# DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY SPECIAL CALL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024 AT 2:30 P.M. VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELECONFERENCE

### **MINUTES**

The meeting was conducted via Zoom teleconference/videoconference in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-1(h).

Present were the following Members of the Authority:

Mr. Brandon Beach – Chairman

Mr. Kwanza Hall – Vice Chairman

Mayor Mike Bodker – Treasurer

Mr. Kyle Lamont – Secretary

Ms. Erica Long – Board Member

Ms. Pinky Cole – Board Member

Mr. Alvin Kendall – Board Member

#### Members absent:

Dr. Mike Looney – Board Member

Ms. Laura Kurlander-Nagel – Board Member

Also present were Ms. Sarah-Elizabeth Langford, Executive Director of the Authority, Ms. Lauren W. Daniels and Ms. Ansly P. Moyer, attorneys for the Authority, and Ms. Marva Bryan, Ms. Doris Coleman, and Ms. Daniella Gutierrez, staff of the Authority.

Secretary Lamont gave the invocation and Chairman Beach called the meeting to order at approximately 2:36 p.m.

<u>RECOGNITION OF VISITORS</u>: Also present were Mr. Jim Stevens of On-Call Accounting, Ms. Amy Wenk of the Atlanta Business Chronicle, and Mr. Eric Wadley of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

<u>APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA</u>: Upon a motion made by Mayor Bodker, which was seconded by Vice Chairman Hall, the Authority unanimously approved the meeting agenda as presented except for Mr. Kendall who was absent for the vote.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS:</u> Chairman Beach announced that the Authority's staff had received no public comments in advance of the meeting.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL:

2024 Economic Development Trade Mission. Chairman Beach recognized Ms. Harriet Thomas of Commissioner Pitts' office and asked her to give an update on the agenda and status of the proposed economic development trade mission to South Korea. Ms. Thomas gave an overview of the schedule, which included meetings with mayors, businesses, including IT companies and manufacturers, and a governor. Chairman Beach confirmed the dates for the trip would be April 20 through 27, and that he was asking the Authority to support expenses for the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Executive Director to attend the trip as part of the Fulton County delegation. Mayor Bodker stated he was in support of the trip generally but was opposed to using Develop Fulton funds for this purpose. Vice Chairman Hall, Ms. Long, Ms. Cole and Secretary Lamont stated their support for increasing international focus on and opportunities for the

south side of Fulton County. Discussion occurred among the members of the Board regarding anticipated airfare, lodging and food expenses for the trip. Upon a motion made by Secretary Lamont, which was seconded by Ms. Long, the Authority approved the expenditure of up to \$25,000 for the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Executive Director to attend the Korea trade mission, with the exception of Mayor Bodker and Mr. Kendall who voted no.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

Chairman Beach announced that the Authority's next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. and reminded the public to visit the Authority's website at <a href="http://www.developfultoncounty.com">http://www.developfultoncounty.com</a> for updates on upcoming meetings.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Bodker, seconded by Vice Chairman Hall, and approved by all Members present.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:05 p.m.

Kyle Lamont	
Kyle Lamont, Secretary	