

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes

Thursday, April 16, 2015

Present: Chairman Paul Mulcahey, Mike Haney, Reggie Freeman, Thomas Thomas, Don Welvaert, Hunt Harris, Lew Steinbrecher, Ted Thoms

Absent: Jennifer Walker and John Hass

Staff: Scott Mullen, Rocky Jones, Kevin Snodgrass, Joy Toporowski, Ben Meersman (Califf & Harper) and Roger Strandlund (Califf & Harper, P.C.) via phone

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve the minutes of March 19, 2015. With Chairman Mulcahey calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Financials: Rocky Jones reviewed the financial statements. Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Harris, to approve the financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2015. With Chairman Mulcahey calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Fiscal Year 15/16 Operating Budget

The above topic was introduced through Mr. Jones (including a handout/proposed budget) and Chairman Mulcahey. Chairman Mulcahey provided a verbal report from the Budget Committee, representing the Committee's recommendation that the FY 15-16 Operating Budget be approved. The introduction was followed by a formal motion by Mr. Welvaert, seconded by Mr. Freeman, with a duly approved amendment to the motion (Mr. Haney/Mr. Harris) to nullify an assumption of discounted sponsorship revenue. Discussion on the motion included Mr. Mullen's explanation of his calculations relating to event projections. Chairman Mulcahey invited additional comments from Board members and, following general discussion, Chairman Mulcahey called for a vote on the pending motion to approve the FY 15-16 Operating Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Committee Report and Executive Session/Closed:

The above topic was introduced through Chairman Mulcahey's description of Executive Committee discussion (and handout therefrom). Chairman Mulcahey provided Mr. Mullen's recap of the Arena's accomplishments for FY 14-15. At 12:48 p.m., Chairman Mulcahey excused Mr. Mullen from attending the upcoming Closed Session, with an invitation to the Board for a motion to go into Closed Session, all for the purpose of discussing personnel matters (performance and compensation of a specific employee or employees), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). A motion was made by Mr. Haney with Mr. Steinbrecher seconding, to incorporate the above purpose and findings and to (on that basis) conduct the meeting in Closed Session. Upon roll call vote, all Board members voted in favor of the motion and Chairman Mulcahey declared the motion carried.

At 1:20 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Thoms with Mr. Freeman seconding, to adjourn back into regular session. A roll call vote was taken showing all Board members voting in favor of the motion and the chairman declared the motion carried.

No action was taken in Closed Session.

Notation on Director's Update, Action Following Closed Session and Other Business:

Chairman Mulcahey announced that, in the interest of time, the substance of the topics typically covered under the Director's Update should be regarded as being fully addressed by Mr. Mullen's comments previously made at the meeting. Motion by Mr. Haney, seconded by Mr. Hass, to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee relating to a compensation adjustment, with direction to the Assistant Director/Director of Finance to implement a Payroll Memorandum, subject to the following: the adjustment is based on the overall accomplishments identified in Open Session. It was noted by Chairman Mulcahey that the Board expects to consider a possible later compensation adjustment, all to be calculated and based on the annual audit figures as those figures are finalized and duly approved.

Chairman Mulcahey closed discussion on the topic with an expression of appreciation Mr. Mullen and his staff for the Arena's performance for the previous fiscal year.

Construction Project Update:

Mr. Snodgrass rejoined the meeting and provided a status report on all pending capital projects. Mr. Snodgrass responded to certain inquiries from various Board members (on topics including the emergency generator, funding from outside sources, and adjustments to operations necessary to accommodate certain upcoming events). Chairman Mulcahey summarized the discussion and announced that the report was approved by consensus of the Board.

Adjourn: Mr. Thomas motioned for adjournment. Mr. Haney seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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Joy Toporowski