

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes
Thursday, September 19, 2019

Board Members Present: Chairperson Jennifer Walker, Stacey Happ, Paul Mulcahey, Fran Prochaska, Mike Haney, Larry Meeske
Other Persons Present: Scott Mullen, Rocky Jones, Kevin Snodgrass, Lindsey LaFrenz, Roger Strandlund
Absent: Reggie Freeman, Lisa Kotter, Jeff Nelson, Randy Tweet

Introduction and Public Comment: Chairperson Walker called the meeting to Order at 12:30 p.m. Chairperson Walker next made the observation that no members of the general public were in attendance and no written comments were received subsequent to the last meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Meeske, second by Mr. Mulcahey, to approve the Minutes for the Board Meeting occurring on August 15, 2019. With Chairperson Walker calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken, and it carried unanimously.

Financials: Mr. Jones presented the financial statements with commentary (handout). Motion by Mr. Haney, second by Ms. Happ, to approve the financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2019. During the Board's discussion on the Motion and in response to an inquiry from Mr. Mulcahey, Mr. Jones revealed his timeline for exploring certain cost-savings measures, e.g., price comparison on insurance brokerage/consulting fees. With Chairperson Walker calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken, and it carried unanimously.

Director's Report:

Scott Mullen repeated his solicitation for cross-selling ideas and opportunities which might grow the business of the Arena's naming rights partner – TaxSlayer – followed by general Board discussion.

Mr. Mullen updated the Board on the subject of the locker room remodeling; and he offered the Board a tour of the work – to be scheduled following completion of the flooring phase. Mr. Mullen identified sports betting as a topic deserving further investigation. As a final part of Mr. Mullen's report he cited recent developments or trends which impact the Arena's business. The points covered by Mr. Mullen included: the more tightly packed schedule for concerts of the Country genre; completion of a small concert/sports venue with entry into the regional market expected next year; and the effects of Live Nation's dominance and influence on bookings.

Staff Reports:


Kevin Snodgrass presented the Arena's evaluation of the results from the solicitation relating to event cleaning. Mr. Snodgrass reviewed the bids with the Board. Mr. Snodgrass concluded with the Staff's recommendation of an award to PeopleReady as the apparent low responsive/responsible bidder. Motion by Mr. Mulcahey, second by Mr. Meeske, to accept the Staff's recommendation and authorize the award to PeopleReady. With Chairperson Walker calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Executive/Closed Session: At 1:07 p.m. Chairperson Walker invited Board members to adjourn into Closed Session for the following purpose: Personnel, Security and Imminent Litigation. Legal Counsel (Mr. Strandlund) 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), (8) and (11). Motion by Mr. Prochaska, second by Ms. Happ, to adopt the legal finding; and, on that basis, to proceed to conduct the meeting in Closed Session. With Chairperson Walker calling for a roll call vote on the motion, the roll call vote was taken with all Board members voting "Aye".

[The meeting transition to Closed Session.] No formal action was taken in Closed Session.

At 1:24 p.m., motion by Mr. Mulcahey, second by Mr. Prochaska, to adjourn back into Regular Session. A roll call vote was taken showing all Board members voting "Aye", and Chairperson Walker declared the motion carried. [Separate minutes (and tape thereof) relating to Closed Session has been retained in custody of Legal Counsel.]

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.



Roger L. Strandlund, Acting Secretary