

EMERGENCY JOINT SPECIAL MEETING

**ATHLETIC COMPLEX BUILDING COMMITTEE
AND
FIELD HOUSE AND BASEBALL FIELD COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019 – 7:45 P.M.

DERBY CITY HALL – JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS

MINUTES

PLEASE NOTE – ABSOLUTELY NO DISRESPECT TO MS. PAYDEN OR MS. LAMPAZZI – DUE TO VERY POOR PHONE CONNECTION MINUTES COULD NOT BE VERBATIM AS IT WAS VERY HARD TO HEAR.

Chair of the Athletic Complex Building Committee Keith A. McLiverty called the Emergency Joint Special Meeting between the Athletic Complex Building Committee and the Field House and Baseball Field Committee to order at 7:45 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Athletic Complex Building Committee

Present: Keith A. McLiverty, Tom Abel, Jim Benanto, Rob Hyder, Paul Mengold, John Netto, Dennis O'Connell, Anthony DeFala, Sr.

Absent: Chantal Gerckens, Ron Sill (Excused), Ken Marcucio, Sr. (Excused), Peter Olenoski, Anthony DeFala, Sr.

Field House and Baseball Field Committee

Present: Dr. Matthew Conway (via phone), Andrew Cota, Dan Foley, Janine Netto, Ted Estwan, Charles Sampson

Absent: Edward Armeno, Anthony DeFala, Sr., George French, George Kurtyka, Ken Marcucio, Sr., Debra Borrelli, Jim Gildea, Laura Harris, Rebecca O'Hara, Peter Olenoski, Martin Pascale, Casey Pacheco

Also Present: Ms. Joan Payden, via phone
Ms. Meg Lampazzi, via phone

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. McLiverty asked if anyone wished to address the committee.

No one wished to address the committees. Without objection the public portion was closed.

PRESS BOX – DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Mr. McLiverty asked Ms. Payden if she would like to address the committees or have the committees proceed with the item up for discussion. Ms. Payden said she would like to speak.

Ms. Joan Payden – I don't really know too many people who were on the football field. For the past 2 ½ years I have been funding this project and I just thought I might give you what my involvement has been in, which might be helpful.

Mr. McLiverty - Ms. Payden we are fully aware of your involvement and we appreciate all that you have done for this project.

Ms. Payden – I'm not talking about money – I'm talking about involvement.

Mr. McLiverty – Sure – feel free.

Ms. Payden – Would it be helpful to give you a little perspective and talk about my concerns and I will certainly abide by anything you have about this press box.

Mr. McLiverty – Sure Ma'am.

Ms. Payden – Would that be helpful?

Mr. McLiverty – Yes.

Ms. Payden - At the beginning of 2017 I just made a random call to Derby. Prior to that time about seven years before, (inaudible) my Father was born in Derby and my Mother was in Shelton. I don't know why I did it but anyway I called Derby and asked if there was a project that I could help with. They mentioned at that time they had gotten \$2 million from the State for the football field (inaudible) and then one thing led to another and the initial costs on the building (inaudible) and so forth and I was very much involved. I have very strong relationships with the Stanley Company and Turner Construction and my company is based in Los Angeles and Milan, Italy. Nothing had really happened in six months. At that time there appeared to be a gap in funding and I acquired a national firm to do the schedule as it seemed to be too many cooks in the broth. I got totally involved and it looked like it would come to fruition. I'm sure you know a lot more than I do. For my two cents worth Turner Construction will do this fast. I have my cousin Meg – she's a helicopter pilot, she has my complete trust and I'm grateful she's there. Do you have any questions?

Mr. McLiverty - We just want you to understand Ma'am that the pause we had over the last two weeks is just because we understand the magnitude of the cost. We understand the generosity that you've had to date, and we were just trying to be fiscally prudent, especially since this is not local money. Please understand that the pause and question from all of us here was out of all due respect and sincerity from what you have contributed to date. So please understand that.

Ms. Payden – And I really appreciate that. Please, I'm not throwing money away. All I'm saying is that I'm committed to this project. We change all the time. Architects currently come in around \$300,000 and the costs have gone up over the last 18 months, construction costs have gone up 35%.

Mr. McLiverty – Ma'am tonight I think we're going to proceed with the Field House. Dr. Conway do you just want to brief everybody on the Press Box.

Dr. Conway – We went to Turner and met on the field last Saturday to redesign the existing bleachers, which was a design that Turner, myself and others initially discussed when we did get the last design bid from Turner it did not include that design. Anthony brought that option up at our last meeting, so I reached back out to Turner the following morning and the same individual that we had met with on the field and discussed why he had not pursued that design. At the time they were looking at it they came concerned with the loss of seats on the left and right side of the press box if it was into the bleachers so they opted to put it back into the hill where the old one currently is. They came back out on Monday, re-looked at the option we discussed to put it into the bleachers, and the savings in the excavation worked as a result of that so we have a new bid from Turner to put the press box on the 50-yard line within the bleachers that we discussed. They do prefer while we looked at using the existing foundation that would require engineering to determine how they were originally designed and put in so they would be absolutely be sure that they were structurally sound. They think it would be more advantageous just to put new sonar tubes in instead of using the existing foundation and then we don't have to worry about the engineering report for that cement that was poured out how many years ago. The new design, a reduction in cost of about \$170,000.00 off where Turner's initial bid was, and we feel that if we do this right there could be additional savings off their current bid. So while they have been, and Keith if you want to give a copy that I emailed – I don't know if people have it in front of them – we do have a bid at a much more reasonable cost than their last bid that will get the press box built on the 50 yard line. There is potential for additional savings based upon our meeting today at 3:00 p.m. about this and a lot of that will just depend upon timing, but we will be discussing a pre-fab unit, which will save us additional money up and above what their current bid is, which is the stick building. Their current bid, while it's separated out in terms of the cost, does include demolition of the old field house.

Mr. McLiverty – So what's the total price that's on their bid? While you're looking for that number we'll be looking for a motion to proceed with awarding Turner with a contract for the press box at a Not to Exceed whatever number you give us.

Ms. Payden – Please leave contingencies because that's normal – and believe it or not there may be some reduction costs on the building. I've been through this step by step and it's close to \$420,000. So, I've learned a lot and I think we've all learned a lot and the two people that have been amazing are Matt (Dr. Matthew Conway) and Turner. We have to realize that it's not a commercial building and its for kids and (inaudible.)

Dr. Conway – For the work itself the bid comes to \$304,000.00 adding in a contingency of \$61,000.00 and then general conditions fee, insurance of \$54,750.00 brings the total to \$420,000.00. The flexibility in there is the \$61,000.00, which is a 20% contingency

because they didn't have all the information that they need they felt they needed that 20% contingency in there. Whether that will get spent or not as part of the project will be determined as we move forward. The other consideration will be this is an estimate and it is based on a stick build as opposed to a pre-fab unit that would result in an additional savings.

Mr. McLiverty – Ok – so is it fair to say we make a motion to endorse the awarding of the press box to Turner Construction and Not to Exceed the \$420,000.00.

Dr. Conway – Yes.

At this time Mr. McLiverty asked for a motion.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Estwan with a second by Mr. Netto to award the contract for the construction of the press box to Turner Construction for a price Not to Exceed \$420,000.00. Mr. McLiverty asked if anyone had questions or was opposed. **Mrs. Netto – No. Motion carried.**

Mr. McLiverty – Ma'am we're going to proceed first thing tomorrow morning. Dr. Conway will call Turner Construction tonight and we thank you again for your generosity and we're going to make you proud.

Ms. Payden – Bless you all. This is the best thing that I have ever done and I'm very excited about it. I didn't mean to pressure you. I know this took a long time and I have learned so much (Inaudible.)

Mr. McLiverty – Ok Ma'am. And just for the record Janine Netto voted yes.

Mrs. Netto – Janine Netto did not vote yes. Just for the record Jeanine Netto votes no.

Mr. McLiverty – Ms. Netto vote no – ok. Thank you Ma'am.

Ms. Payden – Keith – I appreciate being able to chat with the committee and thank you so much.

Mr. McLiverty – Thank you Ma'am.

Ms. Lampazzi – Thank you Keith.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patty Finn

Recording Secretary

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE ATHLETIC COMPLEX BUILDING COMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.