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The Manatee County Civic Center Authority met in SPECIAL SESSION at the Civic Center, Palmetto, Florida, Monday, April 24, 1989, at 6:02 p.m.

Present were Members:

Russell A. McInerney, Chairman  
Walter Grace  
William Orr  
Barbara Turner

Absent were Members:

P. Allen Schofield, Vice-Chairman  
Patricia Holland  
Eugene Wiseman

Also present were:

John Graham, Director  
Kim Umana, representing R. B. Shore,  
Clerk of Circuit Court

Representatives of the various news media were present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McInerney.

CITY OF PALMETTO - HABEN BOULEVARD FUNDS

Cliff Walters, Civic Center Attorney, addressed concerns that if State Grant funds for construction of Haben Boulevard were not properly utilized, it may be reverted back to the State rather than the Civic Center.

Discussion: Recording of deed; intent is to refund any funds not spent.

Kent Chetlain, County Commissioner, suggested the Civic Center Authority request the Board of County Commissioners ask the Clerk of Circuit Court to perform an audit of the funds (\$465,000) that were given to the City of Palmetto for the construction.

Motion was made by Mr. Orr and seconded by Ms. Turner, to accept Mr. Chetlain's suggestion. Motion carried unanimously.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

The Chairman questioned if there were any revisions for the draft letter to Kathy Snell, Tourist Development Council (TDC) Chairman, regarding availability of funds (4/12/89). No revisions were recommended.

Mr. Chetlain advised that a date will be set for either a joint work session or a regular agenda item for discussion of the financial problems of the Civic Center.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Mr. Orr requested the Director place on future agenda information forecasting future events for the slower activity in the summer months.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES BASEBALL STADIUM

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of constructing a baseball stadium for the Pittsburgh Pirates in the northeast area of Palmetto (82 acres).

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Motion was made by Mr. Orr, seconded by Ms. Turner, to draft letter to Chamber of Commerce requesting the Task Force to investigate the property regarding building a baseball stadium.

Discussion: Resort tax to build the stadium.

Motion carried unanimously.

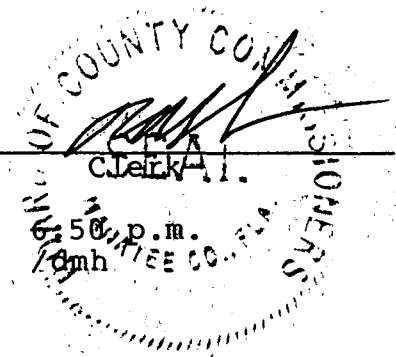
Discussion: Letter to attorney representing owner of the property; letter to Chamber of Commerce.

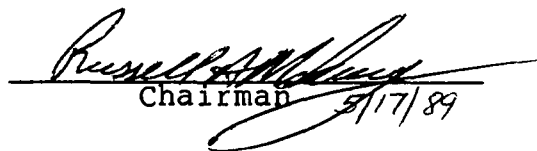
**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:

  
Adj: 6:50 p.m.  
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Chairman 5/17/89