

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes
Thursday, June 16, 2016

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

Absent: Hunt Harris (excused due to resignation/pending appointment by Mayor)

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

Public Comment: Chairman Haney announced the reappointment of the following Board members: Mike Haney on behalf of the City of East Moline, John Hass on behalf of Rock Island County and Ted Thoms on behalf of the City of Rock Island. Chairman Haney informed the Board that to date there had been no replacement appointment for Hunt Harris on behalf of the City of Moline.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Mulcahey, to approve the minutes of May 19, 2016. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Financials: Rocky Jones presented the financial statements with commentary. Motion by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Freeman, to approve the financial statements for the period ending May 31, 2016. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Audit Report: Heidi Hobkirk (RSM) presented the results of the annual audit. Board discussion was held concerning the opinion on the financial statements. Ms. Hobkirk classified the RSM opinion as "clear" and complimented the Arena staff on the level of assistance and cooperation provided in connection with the audit. Motion by Mr. Hass, second by Mr. Freeman to approve the FY2015-16 audit. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Director's Update - Event Schedule/Facility Report/Sponsorships/Other:

Mr. Mullen identified some possible upcoming events. He noted that he anticipates an overall increase in variety among the field of potential events. Mr. Mullen's projections were applicable to events hosted over the course of a hypothetical year. General board discussion occurred on other aspects of the entertainment market. In the context of that discussion, Mr. Mullen provided examples of deal terms and conditions, as well as entertainer-friendly offers and incentives made by competing venues.

Mr. Mullen distributed, as an informational item, a *Quad City Times* article honoring the career of Gordie Howe. Mr. Mullen noted the special significance of the article in that it related memories of "Mr. Hockey" as seen through the eyes of the Mallards Coach, Terry Ruskowski.

Committee Report/Election of Officers:

Mr. Mulcahey, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented nominations for respective offices of the Board, as follows: Chairman – Mike Haney; Vice-Chairman – Don Welvaert; Treasurer – Jennifer Walker; Secretary – Joy Toporowski. Chairman Haney thanked the Nominating Committee for its work and invited comments and additional nominations. There were no additional nominations nor was there further discussion on the report of the Committee. Mr. Mulcahey incorporated the above nominations in the form of a single motion for election of officers. Mr. Thoms seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Staff Report on Work Plan for RFP/Solicitation of Insurance Consulting Services and Discussion of Other Vendors:

As to insurance, Mr. Jones provided a rough timeline; setting forth a schedule consistent with past practice and leading toward an effective date of June 1, 2017. Chairman Haney noted that the schedule appeared acceptable. As to other goods and/or services, Chairman Haney announced that Arena staff will be responsive to assignments from the Executive Committee, all directed toward revisiting the field of vendors subject to a competitive proposal process. He stated that the Executive Committee will report progress to the Board, reserving ultimate decisions to the entire Board.

Executive/Closed Session: Chairman Haney noted that there would be no need to go into Executive/Closed Session.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

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Joy Toporowski, Secretary