



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair: Valerie George, Fifth District
Co-Chair: Brandon Toole, First District

October 1, 2024
4:00 PM

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING &
LOUIS L. REDDING CITY/COUNTY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801**

MINUTES

A. Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Councilwoman Valerie George at 04:00 PM.

Members present: J. William Bell, Dee Durham, Janet Kilpatrick, George Smiley, Timothy Sheldon, David Carter, Brandon Toole, David Tackett, Penrose Hollins, Valerie George

Members absent: John Cartier, Karen Hartley-Nagle, Jea Street

B. Approval of Minutes - Approval of Minutes from July 23, 2024

Councilwoman George moved to approve the July 23, 2024, Economic Development meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

C. Presentations

- Commercial Corridor Program

Mr. CJ Bell, Director of Economic Development, gave an update on the Commercial Corridor Program, which True Access Capital runs. Mr. CJ Bell introduced Mr. Van Hampton, President & CEO of True Access Capital, and Brett Saddler, Executive Director of Claymont Renaissance Development Corporation.

Questions & Comments from Council members: Bell, Hollins, and Smiley.

Public Comment: None

- Helen Foster named Top 25 Supplier Diversity Leader in the Nation

Mr. CJ Bell introduced Helen Foster, who has been nationally recognized as a Top 25 Supplier Diversity Leader.

Questions & Comments from Council: None

Public Comment: None

- Update SBE (Small Business Enterprises) Metrics

Helen Foster, Small Business Enterprise Coordinator, gave an update on the SBE Metrics, which included the baseline data.

Questions & Comments from Council: None

Public Comment: None

- Upcoming SBE (Small Business Enterprises) Workshop Events

Helen Foster, Small Business Enterprise Coordinator, gave an update on the upcoming New Castle County SBE Workshops. The workshops are for certified SBE firms and are designed to solicit quotes and encourage participation in bids as either prime or subcontractors.

Questions & Comments from Council: Toole, George, Hollins

Public Comment: None

D. Other

None

E. Public Comment

None

F. Adjournment

Councilman Smiley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Toole and the meeting was adjourned at 04: 28 PM.

-Respectfully Submitted by Marylee Murphy, Legislative Assistant to Councilwoman George. The meeting was recorded and available online.