

FEBRUARY 15, 1989

The Manatee County Civic Center Authority met in REGULAR SESSION at the Civic Center, Palmetto, Florida, Wednesday, February 15, 1989, at 7:34 a.m.

Present were Members:

Thomas W. Harrison, Chairman
~~Russell A. McInerney, Vice-Chairman~~ *absent*
 Walter Grace
 William Orr
 P. Allen Schofield
 Barbara Turner
 Eugene Wiseman

Absent was Member: Russell A. McInerney, Vice-Chairman

Also present were:

John Graham, Director
 Clifford Walters, Authority Attorney
 Peter H. Ramsden, representing R. B. Shore,
 Clerk of Circuit Court

Representatives of the various news media were present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrison.

PALMETTO - HABEN BOULEVARD FUNDING

John Graham, Director, relayed a request from Kent Chetlain, County Commissioner, and August Ellis, County Administrator, regarding funds purported to be owed by the City of Palmetto from funds received to pave Haben Boulevard from Civic Center property line to U.S. 301.

Cliff Walters, Authority Attorney, submitted "Synopsis of Relationship with City of Palmetto Concerning Construction of Roadway through the Gateway Project".

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He stated that originally Manatee Gateway provided acreage for the Civic Center in exchange for a four-lane road from U.S. 41 to U.S. 301. Negotiations led to the City of Palmetto, in exchange for \$465,000, assuming responsibility of constructing the road and other expenses.

The road was completed to the Civic Center east property boundary. Inasmuch as Manatee Gateway had not begun improvements to its property, the City's obligation to complete the road was deferred.

Mr. Chetlain stated his opinion is that the City of Palmetto owes the Civic Center \$465,000.

Mr. Walters advised a grant for \$225,000 for parking facilities was converted to an application for \$1,000,000 for completion of the road and other improvements. He stated \$18,500 of the \$465,000 fund was returned to the Civic Center Authority, which is in an escrow account.

The City has agreed to make certain services available to the Authority in a spirit of cooperation.

Discussion: Tourist Development funds; Civic Center submitted a list of projects to the City of Palmetto to be done as a service; accounting of cost to construct entire road; need to find avenues for additional funds; have City pay or waive utility fees, etc.

Disposition: Director to request accounting of road costs from City of Palmetto; determine purpose of the \$465,000.

MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Wiseman, and seconded by Mr. Orr, the minutes of January 18, 1989 were unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Mr. Schofield, seconded by Mr. Orr and carried unanimously, to approve the Consent Agenda for December 1988 and January 1989. Items approved:

National Chemical Search - Cleaning Materials	\$2,210.64
Florida Power & Light - Electricity	8,149.60
- "	1,009.18
- "	7,434.92
Parks & Recreation - Ground Maintenance November	1,000.00
- Ground Maintenance December	1,000.00
Safeguard - Fire Alarm Sys Service	1,216.00
WQYK-99 - Advertising Charlie Daniels	1,480.00
Suncoast Beef - Food Service	4,618.50
Sysco - Food Service	1,629.89
- Food Service	1,166.60
Bay Distributors - Food Service	1,430.20

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Director submitted the Revenue and Expense Statement and Balance Sheet as of January 31, 1989. He stated that certain expenditures had been made, but revenue had not yet been received.

Motion was made by Mr. Wiseman, seconded by Ms. Turner and carried unanimously, to approve/accept the Financial Report.

UTILIZATION REPORT

The Director submitted the January 1989 Utilization Report. Discussion followed regarding hosting wrestling events.

LIQUOR LIABILITY

Pursuant to direction (2/1/89), the Director received bids for providing liquor liability insurance. Bids were submitted from Wyman, Green and Blalock and Bradenton Insurance on a "Claims Made" basis (claims made during term of policy) and "Occurrence" (claims occurring during term of policy).

Inasmuch as the bids were identical (\$3,784.20 for \$1,000,000 occurrence coverage), Mr. Graham chose Wyman, Green and Blalock, as that firm supplies client liability insurance as needed.

Discussion: Occurrence coverage back to October 1, 1988; advantages of occurrence coverage; statute of limitations for claims.
(Note: Further discussion later in the meeting)

BYLAWS

Mr. Wiseman requested action on proposed amendments to the Bylaws as noted January 18, 1989.

Motion

Motion was made by Ms. Turner, and seconded by Mr. Wiseman, to amend the Bylaws as recommended by Mr. Wiseman January 18, 1989.

Discussion: Paragraph 1(d) should read incumbent instead of present; having Vice-Chairman succeed to the Chairmanship; need for nominating committee, etc.

Motion - Amendment

Motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Grace and carried unanimously, to amend Paragraph 1(d) to read incumbent instead of present.

Vote

Voting "Aye" on the motion, as amended, were Mr. Wiseman, Ms. Turner, Mr. Grace and Mr. Schofield. Voting "Nay" were Mr. Orr and Mr. Harrison. Motion carried.

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TERMINATION OF EASEMENT

Mr. Graham submitted Resolution

89-01 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TERMINATION OF EASEMENT BY
THE MANATEE COUNTY CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY

This easement (termination requested 11/16/89 by Furman's Inc.) is contiguous to property on which the Civic Center is located.

Discussion: Building shopping center; extension of 7th Street; easement no use to Authority, etc.

Motion was made by Mr. Wiseman, seconded by Mr. Orr and carried unanimously, to approve/adopt the Resolution.

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LIQUOR LIABILITY (Cont'd)

Request was made (2/1/89) to search the record as to advice given regarding liquor liability insurance in buying the food service.

Following discussion, it was determined that a letter from the County Administrator (2/3/89) to Chairman Harrison regarding advice given by Dick Johnston, Risk Manager, was sufficient to answer questions.

CIVIC CENTER FUNDING - ALTERNATE SOURCES

Mr. Orr submitted a series of questions to Mr. Graham regarding the financial posture of the Civic Center:

1. Inasmuch as the Tourist Development Council (TDC) cut request for funds, will there be a need to go to the County Commission for funds at the end of the year?
2. In your opinion, with a hotel and marina could the Civic Center be self supporting?
3. What other funding sources are available?

In response, Mr. Graham stated: TDC shortfall was \$170,000-190,000; food service profit to be between \$125,000-130,000; attempting to sell advertising for revenue; personnel and utility accounts presently funding shortfall; Center will probably always need a subsidy; he does not know other funding source.

Discussion: Need to look for other sources; in-house promotions; cities help with expenses; break down of TDC funds; changes to the original TDC Ordinance; attending TDC meetings; obtaining copies of TDC Ordinances, etc.

THOMAS HARRISON - RESIGNATION

Chairman Harrison announced his resignation, effective upon adjournment of the regular March meeting (March 15, 1989).

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:


 Clerk


 Vice Chairman 3/15/89

Adj: 9:45 a.m.
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