



**FRONT ROYAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (FREDA) MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 12:00pm in the Town Hall Upstairs Conference Room**

ROLL CALL: Directors Isaac Rushing, David Gedney, Rick Novak, Mark Tapsak, Frank Stankiewicz, Jim Crowell and Nick Bass,

Town Staff Present: Executive Director Steven Hicks, Support Staff Tina Presley, Finance Director BJ Wilson, Planning/Zoning Director Lauren Kopishke and IT Director Grant Autry.

CLOSED MEETING

Director Stankiewicz moved seconded by Director Crowell that the Front Royal Economic Development Authority convene and go into Closed Meeting for the following:

- 1) discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.
- 2) discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected.

Vote: Yes – Directors Rushing, Gedney, Novak, Tapsak, Stankiewicz, Crowell and Bass

No – N/A

Absent – N/A

Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL

Director Bass moved seconded by Director Crowell that the Front Royal Economic Development Authority certify that to the best of each member's knowledge, as recognized by each Council member's affirmative vote, that only such public business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Meeting by Council, and that the vote of each individual member of Council be taken by roll call and recorded and included in the minutes of the meeting of Town Council.

Vote: Yes – Directors Rushing, Gedney, Novak, Tapsak, Stankiewicz, Crowell and Bass

No – N/A

Absent – N/A

Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL

Director Tapsak moved seconded by Director Stankiewicz that FREDA go into a short recess.

Vote: Unanimous

Director Gedney moved seconded by Director Crowell that FREDA come out of recess ----- Vote: Unanimous

Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) Presentation

Christy Morton, Vice President of VEDP External Affairs Division gave a presentation on “Front Royal Economic Development 101 Meeting”. The presentation included an overview of the VEDP and how it supports development and expansion in Virginia with the collaboration of many economic development partners. It also included “Five Transformational Goals for VEDP and VA” and “VEDP Local Government Resources”.

It was requested that the Directors be placed on mailing lists to receive the magazine and other resources available from VEDP. Mr. Hicks advised that he would send Ms. Morton their list of names. Ms. Morton advised that she would send login information to Mr. Hicks for the specific areas where one is needed.

Minutes of March 17, 2022 - Director Crowell moved, seconded by Director Tapsak to approve the minutes of March 17, 2022, as presented ----- Vote: Unanimous

Discussion of By-Laws/Approval

Mr. Hicks reviewed the revisions made from the last meeting including those suggestions made by the Interim Town Attorney.

Director Bass moved seconded by Director Stankiewicz that the Front Royal Economic Development Authority approve the by-laws as presented that include the stated revisions from today’s meeting.

Vote: Yes – Directors Rushing, Gedney, Novak, Tapsak, Stankiewicz, Crowell and Bass

No – N/A

Absent – N/A

Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL

Mr. Hicks advised that the approved by-laws would be reviewed by Council for final approval.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2022 at 12:00 in the Town Hall Conference Room where a presentation by JLL on Joint Tourism/Discover Front Royal.

Open Discussion

Mr. Hicks advised that another retreat is being planned for FRED A to accomplish goals; discuss a strategic plan and discuss a retail consultant. The retreat will open with a closed meeting pertaining to an undisclosed business. He confirmed that FRED A could meet in groups of two before the retreat. FRED A agreed to May 11, 2022 beginning at 10:00am in the Doubletree Hilton at Blue Ridge Shadows.

Adjourn: Director Tapsak moved seconded by Director Bass to adjourn ---- Vote: unanimous

Approved by the Front Royal Economic Development Authority Directors

Date: May 19, 2022