



McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority

**Board of Directors Meeting
June 16, 2016**

A meeting of the members of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) was held on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 1794 Walker Avenue, SW, Atlanta, GA 30310.

Board Members:

Felker Ward, Jr., Chair
Richard Holmes, Vice Chair
Chandra Houston, Secretary
Aaron Watson, Treasurer
John Akin
Sharonda Hubbard
Meredith Lilly
Brian McGowan
Sondra Rhoades-Johnson
Fletcher Thornton
Thomas Weyandt

Ex-Officio Members:

Park Cannon, State Representative, District 56
Nan Orrock, State Senator, District 36
Joyce Sheperd, City of Atlanta Councilmember

Staff, Legal Counsel and Others:

Brian Hooker, Fort Mac LRA
Joyce Allen, Fort Mac LRA
Denise-Perkins Griffith, Fort Mac LRA
Pete Hayley, Fort Mac LRA
Robert Mosby, Fort Mac LRA
Jeffrey Hicks, Fort Mac LRA
Arthur Mallard, Fort Mac LRA
Kenneth Neighbors, Attorney, Greenberg Traurig

Guests:

None signed in.

Chairman Felker Ward called the meeting to order at approximately 2:35 P.M.

Announcements and Welcome:

The Chairman thanked the audience for their continued support and welcomed them to the meeting. The Chairman gave special recognition to the newest board member Ms. Park Cannon, State Representative District 56.

Approval of Agenda:

The Chairman recommended the approval of the agenda. Mr. Tom Weyandt made a motion to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Mr. Richard Holmes. Approval was unanimous.

Approval of the Minutes:

The Chairman recommended the approval of the April 21, 2016 Board Minutes. Mr. Thomas Weyandt made a motion to approve the Minutes and it was seconded by Mr. Richard Holmes. Approval was unanimous.

Public Comment:

No one signed in for public comment.

Item: 10: Presentation – FY17 Budget:

Mr. Hooker presented the FY17 Budget to the Board for approval.

Item: 11: Resolution – Adopting FY17 Budget:

Mr. John Akin motioned to approved the FY17 Budget. Mr. Richard Holmes seconded the motion. The approval was unanimous.

Item: 12: Resolution – Authorizing 3-Year Engagement of Auditor:

The Chairman noted that the 3-Year Engagement of Auditor was recommended by the Finance Committee. Mr. Richard Holmes motioned to approve. Mr. Tom Weyandt seconded the motion. The approval was unanimous.

Item: 13: Resolution – Change Audit Completion Requirement:

The Chairman noted that the Change of Audit Completion Requirement was recommended by the Finance Committee. Mr. Thomas Weyandt motioned to approve the. Mr. Richard Holmes seconded the motion. The approval was unanimous.

Item 15: Resolution – Authorizing Insurance Package:

The Chairman noted that he authorization of the Insurance Package was recommended by the Finance Committee. Mr. Richard Holmes motioned to approve. Ms. Sondra Rhoades-Johnson seconded the motion. The approval was unanimous.

Item: 16: Fiber Network

Mr. Hooker requested authorization to develop and issue an RFP for an Open Access Carrier to implement a fiber-to-the-premise network that will provide enhanced broadband connectivity to all premises within the Fort Mac Campus and to a pilot number of neighboring communities. The overarching goal is to leverage fiber connectivity to help stimulate economic development while improving the community's socio-economic condition. This would be at no cost to Fort Mac LRA, pending funds from Invest Atlanta and an investing vendor. The project will not proceed if funding is not forthcoming.

Item: 17: Resolution – Authorizing Fiber Network Procurement:

Mr. Brian McGowan motioned to Authorize Procurement of the Fiber Network. Mr. John Akin seconded the motion. The approval was unanimous.

Item: 18: Chairman's Announcements

Chairman Ward asked for a motion to convene to Executive Session and to reconvene to open session to approve and vote on matters before the Board at that time. Mr. Thomas Weyandt motioned to convene to Executive Session. Mr. Aaron Watson seconded the motion. The approval was unanimous.

The Chairman made the following statement:

“Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(B), notwithstanding the lack of a quorum of the McPherson Implementing LRA who are present and will enter into executive session. The purpose for the closed session is for members to (1) deliberate regarding the acquisition of interest in real estate, (2) deliberate concerning personnel matters. The specific reasons for the closed session will be entered in the official minutes and a notarized affidavit will be executed stating that the executive session was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law.”

The Board went into Executive Session for approximately 45 minutes.

Motion to Return to Open Session:

Chairman Ward asked for a motion to go back into open session. Mr. Aaron Watson made the motion. Mr. Brian McGowan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

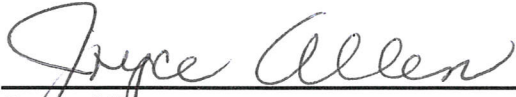
Mr. Hooker ensured that everyone received their Fort Mac LRA Lapel pin and presented the Chairman with a pen used by Governor Deal in the signing of our updated legislation.

Adjournment:

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:15 P.M.

(signatures follow)

Recorded By:



Joyce Allen

Sr. Administrative Assistant

Approved By:



Brian C. Hooker

Executive Director

OPEN MEETINGS AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY APPEARED before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, Felker Ward, Jr., who, after being duly sworn in, deposes and on oath states the following:

- (1) I was the presiding officer of McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") held on the 16th day of June 2016.
- (2) I have been advised that *O.C.G.A § 50-14-4(b)* requires that when any meeting of the Authority is closed in accordance with an exception to the Open Meetings Law that:
 - (i) the specific reason for the closure is to be entered upon the official minutes of the meeting;
 - (ii) the meeting is be closed only upon a majority vote of a quorum present for the meeting;
 - (iii) the minutes are to reflect the names of the members present and those voting for closure; and
 - (iv) the person presiding over the meeting is to execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.
- (3) The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 16th day of June 2016 which was closed for the purpose of:

X DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL ESTATE MATTERS

X DELIBERATION REGARDING LEGAL MATTERS

DELIBERATION REGARDING ACQUISITION/DISPOSITION OF INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE

(To be spread on minutes upon conclusion of disposition of interest in real estate)

DELIBERATION REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION OR OTHER LEGAL MATTERS

ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION

as allowed by *O.C.G. A., Title 50, Chapter 14* and was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

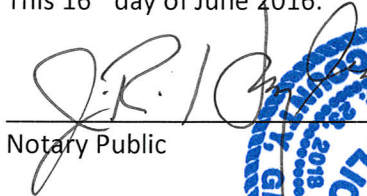
(4) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 16th day of June 2016.



Felker Ward, Jr., Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 16th day of June 2016.



Notary Public



(SEAL)

Witnessed:



Witness