

Minutes – REGULAR MEETING - Draft

JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF WINTERVILLE

Wednesday, February 5th, 2025 – 5:30 pm

Athens-Clarke County Planning Department, Planning Auditorium

A. The Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:31 by Erica Cascio, Chair at 5:31.

Directors in Attendance: Erica Cascio, Steve Catani, Dodd Ferelle (by telephone), Kelly Girtz, Stephanie Lynn, Timothy Pierce-Tomlin (by telephone)

Directors Absent: none

Staff & Counsel in Attendance: Myung Cogan, Ilka McConnell

B. Approval of Agenda: Directors

Stephanie Lynn made a motion to approve the draft agenda.

Seconded: Kelly Girtz

The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting December 11, 2024

Stephanie Lynn made a motion to approve the draft minutes for the December 11, 2024 Special Called Meeting.

Seconded: Kelly Girtz

The motion was unanimously approved.

D. New Business:

1. JDA New Legal Counsel

Ilka McConnell indicated that given the anticipated work going forward a review of the JDA's legal counsel was warranted. Ilka indicated that the staff had analyzed three options. Stay with the current arrangement, engage David Linder, or engage Emily Escoe. David Linder indicated he had no availability but recommended Emily Escoe. The board discussed the merits of each option. It was noted that Emily Escoe had worked with the Food Bank and would need to receive a waiver of Conflict of Interest from the Food Bank and the JDA.

Stephanie Lynn made a motion to engage Emily Escoe, subject to obtaining a COI Waiver acceptable to staff from the Food Bank and the Chair of the JDA.

Seconded: Timothy Pierce-Tomlin

The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Old Business: Turntable Revolving Fund

1. JDA Turntable Revolving Loan Fund

Stephanie Lynn indicated that all new and renegotiated loans (Including the loan to Classic City Construction) were being repaid in accordance to their payment schedules. As a result of the payments of the renegotiated loans the JDA has an additional \$10,000 to loan.

F. Treasurer's Report

Stephanie Lynn had nothing further to report.

G. Counsel's Report

There was no Counsel's report.

H. Staff Report

Myung Cogan indicated that the ARPA Fund reports for January and February were filed and that as a result of Classic City Constructions Loan payments the suit in Oconee County Court was dropped.

I. The next Regular Meeting will be held on May 7, 2025 - 5:30pm.

E. Adjourn

Stephanie Lynn made a motion to adjourn at 5:57 PM.

Seconded: Dodd Ferelle

The motion was unanimously approved.