

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Present: Chairman Mike Haney, Thomas Thomas, Lew Steinbrecher, John Hass, Reggie Freeman, Don Welvaert, Paul Mulcahey

Absent: Hunt Harris, Ted Thoms, Jennifer Walker

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Mulcahey, to approve the minutes of August 20, 2015. With Chairman Haney 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. Mulcahey, seconded by Mr. Freeman, to approve the financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2015. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Director's Update:

Scott Mullen provided the Board a verbal summary of progress toward obtaining renewals to various suite licenses. Mr. Mullen pointed out aspects of the renewed licenses which created variances from the language within certain existing licenses; and the Board, by consensus, approved the action taken by Mr. Mullen. Mr. Mullen noted that the variances between licenses correspond to the following: a standard format; and an alternate format (e.g., Deere & Co. Suite License) for different classes of ticketing or sponsorship levels.

Mr. Mullen reported the progress on the latest Arena construction project (box office expansion/concourse expansion and remodeling). He confirmed the Board's approval of Change Order Nos. 1 - 33 (presented at the August Board Meeting) and invited Kevin Snodgrass to describe the Arena's proposal for approval of an additional 11 Change Orders (Change Order Nos. 34 - 44). Mr. Snodgrass presented the detail for Change Order Nos. 34 - 44, with corresponding costs and credits. A motion was made by Mr. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Hass, to approve the Change Orders, with corresponding costs and credits as itemized by Mr. Snodgrass. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

As a continuation of the construction project status report, Mr. Mullen invited Mr. Snodgrass to describe Arena staff's proposal to complete the overall construction project by incurring additional expenses for furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E). Mr. Snodgrass provided a description of the items. A motion was made by Mr. Mulcahey, seconded by Mr. Freeman, to approve the FF&E purchases up to \$100,000 (above the amount of Change Order Nos. 1 - 44), subject to Arena staff's compliance with any applicable advertisement and/or bidding requirements. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Mullen informed the Board that the ECHL is mandating HD cameras for the broadcast of every hockey game within the League. Mr. Mullen noted that the Arena plans to use the cameras for other events, advertising and marketing. A motion was made by Mr. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Welvaert, to approve the purchase of the camera system described by Mr. Mullen, with the purchase amount approved up to \$70,000. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously. Mr. Mullen added that he will take a hard look at the possibility of obtaining a financial contribution from the team in order to defray the cost of the camera system expenditure.

Mr. Mullen gave a brief list of upcoming events.

Committee Reports: Mr. Mullen addressed the Minutes from the Personnel Committee Meeting on August 20, 2015, duly noticed and conducted following the August Board Meeting. It was agreed, by consensus, to consider the Personnel Committee action relating to compensation adjustments as a proposal for formal Board action, all covered by a Closed Session discussion (refer to Closed Session immediately following Mr. Mullen's comments).

Executive/Closed Session: At 1:12 p.m., Chairman Haney invited Board members to adjourn into Closed Session for the following purposes: personnel, i.e. performance and compensation matters relating to specific employees. Roger Strandlund, Legal Counsel, provided the legal finding/factual basis supporting the application of an exception to the Open Meetings Act, i.e., 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Motion by Mr. Steinbrecher, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to conduct the meeting in Closed Session. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

No formal action was taken in Closed Session.

At 1:17 p.m., Motion by Mr. Welvaert, seconded by Mr. Steinbrecher, to adjourn back into regular session. A roll call vote was taken showing all Board members voting "Aye", and Chairman Haney declared the motion carried.

Following Mr. Strandlund's confirmation of the staff's statutory compliance, motion made by Mr. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Mulcahey, to make the compensation adjustments set forth within the Closed Session Payroll Memorandum. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Mullen announced there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 6, 2015.

Adjourn: Mr. Steinbrecher motioned for adjournment. Mr. Freeman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Joy Toporowski, Acting Secretary