

HARRIS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR SESSION

April 10, 2018

6:00 PM

Members Present: Craig Greenhaw, Harry Boyd, Ben Williams, Harry Lange, Alan Feagin. Members Absent: David King, Mark Smith, and a vacant position. Staff Present: Nancy McMichael, Recording Secretary. Also in attendance: Randy Dowling, County Manager; Colin Martin, President of the Harris County Chamber of Commerce; John Asbell, of Georgia Power, and Kim Tharp, Harris County Chamber of Commerce.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Greenhaw called the meeting to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2018 Regular Session was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Feagin, and passed with four in favor (Williams, Feagin, Greenhaw, Boyd), no opposition, and one abstention (Lange, who was absent from the March meeting).
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Proposal: Business for Hamilton Business Park.** Discussion took place regarding a proposal from Jeff Culpepper to locate a towing/impound business in the park, which would have a privacy fence, and no office on site for a while, and included the possibility of deferring a decision until after the Comprehensive Plan has been updated (due by June 2019). Following discussion, which also included a decision is needed now, rather than a year from now, so that the requestor could look for other possible locations, the motion to disapprove the request to allow a towing/impound yard in the business park to avoid delaying a decision was made by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Williams, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Economic Strategy Presentation.** Colin Martin, Harris County Chamber of Commerce president, made a PowerPoint presentation regarding a plan of action to market and attract industry, retain and expand existing industry, and address workforce development utilizing a work group made up of individuals from government and public and private businesses to develop an economic development strategy for approval by the Development Authority and by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Martin also distributed a written summary of the presentation, and said the timeline would be for approval of the framework tonight, public hearing on 2019 Comprehensive Plan on April 24, work group convenes May 1, committee meetings as necessary May 2 through June 30, presentation of draft strategy to Development Authority on July 10, presentation of final strategy report to the Authority (for approval) on September 11, and presentation of final report to the Board of Commissioners (for approval) on October 16. Following discussion, the motion for the Authority to approve the framework for the strategy and for Mr. Martin to move forward as set out in the presentation was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Feagin, and passed unanimously. (Summary document can be found in "Miscellaneous Documents" file as DA MD#18-03.)
4. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Boyd, and passed unanimously.

Craig Greenhaw, Chairman

Prepared by:

Nancy McMichael, Recording Secretary