

ROCHELLE MARKETPLACE DDA

DRAFT MINUTES

INVESTITURE Board Meeting

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(Subject to approval by the Board)

Time: **6:00pm**, Meeting Place: [Agricultural Center](#), 678 County Farm Road, Rochelle, GA 31079

DIRECTORS: 1. Ms. Brown, 2. Mr. Peebles, 3. Ms. Kemp, 4. Mr. King,
5. Ms. Smith, 6. Ms. Everson, 7. Mr. Lopez

- ✓ **Meeting call to order** by: Director Lopez at 6:13 pm.
- ✓ **WELCOME** by Mr. Lopez
- ✓ **Guest Introduction:** Reverend, Travis Johnson, Pastor of Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church; The Honorable Marvin Keene, Chair, Wilcox County Commissioners; The Honorable Wayne McGuinty, Mayor, City of Rochelle; Mr. James A. Everson Jr and his children; Mr. Edd Brown, Ms. Carolyn Grace, Mrs. Peebles, and Ms. Vera Gibson were among the list of distinguished guest.
- ✓ Mr. Lucas Allison, Correspondent to the Cordele Dispatch, gets all the credit for producing all the event pictures shared with other news outlets, Facebook and our website. Thank you Lucas!
- ✓ **Roll Called:** six (6) directors present with one director absent, **Quorum: Yes** with 6 Directors.
- 1. **Reverend Travis Johnson** opened the meeting with the blessing of the opening prayer.
- 2. **The Honorable Wayne McGuinty** sworn-in six directors.
- 3. **Director Lopez** invited the Honorable Directors to take their seats as a Board.
- 4. **Director Lopez** addressed the residents present: "Ladies and Gentlemen: The Rochelle Marketplace DDA is a separate and independent sphere of government with authority provided to the **citizens** of this municipal jurisdiction to exercise the governmental powers reserved especially for them by the Legislature of the State of Georgia. People of Rochelle what say you? Whom among us, the appointed Directors, do you **NOMINATE** to be the Chair of this Board?"
- 5. **Without objection**, Ms. **Jo Pittman** nominated Director Lopez to be the Chair of the Board.
- 6. **ORGANIZATIONAL Motions: OFFICERS ELECTIONS;**
 - a. **Chair** Out of his own free will, **Mr. Lopez** accepted the nomination to be the Chair.
VOTE: 1st Director Kemp, 2nd Director King. Voice Call: the motion passed /**Y-6 /N-0 /A-1**; the Chair will have 3 titles: 1. Chair, 2. Principal Legislative Office (**PLO**), and 3. Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**);
 - b. **Vice Chair:** The Chair nominated **Director Everson** to be the Vice Chair. Out of her own free will Director Everson accepted to be the Vice Chair.
VOTE: 1st Director Brown, 2nd Director Smith. Voice Call: the motion passed /**Y-6 /N-0 /A-1**;

- c. **Secretary:** The Chair nominated **Director Smith** to be the Secretary. Out of her own free will Director Smith accepted to the nomination to be the Secretary.
VOTE: 1st Director King, 2nd Director Everson. Voice Call: the motion passed /Y-6 /N-0 /A 1;
- d. **Treasurer:** The Chair nominated **Director Brown** to be the Treasurer. Out of the own free will Director Brown accepted the nomination to be the Treasurer.
VOTE: 1st Director Kemp, 2nd Director King. Voice Call: the motion passed /Y-6 /N 0 /A 1;
7. **Motion: BYLAWS ACCEPTANCE and APPROVAL.**
VOTE 1st Director King, 2nd Director Kemp; Voice Call: the motion passed /Y-6 /N 0 /A 1;
8. **6:28 pm. Director Peebles and Mrs. Peebles arrived.**
A. Director Peebles was individually sworn-in by Mayor Wayne McGuinty.
All 7 Directors are now present and all were duly sworn-in as a Board.
9. **Motion: ORDINANCE # 2020-101 - Of PERPETUAL IDENTITY and to change the DDA's Name.-**
The Chair will introduce the Item and read the Ordinance out loud.
VOTE: 1st Director Peebles, 2nd Director King. Voice Call: the motion passed /Y-7 /N-0;
10. **Motion: ORDINANCE # 2020-102 - OF FINANCIAL IDENTITY and depository accounts.-**
The Chair will introduce the Item and read the Ordinance out loud.
VOTE: 1st Director Everson, 2nd Director Peebles. Voice Call: the Ordinance passed /Y-7 /N-0;
11. Ceremonial signing of the bylaws and the two ordinances.

Prince Joseph Lopez, Chair

Gwendolyn Smith, Secretary