

**HARRIS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR SESSION**

July 10, 2018

6:00 PM

Members Present: Craig Greenhaw, Harry Boyd, Harry Lange, Alan Feagin, Mark Smith, and three vacant positions.  
Staff Present: Nancy McMichael, Recording Secretary. Also in attendance: Randy Dowling, County Manager; 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 April 10, 2018 Regular Session was made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Smith, and passed unanimously. (There were no meetings in May and June).
3. **ORGANIZATION OF AUTHORITY.** The motion to reappoint Craig Greenhaw as Chairman, Nancy McMichael as Secretary, and Christy Searcy as Treasurer, and to appoint Mark Smith as Vice Chairman was made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Feagin, and passed unanimously.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Economic Analysis: Jim Lovett, Georgia Power.** Chairman Greenhaw said that Mr. Lovett was unable to attend tonight's meeting; that Mr. Lovett had prepared an analysis breakdown regarding housing as it relates to government and school board expenses; and that Mr. Lovett would prefer to make the presentation of same at a future meeting. There were no objections.
  - B. **Economic Development Strategy: Colin Martin, Harris County Chamber of Commerce.** In the absence of Colin Martin, Kim Tharp, Office Administrator for the Chamber, said that Mr. Martin had emailed the Economic Development Strategy draft to all the Authority members. She said that the strategy turned out to be bigger than anticipated with three committees (new industry, existing industry, and workforce development) being formed with each having discussion for their area; and that it looks like the workforce development committee may end up being much more in-depth. Discussion included that there has to be a plan to do something, that the College & Career Academy is still in the planning stage; that it is anticipated The Grove will be breaking ground in the near future; that the County budget is getting harder to prepare due to lack of tax revenue; that single family home sales, while inventory is low, are slow due to lack of internet access; and that more commercial and retail are needed; that Callaway Gardens now appears to be on stable footing; that County employees need to have a more positive outlook regarding growth, be more helpful in trying to resolve issues, and project that the County is "open for business", which may include a mindset/cultural adjustment. (Document can be found in "Miscellaneous Documents" file as DA MD #18-04.)
4. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Feagin, and passed unanimously.

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Craig Greenhaw, Chairman

Prepared by:

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Nancy McMichael, Recording Secretary