

## **Military Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting**

**17 June 2019**

**1500-1544**

### **Members Present**

CAPT Stephen Brennan, RADM Kevin Cook, LCDR Adalberto Diaz, Elizabeth Dietzmann, RADM Richard Dunleavy, CAPT Robert Herbert, RADM Gregory Nosal, RADM Phillip Olson, CDR Kathleen Owens, RADM Fenton Priest, ADM Craig Quigley, CAPT Richard Trowbridge, Lt General Frances Wilson, Vice-Mayor James Wood

### **Welcome and introductions**

- Ray White introduced Olivia O'bry as the new Executive Assistant to the Director, Taylor Adams and Vicki Kelley as a new member to the team and that she would be taking notes for the MEDAC meetings.
- Chair asked that Olivia and Vicki give a brief bio and then asked the members and guests to introduce themselves.

### **Approval of 22 April notes**

### **City Update – Vice Mayor Jim Wood**

- A lot of things going on with the recent event.
- Difficult time for the City but commended the first responders and what an amazing job they did May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Very impressed with employees going back to work and picking up essential duties that must continue.
- ADM Quigley agreed that the job the first responders delivered was extraordinary.
- Ceremony at the Rock Church was very impressive
- United Way – 2.5 million raised for the families
- Towne Bank paid for city employees funerals, due to the tragedy of 5/31/2019.
- Towne Bank offered office space, to displaced city employees, for one year and a discount after the year is up.
- Commended State Police and the FBI with partnership with the City.
- Building two status is still in discussion.
  - This topic will be discussed at the next Council Meeting tomorrow.
  - Renovation, housing other departments, or building two departments joining City Hall's new building are just some ideas at this point.
- Taylor shared with Vice Mayor Wood that he has some good teams from Spain to join the City.

### **Fiscal Year 2000 -**

- No topline target between parties.
- Question is – will they come together and agree.
- Trump Budget wants to decrease Military Medical Staff by 18,000, which would leave enough staff to only cover active Military Personnel.
  - Congress and Senate is not in agreement with this.
- If there is no agreement there will be a continued resolution on January 1, 2020.

### **Oceana Brief –/ HRMFFA**

- P4 Industry day
- Decreased budget
- Available land inside and outside the fence
- Looking at the future, opportunities are there we just need the support and advocacy from the MEDAC group.
  - Recommendation made to consider developing a strategic plan then bring the plan before the committee.
  - City could do a study to assist the P4 Assessment.
- Norfolk Airport needs an additional runway, could they use the available land for an additional runway.
  - Concern was stated this was not possible because of security issues.

### **Economic Development Update – Ray White**

- Since the incident in building 2, the Planning Department has moved in with us and Strategic Growth Department.
- There has been many retiring or taking other positions from our department, which has left us low staffed, but two new staff members will be joining us soon.
- G2 OPS – won the grant with innovative Technology.
  - The only city in Hampton Roads that won.
  - Will partner with DOD.
- Received letters of support from TCC and others on the establishment of a Naval University System-Naval Community College (NUS-NCC)

### **By-Laws – Ray White**

- Ray asked if everyone approved the By-Laws.
  - Craig Quigley announced he had a few punctuation edits and to replace a couple of words.
  - All agreed to the changes in the By-Laws with the punctuation and grammar edits.

**Discussion – Group**

- Vice Mayor Wood asked for any recommendations for members for the MEDAC Committee.
  - Any recommendations will be taken to City Council for approval.
- Collaborative agreement that the Police chief did an outstanding job during the tragic even on 5/31/19.

**Adjournment at 1544****Next Joint MEDAC Meeting TBD****Next Virginia Beach MEDAC Meeting:  
July 22, 2019 @ 1500**