



Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024 ~ 1:00pm
Veterans Conference Room, Ruppert L. Sargent Building

- MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Fukawa, Michele Hammond, Paula Hogg, Chris Hosman, Rodney Spratley
- MEMBERS ABSENT: Melvin Ferebee, Charlotte Hurd, Kevin Nelms, Eugene Thompson
- STAFF PRESENT: Tim Drewry (Deputy City Attorney), Cint Ross (Executive Director), Mike Yaskowsky (Economic Development Department) and Brenda Bailey (Executive Assistant/Clerk)
- GUESTS PRESENT: Tracy Black (JBLE-Langley), Rick Dwyer (HRMFFA), and Todd Nichols (HRMFFA)
- CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Hammond welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order at 1:02pm and Ms. Bailey called roll.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chair Hammond stated minutes for the April 10, 2023 meeting were distributed.
ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Spratley to approve the minutes and seconded by Mr. Fukawa. A roll call vote was taken, which resulted as follows:
- Ayes: Fukawa, Hogg, Hammond, Hosman, Spratley
Nays: None
Absent: Ferebee, Hurd, Nelms, Thompson
Abstain: None
- INTRODUCTIONS: Chair Hammond advised that Bruce Sturk has retired effective December 30, 2023 and asked Col Clint Ross (USAF-Ret) to introduce himself. Clint noted his title as Federal Facilities and Community Affairs Liaison, briefly advised of his background and stated he is happy to fulfill his role within the City as well as on the Hampton Federal Area Development Authority.
Mr. Tracy Black introduced himself in the role of Air Force Community Partnership Program Public-Public; Public-Private (P4) Support Agreement Manager and noted he is happy to assume this role since his predecessor, Ms. Grimes, was promoted.
- HRMFFA Update** – Mr. Dwyer
- National Defense Authorization Act passed Congress on December 15th; authorized approximately \$886 billion for DoD
 - o Includes 5.2% pay raise for military members and prohibited the Air Force from retiring older Block 20 F-22 fighters
 - FY24 appropriations have still not been passed so government is operating under a Continuing Resolution (CR)

- Funding for military construction, Veterans Administration, transportation, agriculture, and energy programs runs out January 19th.
- Funding for all other government programs runs out on February 2nd.
- Senator Schumer and Speaker Johnson came to budget topline agreement over the weekend. Congress must now pass 12 appropriations bills, or another CR, before above deadlines to avoid government shutdown.
- Virginia General Assembly session starts January 10th. HRMFFA is asking legislators for support of military community infrastructure grant programs, military childcare incentives, military spouse employment incentives, and resiliency programs.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER ELECTIONS:

Chair Hammond turned the meeting over to Deputy City Attorney Tim Drewry to conduct executive officer elections. He noted that historically the Vice Chair has moved into the role of Chair, the Secretary has moved into the role of Vice Chair and the board would need to nominate and vote on a commissioner to become Secretary. Ms. Bailey stated that via email notification Ms. Hurd had agreed to become the Chair. Ms. Hogg moved to nominate Ms. Hurd as Chair; Ms. Hammond seconded the motion. Mr. Hosman moved to nominate Mr. Thompson as Vice Chair; Mr. Spratley seconded the motion. Ms. Hogg moved to nominate Mr. Fukawa as Secretary; Ms. Hammond seconded the motion. ACTION: A roll call vote was taken, which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Fukawa, Hammond, Hogg, Hosman, Spratley

Nays: None

Absent: Ferebee, Hurd, Nelms, Thompson

Mr. Drewry noted that Ms. Bailey will contact Mr. Thompson to confirm his willingness and ability to Vice Chair.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Bailey announced that Mr. Nelms and Mr. Thompson's terms expired 12/31/23 and they are both eligible for a second term to expire 12/31/27. The commissioners in attendance indicated their desire to request Mr. Nelms and Mr. Thompson renew their service to the Federal Area Development Authority. Ms. Bailey will contact each of them to determine their desire and noted that if either or both should decline, she will email applications from the board bank to remaining commissioners to review and along with Mr. Ross' endorsement, select the appropriate number of candidates to recommend for City Council approval at the February 14, 2024 Council meeting.

Ms. Bailey reminded the commissioners that the City Council office will be disbursing the financial disclosure forms in the near future and requested they ensure the completion and return of the forms as soon as possible after received.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

ADJOURN:

Chair Hammond thanked the commissioners and staff for their support during her tenure as Chair and noted that she found it to be a pleasant and enjoyable experience. There being no further business, Chair Hammond adjourned the meeting at 1:17pm.