

SEPTEMBER 20, 1989

The Manatee County Civic Center Authority met in REGULAR SESSION at the Civic Center, Palmetto, Florida, Wednesday, September 20, 1989, at 7:35 a.m.

## Present were members:

Russell A. McInerney, Chairman  
 Donald Brittain  
 Walter Grace  
 William Orr  
 Barbara Turner  
 Eugene Wiseman

Absent was member: P. Allen Schofield, Vice-Chairman

## 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.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Wiseman, seconded by Mr. Orr and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of August 16, 1989.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Mr. Orr, seconded by Mr. Wiseman and carried unanimously, to approve the Consent Agenda. Items approved:

Florida Power and Light - July electricity	\$9,525.69
Parks and Recreation - Lawn maintenance	\$1,000.00
All Star Promotions - Wrestling	\$1,000.00
Kraft - Food for resale	\$2,155.82

FINANCIAL REPORT

John Graham, Director, submitted and reviewed the August 1989 Revenue and Expense Statement and Balance Sheet. He submitted a Year-to-Date Comparison for the prior year.

He stated the food service showed a \$79,000 profit for the year.

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

CITY OF PALMETTO

Ms. Turner reported on a joint meeting between the County Commission and the Palmetto City Council. She referred to an article in The Palmetto Press stating that Palmetto would sell water to the Civic Center at a wholesale rate.

Steve Odem, Palmetto City Clerk, stated that he had not yet seen an agreement.

Discussion: Audit determining Palmetto owed Civic Center \$87,000.

UTILIZATION REPORT

The Director reviewed the August 1989 Utilization Report, Utilization Comparison and Usage Report. He stated that use of the Meeting Rooms was at 19 percent and Center Hall at 53.5 percent.

**BY-LAWS**

Mr. McInerney submitted proposed amendments to the By-Laws Article II, Section 1(b):

In the event of the death, resignation or removal of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman will automatically succeed to this position. The Authority, in its discretion, shall elect a successor to fill the position of Vice-Chairman. An individual who resigns from either position while remaining a member of the Authority will not be eligible for election to either position or to be the Chairman.

and Article II Section 1(d):

If the Chairman is an incumbent due to the resignation of the prior Chairman, the incumbent would be eligible for election to the Chairman's position the following year in order to allow the individual to serve at least one full term in this position. Having served one full year in both positions, the incumbent would not be eligible for election to the Vice-Chairman position. Likewise the individual elected to fill the remaining term of Vice-Chairman would be eligible for either re-election to this position or to be the Chairman.

Discussion: Allows to serve full term; nominating committee not formed; elections, etc.

**Motion - Died**

Motion by Mr. Wiseman to table further discussion to a later date died for lack of a second.

**Motion - Nominating Committee**

Motion was made by Mr. Orr, seconded by Ms. Turner and carried unanimously, to waive the nominating committee requirement.

**Motion - Amend By-Laws**

Motion was made by Mr. Orr, seconded by Mr. Grace and carried unanimously, to amend Article II Section 1(b) and 1(d) of the By-Laws as submitted.

RECORD S9-40

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Vice-Chairman**

**Nominations**

- Allen Schofield - by Ms. Turner
- Donald Brittain - by Mr. Wiseman

Four votes were cast for Mr. Schofield and one for Mr. Wiseman, with Mr. Brittain abstaining. Mr. Schofield was elected Vice-Chairman.

**Chairman**

**Nominations**

- Russell McInerney - by Mr. Orr
- Eugene Wiseman - by Mr. Brittain

Five votes were cast for Mr. McInerney with Mr. Wiseman abstaining. Mr. McInerney was elected Chairman.

**MANATEE CIVIC CENTER GUILD**

Dale McGrew, Manatee Civic Center Guild member, read a State of Purpose of the organization, stating the Guild would promote the Civic Center. He introduced Early Williams and requested sanctioning of the Guild.

(Ms. Turner absent for a portion of discussion)

It was determined Mr. Orr would remain liaison to the Guild.

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Based upon the Authority's Enabling Act, motion was made by Mr. Orr, seconded by Mr. Wiseman and carried unanimously, to sanction the establishment of the Manatee Civic Center Guild for the purposes set out in the Statement of Purpose.

#### JOE RUSSO - PRIVATIZATION

Joe Russo proposed private enterprise take over operation of the Civic Center on a rental basis or on a \$1 million a year guaranty. He stated that due to connections in the entertainment industry, he would bring in events that the Civic Center could not.

(Depart Ms. Turner)

Discussion: Background information; statement of intent, etc.

(Depart Mr. Wiseman)

#### ROOF

The Director stated there were additional water leaks in the roof. Jack Olson reported on problems stating there was moisture in the insulation and there are areas of standing water. He stated that three additional roof drains were necessary.

The Director stated he has authorized Mr. Olson to do necessary repairs and proceed with installing drains, using Civic Center maintenance personnel. Bills will be submitted to Risk Management.

#### LIGHTNING DAMAGE

The Director reported that lightning struck a parking lot light and came into the building damaging computer cards. Additional grounding, relays and fuses have been installed.

He met with the Energy Management Department to devise a lightning protection program.

#### PERSONNEL POLICY - EDUCATION POLICY

The Director submitted revised Personnel Policy regarding Education allowing for the same benefits as provided by the County.

Motion was made by Mr. Orr, seconded by Mr. Brittain and carried unanimously, to approve the addition to the Personnel Policy of the educational policy.

RECORD S9-41

#### CITY OF PALMETTO - ELECTRIC SURCHARGE

The Director requested direction regarding the City of Palmetto's 10 percent electric surcharge. He stated that \$10,000 could be saved if the Center were exempt.

Motion was made by Mr. Brittain, seconded by Mr. Grace and carried unanimously, to authorize execution of a letter by Mr. McInerney to the City Council requesting exemption from the surcharge.

#### LAWN MAINTENANCE

The Director reported that the Board of County Commissioners has adopted a Resolution approving the contract with Hawn Amex, Inc. for ground maintenance.

#### ACCESS ROAD - HABEN BOULEVARD

The Director entered a copy of a letter from Richard Wilford, Public Works Director, to Steve Odem, Palmetto City Clerk, submitting recommendations regarding the proposed access road from Haben Boulevard through the proposed shopping center to the north.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS - PRESENTATION

The Director requested direction as to preparing a promotional presentation to be used by Authority members when appearing before groups. He was directed to look into the cost of a Public Relations firm preparing a presentation.

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**PERSONNEL - FOOD SERVICE SUPERVISOR**

The Director advised that Ellen Jones had been hired as the Food Service Supervisor. He also stated that the chef would become part time on an as needed basis.

**MARQUEE ADVERTISING**

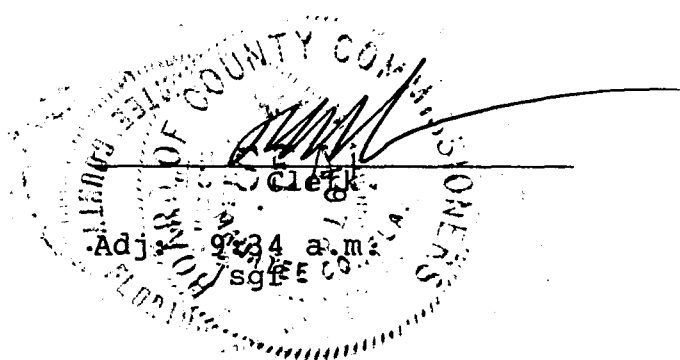
The Director stated that most businesses were interested in a short-term marquee advertising program and that he has developed a 30-day contract.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:



*Russell H. [Signature]*  
Chairman 11/15/89