



July 24, 2006

Honorable Jon S. Corzine
Governor, State of New Jersey
State House
125 West State Street, P.O. Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625-0001

Dear Governor Corzine:

In accordance with Section 6 of The Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority Act of 2006, constituting Chapter 16 of the Laws of 2006 of the State of New Jersey, I herein transmit the minutes of actions taken at the open session of the First meeting of The Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority held in Gibb's Hall, Tinton Avenue, Building 2000, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey 07703 on Friday, July 14, 2006.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John G. Donnelly
As Acting Secretary
on Behalf of the Authority Members

Enclosures

FORT MONMOUTH ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION PLANNING AUTHORITY

Minutes filed by John G. Donnelly as Acting Secretary on Behalf of the Authority Members of actions taken at the Open Session of the First meeting of The Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority, held in Gibb's Hall, Tinton Avenue, Building 2000, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey 07703 on Friday, July 14, 2006.

Present:

Chairperson and Public Member Dr. Robert Lucky
Vice Chairperson and State Commerce Commission Secretary and CEO Virginia Bauer
Monmouth County Freeholder Lillian Burry
Public Member Laurie Cannon
Oceanport Mayor Lucille Chaump
Public Member Rosemarie Estephan
Public Member Joseph Colfer
Public Member Dr. Robert Lucky
Tinton Falls Mayor Peter Maclearie
Garrison Commander Col. Ricki Sullivan
Eatontown Mayor Gerry Tarantolo

The meeting was called to order by Maria Falca-Dodson, Deputy Adjutant General for the State of New Jersey. She explained that pending the election of officers during this meeting, she had offered to call this meeting to order. The Open Session was convened at 7:05 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Election of the Chairperson:

General Falca-Dodson requested nominations. Freeholder Burry nominated Dr. Lucky, and was seconded by Authority Member Cannon. Mayor Maclearie nominated Mayor Tarantolo, and was seconded by Mayor Chaump. There were no other nominations. Nominations were then closed.

The roll call was taken on the first nominee Dr. Lucky; voting in favor were Secretary Bauer, Freeholder Burry, Authority Member Cannon, Public Member Estephan, Authority Member Colfer, and Authority Member Lucky. Those not voting in favor were Mayor Chaump, Mayor Maclearie and Mayor Tarantolo. Having received six votes in the affirmative as required by the Act to elect a Chairperson, Dr. Lucky was elected Chairperson.

Election of the Vice Chairperson:

General Falca-Dodson requested nominations. Authority Member Colfer nominated Secretary Bauer, and was seconded by Authority Member Estephan. There were no other nominations. Nominations were then closed.

The roll call was taken, and the vote in favor of Secretary Bauer as Vice Chairperson was unanimous.

Chairperson Lucky thanked General Falca-Dodson for her assistance, and he gratefully accepted his duties as Chairperson.

Chairperson Lucky assigned the duties of Acting Secretary to John G. Donnelly of the Office of the Governor.

Chairperson Lucky then welcomed remarks by Members of Congress Frank Pallone and Rush Holt.

The Agenda was then presented for approval. Freeholder Burry moved for the approval of the agenda, Vice Chairperson Bauer seconded the motion and the agenda was unanimously approved.

In lieu of a Chairperson's Report, Chairperson Lucky introduced John Ciufu of the State Commerce Commission for a presentation of the Authority's duties.

The following Agenda items were then presented for approval.

0607-01: Roberts Rules

This item is to meet the statutory provision of Section 7 of the Act to provide for the conduct of meetings.

Authority Member Estephan moved the resolution, Mayor Maclearie seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

0607-02: Advertisement for Executive Director

This item is to meet the statutory of Section 8 of the Act to hire and retain employees.

Mayor Chaump moved the resolution, Freeholder Burry seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

0607-03: Appoint Chairperson as Authority Contact

This item is to meet the statutory provision of Section 1 of the Act that the Authority meet it's many and varied responsibilities such as a responsible contact person or external representative for communicating with the federal Department of Defense and and other agencies and stakeholders.

Mayor Tarantolo moved the resolution, Authority Member Cannon seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

0607-04: Appointment of Ad-hoc Committees

This action is to meet the statutory requirement at Section 8 to provide for the conduct of business. Chairperson Lucky up to four Members are invited to all meetings.

Authority Member Colfer moved the resolution, Mayor Maclearie seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

In consultation with the Authority Members, Chairperson Lucky then appointed:

Personnel: Mayor Chaump, Mayor Tarantolo, Vice Chairperson Bauer
Bylaws: Mayor Chaump, Authority Member Colfer
Organizational Structure: Freeholder Burry, Authority Member Cannon
Audit: Mayor Maclearie, Authority Member Estephan.

0607-05: Approval of Funds Request from the Department of Defense

This action is to meet the statutory requirement of Section 8 of the Act for the Authority to collect any federal funds for, or in aid of, the Authority's authorized purposes.

Secretary Bauer moved the resolution, Authority Member Cannon seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

Public Comments were sought by the Chair:

General Falca-Dodson requested that she be authorized to make a presentation on the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs' Veterans Haven at the next meeting, and Chairperson Lucky concurred.

Former State Senator Thomas Gagliano requested that he be authorized to make a presentation on the Patriots Alliance at the next meeting, and Chairperson Lucky concurred. He was joined in his request by a member of the Patriots Alliance who explained that their efforts are designed to not lose jobs when the base closes.

Mr. Landburg described himself as a retired engineer who regrets the scheduled closing of the base.

Mr. James Raleigh said he will be attending the meetings of the Authority and offered to assist the Authority in any manner they wish.

Ms. Clair McVicker-Warn said she will be attending the meetings of the Authority and offered to assist the Authority in any manner they wish, and expressed concern about future uses of the rail freight line adjoining the base.

Mr. Bill Ryan described himself as a retired soldier and explained the importance of the Veterans Administration Clinic on the base.

Chairperson Lucky requested the Authority's wishes as to the next meeting date and time, and 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 26 was selected. Staff will advise as to location.

Authority Member Cannon requested for an upcoming meeting a staff presentation of previous base closures that might provide insights on best practices and problems to avoid.

Since there were no further comments or business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Chaump, seconded by Authority Member Estephan and unanimously adopted at 9:05 p.m.