

AT A JOINT WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2005, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. ROLL CALL

Michael J. Brown, Chairman, Powhatan District
Jay T. Harrison, Sr., Vice Chairman, Berkeley District
Bruce C. Goodson, Roberts District
John J. McGlennon, Jamestown District
M. Anderson Bradshaw, Stonehouse District

William C. Porter, Jr., Assistant County Administrator
Leo P. Rogers, County Attorney

B. BOARD DISCUSSION

Background Information for Economic Development Authority Task Force

Ms. Virginia Hartmann, Chair of the Economic Development Authority (EDA), explained the need to define James City County's businesses in order to provide partnerships between these businesses and the County, as well as help them compete with suggested efforts. This, explained Ms. Hartmann, was beyond the EDA's scope of action. Therefore, it was established that a joint task force would be more capable of addressing issues such as identifying businesses that should be assisted in terms of size, pay scale, revenue, etc., what aid should be offered to these businesses, and how to expedite and more efficiently process the assistance that is given.

The Board and staff discussed the importance of defining which businesses should be addressed. Mr. Ngo, Ms. Hartmann, and Mr. Campana stressed the EDA's intention not to leave out small- and medium-band businesses, and also to pay closer attention to retention of cornerstone businesses in the community rather than focus primarily on incoming larger businesses. It was explained that since most of the County's businesses are in the small to medium range, the Expedited Review Program and certain other existing County programs only apply to a few of the larger economic projects in the County.

The business climate, such as the relative contribution of small to medium businesses versus larger industries in the area, as well as regulations and policies affecting economic development in James City County were taken into consideration.

Mr. Brown suggested that a consensus should be obtained to establish a task force, select its members, allow them to begin their efforts, and then create a review process to evaluate what the task force has done.


Ms. Hartmann expressed the EDA's wish to establish a task force comprised of nine individuals including a Board of Supervisors member, a Planning Commission member, a senior County staff member, a

EDA member, general citizenry that may be a small business owner, a member of the large business and industry segment, a member of the engineering and design segment, and a Chamber of Commerce member.

Mr. Campana assured that a task force of nine people with the right leadership and fluid operations could be diverse enough to intelligently address the variation of local businesses. The Board requested a proposal of resources necessary for this project, recommendations for the task force members, and a statement of the Task Force's charter, mission, and expected outcome.

C. BREAK

At 5:25 p.m., the Board took a break until 7 p.m.



William C. Porter, Jr
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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