

**Military Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**23 September 2019**  
**1500-1544**

**Members Present**

RADM Kevin Cook, Elizabeth Dietzmann, RADM Richard Dunleavy, CAPT Robert Herbert, RADM Gregory Nosal, RADM Phillip Olson, CDR Kathleen Owens, ADM Craig Quiqley, CAPT Richard Trowbridge, Lt General Frances Wilson, Vice-Mayor James Wood, VBDA Liaison Charles Salle

**Welcome and introductions**

- Chair welcomed members and guests
  - Guests introduced themselves

**Approval of notes for July 2019**

**City Update – Council member John Moss**

- Hiring a new City Manager
  - The entire retreat was spent on this
    - National search
    - Will be hired sometime in 2020
  - Council priorities
    - Affordable Housing
    - Consensus of no tax increase
    - Dome Site
    - 5036, privatize the Convention Center
    - 5-year redo of the Comprehensive Plan
  - New entity (Convention Center and Hotel) – will that affect the City Bond Rating?
    - It isn't the city debt, no legal obligation, but the credit market will look, at the debt and cash flow

**HRMFFA Update – RDML Quigley (Rick Dwyer stood in for Quigley)**

- Budget World
  - Signed the 2-year Budget Agreement, but Appropriation Bill still needs to be signed - Sometime in November
- \$75,000,000 Vets community Infrastructure program was signed this allows DOD to spend money outside the fence-line that benefit the mission of the Base as well as the community
  - Projects DOD identified diverted for the Wall – appropriations for projects in Hampton Roads area were put in other places, more of a wait and see

- Craig is taking a trip to DC to discuss Atlantic Coast Pipeline – sufficient and sustained energy sources are required
  - Norfolk Naval Station has had its gas turned off 32 times in the last two years
    - The supply of gas to the region – when it is cold in the winter, Virginia Natural Gas will cut off the gas to large Federal and private corporations and divert the gas to households to keep their homes warm
    - No mission has been affected yet, but it shuts down the boilers
- Taking a trip to the Pentagon in October – meeting with the Department of Energy and NASA – to take this message to them as well

### **Economic Development updates – Ray White / Taylor Adams**

- Very successful Oceana Air Show
- Offshore Wind Project – Dominion Energy has made the decision to build the entire site
  - 2026 completion date
  - 220 wind turbines
  - 27 miles offshore
  - 112,800 acres
  - 650,000 homes
  - Market shift – with renewable energy
    - Expecting a 2 Turbine System, but Dominion decided to fully build
  - Investment is \$7.8 billion dollars initially, then to possibly double
  - Question – How do the numbers in subsidy hold up
    - Project the size will double with the 12 mega-watt system
    - Concerns of the area being able to consume all the energy it will produce
    - Net importer of power
  - No announcement on partners for building
  - Training programs will be needed for operators
  - Tips of turbines will be under the radar view
- Oceana P4
  - Successful meetings with achieving the City and Oceana’s goal
    - Exciting opportunity for us
    - We have a framework that is being looked at
      - We will further be able to take this to our policy makers
- Data – Hampton Roads as a top millennial destination
  - Employment – people arrive here with a job, like it and decide to stay
  - Embrace the new data point as the way we are bringing development
  - Virginia Beach is the destination for the defense centric uses
    - It’s who we are
  - Sequestration is not the biggest threat, it is the deficit

## **Command Visit Program**

- Good relationships with Oceana and Little Creek continue

## **Recruiting New Members**

- Time is marching on
- The By-Laws state you can serve three five-year terms.
- Seven of us are in our 3<sup>rd</sup> Term.
  - 2023 we will need new members
  - Committee needed to recruit new members
    - Please let the Chair know if you have any ideas
    - We need some young people on the committee

## **Other Discussion**

- Nice discussion with new XO and invited him to the next MEDAC meeting
- Naval Community College / Offshore Wind Project Training
  - Workforce Development
    - Advocating for training for the Off-Shore Wind Project
    - ODU is working towards training
    - TCC and ECPI could assist with certifications
  - The groups have met, and studies have been done to find out what are the needs of training done for the industry
  - Close to finalizing a location of the actual operations location which will be in Virginia Beach
  - Corporate Landing – closest industrial location near the Atlantic Ocean in Hampton Roads
    - We have an excellent parcel for the operation location
  - The suppliers are currently located in Europe
    - We want to partner with these companies and have them come to Virginia Beach and teach and transfer some of what they have already been doing
  - The United States is one place we can deliver the efficiency and political stability
    - Lower cost for power
    - Provide the workforce at a lower labor cost
    - Europeans are not able to provide the workforce because of the legal aspects in their country
    - Virginia is the most northern “Right to Work State” in the Union
    - Offers us an advantage as a prime target to advanced manufacturers
- October 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a Grand Opening at Nautica Sponsored by Fleet Forces Command
  - Combination of opening and birthday celebration for Vietnam exhibit Ten Thousand Days at Sea US Navy and the Vietnam War

**Adjournment at 1602**

**Next Joint MEDAC Meeting October 28, 2019 – Virginia Beach Economic Development Boardroom - we will confirm**

**Next Virginia Beach MEDAC Meeting:  
November 25, 2019 @ 1500**