



Region 6 Regional Council Meeting

Monday, October 19, 2020

12:00pm – 2:00pm

Virtual Meeting

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## MINUTES

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**MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING:** Chair - William Beale, John Anzivino, Val Foulds, Steve Goodall, Stephanie Heintz, Lisa Hull, Shannon Kennedy, Ann Lewis, Kim McClellan, Evan Van Leeuwen, Kimberly Young

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Wally Beauchamp, Lou Belcher, Bruce Davis, Jackie Davis, Jan Eckert, Rob Quartel, Morgan Quicke, Bryan Taliaferro, John Wells, Linda Worrell

**STAFF:** GWRC – Jennifer Morgan | **Community Features** – Neal Barber

### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beale called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. It was noted that due to the nature of the Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pursuant to Code § 2.2-3708.2 this meeting was held by electronic communications, via the web platform GoToMeeting. The catastrophic nature of this declared emergency made it impractical and unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location and the purpose of this meeting was to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of the public body.

### ROLL CALL

Mr. Beale gave the floor to Ms. Morgan to inform the Council of how the electronic meeting was to proceed. Ms. Morgan called roll and stated a quorum was present.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment was received.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Beale introduced the consent agenda items, including the July 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes and a summary of Executive Committee actions taken. The Council elected to vote on all of the items in the consent agenda as a bloc. Ms. Heintz motioned to accept all of the items on the consent agenda and Mr. Goodall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### APPLICATION DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATIONS

Ms. Morgan summarized the proposals and presented the staff concerns for the Essex County LaGrange Industrial Park Master Planning and Preliminary Engineering Report.

#### Essex County LaGrange Industrial Park Master Planning and Preliminary Engineering Report

Mr. Beale questioned if it would be an issue with DHCD that the site was privately owned. Ms. Morgan informed Mr. Beale that in the past that had not been an issue and that she was unaware of any reasons as to why it would be an issue. Mr. Anzivino asked the applicant if the Essex County EDA had reached an agreement with the landowners on a price for the property. Mr. Stuart Turille, Essex County Deputy County Administrator, stated he did not know and that he would be happy to have Mr. Anzivino meet with the Essex EDA to discuss any concerns. Ms. Kennedy motion to approve the Essex County LaGrange

Industrial Park Master Planning and Preliminary Engineering Report project and Mr. Goodall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **PRESENTATION ON FREDERICKSBURG REGION CYBER AND SMART TECH PROJECT**

Mr. Theo Zotos, Stafford County Economic Development and Tourism, presented to the Council an update on their current GO Virginia project “Fredericksburg Region Cyber and Smart Tech Entrepreneurial Development Program”. Mr. Zotos noted that the project is half way completed and showing promising results thus far. He noted that it is the intention of Stafford ED&T to return to the Region 6 Council in the spring for an implementation grant to continue the work of their current planning grant.

#### **PRESENTATION ON PROJECT PIPELINE UPDATES**

Ms. Lisa Hull, Northern Neck Planning District Commission and Mr. Todd Gillingham, Fredericksburg Regional Alliance each presented to the Council an update on their Project Pipeline development contracts. Ms. Hull and Mr. Gillingham each stated they were close to submitting proposals for consideration. Mr. Beale questions Mr. Gillingham on the timeline of a tech transfer project coming before the Council. Mr. Gillingham responded with an estimation of Fall 2021.

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

Per the Bylaws of the Region 6 Council, new members of each committee must be appointed every two years and no member of a committee may serve for more than two consecutive terms. The previous members of the GO Virginia Region 6 Nominating Committee were Mr. John Wells and Ms. Kim McClellan. Each has served one term. Mr. Beale explained this to the Region 6 Council and opened the floor for renomination of Mr. Wells and Ms. McClellan to the Nominating Committee. Ms. Hull motioned to approve Ms. McClellan and Mr. Wells to the Nominating Committee and Ms. Kennedy seconded the motion. Mr. Beale requested additional nominations. Ms. Lewis nominated herself to the committee. Ms. Hull amended her motion to include nominating Ms. Lewis to the Nominating Committee. Ms. Kennedy seconded the amended motion. The motion to appoint Mr. Wells, Ms. McClellan, and Ms. Lewis to the Nominating Committee was approved with Ms. McClellan and Ms. Lewis abstaining from the vote.

#### **GROWTH AND DIVERSIFICATION PLAN UPDATE DISCUSSION**

Ms. Morgan informed the Council that she and the Executive Committee are working on updating the Growth and Diversification plan for Region 6. Ms. Young was concerned about broadening the scope of the document, however Ms. Morgan informed her that they instead would be adding a level of specificity to the document.

#### **STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Morgan summarized the items listed in the staff report, including the approval of the Germanna Tech Talent Pipeline project by the GO Virginia State Board, closed projects and current projects, and information regarding the meeting schedule for 2021.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS IN PACKET**

Ms. Morgan summarized the items listed as information items. Ms. Morgan informed the Council that the GO Virginia State Board had extended the match reduction to 2:1 and no local match requirement through May 2021.



**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, Ms. Foulds moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m. and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.