

# McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority

# Special Called Meeting August 24, 2017

A meeting of the members of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) was held on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 1794 Walker Avenue, SW, Atlanta, GA 30310.

# **Board Members**:

Felker Ward, Jr., Chairman Richard Holmes, Vice-Chairman Aaron Watson, Treasurer Chandra Houston, Secretary John Akin Sharonda Hubbard Meredith Lilly Fletcher Thornton Thomas Weyandt

### **Ex-Officio Members:**

Joyce Sheperd, City of Atlanta Councilmember Nan Orrock, State Representative, District 36

### Staff, Legal Counsel and Others:

Brian Hooker, Fort Mac LRA
Joyce Allen, Fort Mac LRA
Robert Mosby, Fort Mac LRA
Arthur Mallard, Fort Mac LRA
Kenneth Neighbors, Attorney, Greenberg Traurig
John Van Brunt, Office of Commissioner Camila Knowles

### **Guests:**

N/A

The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 4:04 P.M.

#### **Announcements and Welcome:**

The Chairman thanked the audience for their continued support and welcomed them to the meeting.

Mr. Brian Hooker, Executive Director, provided a safety briefing detailing the locations of exits, fire extinguishers and restrooms in the building. Mr. Hooker also informed the board and audience that in the event of an emergency Fort Mac Security must be called immediately after calling 911 and board member Fletcher Thornton and John VanBrunt volunteered as CPR administrators in case of an emergency.

# **Approval of Agenda:**

The Chairman recommended the approval of the agenda. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

## **Approval of the Minutes:**

The Chairman recommended that the Board hold on approval of the August 10, 2017 minutes.

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### **Public Comment:**

No one signed in.

## Item: No. 6: Chairman's Announcements:

Chairman Ward asked for a motion to convene to Executive Session. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

The Chairman made the following statement:

#### "Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(B), A quorum of the McPherson Implementing LRA is present and has agreed to enter into executive session by a majority vote. The purpose for the closed section 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 1 hour and 14 minutes.

#### Motion to Return to Open Session:

The Chairman asked for a motion to return to open session. Approval was unanimous.

Mr. Thomas Weyandt made a motion to authorize the Chair, Vice Chair, or Executive Director to enter into negotiations with Tyler Perry Studios for sale of the FORSCOM building including 12 acres of property, to be done with consistent with the TPS Right Of First Offer, and further to hold in abeyance the offer from Easterly Government Properties

pending resolution of negotiations with TPS. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

# Adjournment:

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:37P.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 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017.
- (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 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017 which was closed for the purpose of:

#### X LEGAL MATTERS

#### X DELIBRATION REGARDING REAL ESTATE 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 10, 2017.

Felker Ward, Jr., Presiding Officer

Sworp and subscribed before me

This 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017.

Witnessed:

Notary Public

(SEAL)

Witness

my commission Julius m 4/20/2019