyone would like to go to the preopening for a free meal. Ms. Carter added if anyone goes to the Camp Creek location, they can see the artwork of Mr. Rogers at the cash register. Mr. Kirby Glaze also stated everyone can see the artwork of Mr. Rogers at the Jonesboro City Hall as well.

Ms. McMillan also informed Mr. Rogers that he may want to reach out to a young lady for the old "***This Is It***" vacant location. Her name is Deboarh Vantrece (Vantrece Hospitality Group) who has opened two restaurants in the last 18 months in Atlanta that were mentioned in the Michelin Diners Guide. The location on Howell Mill Rd won an award for that location.

Mr. Rogers explained that the items he has presented in the board package given to each board member includes properties for sale, for lease and those specifically located in the downtown East Point area as well as possible BIDA business locations. All properties were presented to spike the board's interest in some ideas and economic development and financial business interest. Some parcels are owned privately, some by BIDA and some by the City of East Point; however, as we engage in more conversations, and view various opportunities we may be able to merge and purchase a couple of parcels to successfully come up with a financially supportive project.

Mr. Rogers stated he knows this is a lot of parcels to review this evening, but he hopes we will go through those items presented before the next meeting and come up with a few ideas.

### **IX. Adjournment**

Mr. Gothard made a motion to adjourn the January 4, 2024, meeting and Mr. Dunson seconded the motion. **The motion was approved unanimously, the motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

#### **Board Members Present on January 4, 2024:**

Stacy Dunson, Alexander Gothard, Beth McMillan, Helen Simmons, and Gloria Speed

#### **Others Present:**

Kirby Glaze, Maceo Rogers, and Regina Carter

This summary was approved by Board Members In attendance on February 1, 2024:

#### **Board Members Present on February 1, 2024:**

Stacy Dunson, Falatta James, Beth McMillan, Rory Moon, Helen Simmons, and Gloria Speed  
Kirby Glaze and Maceo Rogers



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Regina T. Scott-Carter  
Secretary/Treasurer  
February 2, 2024