



JEDCO Board of Commissioners
August 27, 2020 @ 8:40 A.M.
Video Conference/Teleconference Meeting
MINUTES

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS' EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION – JBE 2020-59, EXECUTED MAY 14, 2020, A WRITTEN CERTIFICATION REGARDING THIS TELECONFERENCE MEETING WAS POSTED ALONG WITH THE AGENDA. PUBLIC WAS PROVIDED WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBSERVATION AND INPUT DURING THE TELECONFERENCE.

Call to Order: 8:40 a.m.

Attendance: Mickal Adler, Jimmy Baum, Kenny Bertucci, Barry Breaux, Lloyd Clark, Anthony DiGerolamo, Joe Ewell, Michael Fahrenholt, Josline Frank, Lesha Freeland, Tom Gennaro, Brian Heiden, Larry Katz, Michael Kraft, Teresa Lawrence, Keith Mettitt, Tricia Phillipott, Mayra Pineda, Stephen Robinson, Gene Sausse

Staff: Jerry Bologna, Lacey Bordelon, Cynthia Grows, Annalisa Kelly, Jennifer Lapeyrouse, Scott Rojas, Kelsey Scram, Penny Weeks, Kate Wendel

Absences: Floyd Simeon

Attorney: None

Guests: David Wolf – Adams and Reese LLP
Mike Bucher and Genevieve Douglas from Urban Properties
Angela LaCour, Finance for Service Corporation International
Dr. James Gray, Superintendent of Jefferson Parish Public School System
President Cynthia Lee-Sheng
Tim Coulon, Jefferson Business Council
Eliana Becnel, GNO, Inc.

I. Call to Order – Chairman, Mickal Adler

- **Roll Call** – The above named Commissioners attended the meeting
- **Approval of Board absences for today, August 27, 2020**
Tom Gennaro motioned, seconded by Lesha Freeland to excuse Floyd Simeon. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of Minutes for July 30, 2020**
Lloyd Clark motioned, seconded by Tom Gennaro to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Jefferson Parish Public School System Update - Dr. James Gray**
Dr. Gray reported the educational system is up and running with high quality learning. Safety for teachers and students remain high priority; teachers were trained in CDC guidelines for cleaning, and rapid testing for teachers and students will be administered through Ochsner. A call center has been set up to assist with technology issues, and a helpline for instructional learning, as well as an emotional support helpline.
- **COVID Update for Jefferson Parish**
Parish President, Cynthia Lee-Sheng provided an update regarding the current number of COVID cases for Jefferson Parish and the State. President Lee-Sheng was encouraged by the decline in number of cases and encouraged everyone to continue following the CDC recommendations.

II. Public Comments on Agenda Items

- **Presentation – Mr. Mike Bucher, Urban Properties**
Mr. Bucher gave an overview of the proposed Phase 1 Implementation Plan for the Churchill Park Master Plan, which includes Market & Site Assessment, Site Investigation Report, and Master Plan Update. The overview also provided background information for each of the four firms participating in the first phase of the implementation tasks – Urban Properties, Perkins & Will, HR&A Advisors, Inc., and DDG Civil Engineering. Work will begin on or around September 1, 2020 and continue for approximately six months.

III. Unfinished and New Business

- **A resolution approving consulting, development, planning and support services contracts with Urban Properties Real Estate, LLC; Perkins+Will (LA), an Architectural Corporation; HR&A Advisors, Inc.; and Duplantier Design Group, PC, for implementation services related to the Churchill Technology & Business Park Master Plan, and providing for related matters – Lacey Bordelon**
Commissioners were provided a copy of the resolution and contracts prior to today's meeting. Ms. Bordelon gave an overview of each document. Following discussion, Larry Katz motioned, seconded by Teresa Lawrence to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Resolution authorizing the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and among the Jefferson Parish Special Services District of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, the Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District, and Stewart Enterprises, Inc., relative to an economic development incentive payment to be made from the proceeds of a Special Economic Development Millage; all subject to approval by the Jefferson Parish Council; and providing for other matters in connection therewith – Lacey Bordelon**
Keith Merritt motioned, seconded by Gene Sausse to approve the resolution, subject to approval by the Jefferson Parish Council. The motion passed unanimously.

- A resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Greater New Orleans, Inc. regarding the formation of the Greater New Orleans Food and Beverage Consortium (GNOFAB) Entrepreneurship Ecosystem, a multi-parish partnership supporting food & beverage businesses and entrepreneurs – Annalisa Kelly
Lloyd Clark motioned, seconded by Teresa Lawrence to approve the resolution.
The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Monthly Financial Report

- **July 2020 – Cynthia Grows**
Lesha Freeland motioned, seconded by Brian Heiden to approve the report as submitted.

V. President & CEO Report – Jerry Bologna

- Prospect activity throughout Jefferson Parish continues to be high. Currently working with two prospects for the Avondale site.
- Signs for the Spend Local Campaign were given to businesses on the Westbank, Eastbank, and the Parish Council and Administration.
- Sales Tax for June was up over last year.

VI. Other Updates or Comments from the JEDCO Board of Commissioners

None

- VII. Adjournment** – Keith Merritt motioned, seconded by Teresa Lawrence to adjourn.
The motion passed unanimously.



Larry Katz,

JEDCO Secretary

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