



CITY OF FAIRFAX ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 9th, 2021 5:30 PM
City Hall - Council Chambers

10455 Armstrong St, Fairfax City, VA 22030

Commissioners Present:

Chair Kathleen Paley
Vice-Chair Jeff Hermann
Commissioner Tom Ross
Commissioner Beth Young
Commissioner Fred Cornett
Commissioner Paula Sorrell (Virtual)

Others Present:

Christopher Bruno, Director for Fairfax City's Office of Economic Development
Danette Nguyen, Assistant Director of Economic Development/Programs Manager, Fairfax City
Matthew Easley, Operations and Program Manager, Fairfax City
David Hodgkins, Chief Financial Officer, Fairfax City

Of note, we were experiencing audio difficulties during this meeting of the Economic Development Authority and because of this some details are not fully captured in the below minutes (this mainly applies to item 2 – EDO Office Update).

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kathleen Paley.

2. EDO Office Update

3. Moved To a Closed Session Meeting of the EDA

The Economic Development Authority of the City of Fairfax, VA convened a closed meeting under Section 2.2-3711.A.5 of the *Code of Virginia* to discuss a prospective business, and under 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the *Code of Virginia* for consultation with legal counsel.

4. Reconvene the Public Meeting of the EDA & Certification of Closed Meeting Discussion [VOTE]

All Commissioners voted that, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and (ii) only public business matters identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered.

5. Adoption of the Public Meeting Agenda [VOTE]

All Commissioners voted in favor to adopt Public Meeting Agenda.

6. Adoption of July Meeting Minutes

All Commissioners voted in favor to adopt the July Meeting Minutes

7. Action Items Outside Closed Session Meeting

a. Consideration of the MEC-MOU and Vote to Authorize Chair to Execute MOU [VOTE]

- i. Vice-Chair Hermann Made a motion to “adopt the draft Memorandum of Agreement for the continued operation of the Mason Enterprise Center - Fairfax and that we, the Commission, authorize the Chair to enter into the agreement on behalf of the Authority

contingent on no further substantive changes to the document after consultation with legal counsel.”

- ii. Commissioner Ross 2nded.
- iii. A short discussion proceeded.
- iv. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion (6/0).

b. Consideration of Lease and vote to authorize Chair to Enter into a Lease for Property with Conditions for the Mason Enterprise Center – Fairfax **[VOTE]**

- i. Commissioner Cornett moved to “approve the lease reviewed this evening with legal counsel for the Mason Enterprise Center at 10300 Eaton Place in the City of Fairfax and to authorize the Chair to execute the lease on behalf of the EDA contingent on the signing of the previously mentioned MOA by all three parties - the City of Fairfax, the EDA, and George Mason University.”
- ii. Commissioner Ross 2nded.
- iii. A Short Discussion proceeded
- iv. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion (6/0).

c. Agreement Resulting in a \$300K Support package for NoVA Labs **[VOTE]**

- i. Commissioner Young moved to “authorize the Chair to enter into a support agreement with NOVA Labs, a non-profit business seeking to acquire property and relocate into the City of Fairfax, VA, for a minimum amount of \$150K and a maximum amount of \$300K for the purpose of aiding in its relocation and contingent on the deliverables and benefits to the City identified in the support agreement.”
- ii. Commissioner Ross 2nded.
- iii. A short Discussion proceeded.
- iv. Five Commissioners including Chair Paley, Vice-Chair Hermann, Commissioner Ross, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Cornett voted in favor of this motion. One Commissioner, Commissioner Sorrell Abstained (5/0).

8. Public Comment

- a. No Public Comment

9. Adjourn

Next regular meeting of the EDA is scheduled for the 6th, of October 2021.