

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF THE
SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH
AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
HELD THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022
REMOTELY VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
COMMENCING AT 10:33 A.M. E.S.T.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County (the "Authority") was held upon proper notice on Thursday, May 12, 2022, commencing at 10:33 A.M. E.S.T. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and guidance from public health experts, the meeting was conducted remotely via the online conferencing platform Zoom.

Members of the Authority

Present: Sen. Wayne Fontana, Chairman
Michael Dunleavy, Vice-Chairman
Councilman Anthony Coghill, Treasurer
Sala Udin, Secretary
Councilman Nicholas Futules, Member
Rev. Glenn Grayson, Member
Michael Quatrini, Member

Also Present: Mary Conturo, Doug Straley, Rosanne Casciato, Rhea L. Thomas, Bill Williams, Edith Ruiz, Jhason Dixon, Desmond Bentley, Theresa King, and Paul McDonald Jr. of the Authority; Clarence Curry, CFC-3 Management Services; Tom Ryser, TPR, LLC; Tim Muldoon, Ryan Buries, Spencer Girman, and Natasha Ley, of SMG.

Senator Wayne Fontana called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Mary Conturo followed with a roll call of the board members. Ms. Conturo advised that a quorum was present.

Beginning with public participation, Senator Fontana asked if any members of the audience would like to address the board. Members of the public were offered participation by email, telephone, or the Zoom chat function. Mr. McDonald Jr. stated that the Authority had not received

any comments via email, no one registered to speak via telephone, and no comments were submitted via the Zoom chat function thus far. Seeing no request from the public to address the board, Senator Fontana moved to the next item on the agenda, approval of the minutes from the meeting on April 14, 2022. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Senator Fontana continued onto the next item on the agenda under the David L. Lawrence Convention Center (“DLCC”), authorization to issue a change order to McKamish in a not to exceed amount of \$104,054 for repairs based on fire damper testing.

Mr. Ryan Buries stated that in November 2021 the board authorized an agreement with McKamish to perform an evaluation of fire and smoke dampers throughout the David L. Lawrence Convention Center (“DLCC”) in compliance with the recently updated City of Pittsburgh Code and National Fire Protection Association (“NFPA”) standards.

The original agreement included an allowance of \$50,000 for repairs identified during the evaluation as McKamish progressed through the evaluation process. The original agreement was procured via a publicly advertised Request for Proposals (“RFP”), and McKamish was the lowest cost proposal for inspection, unit rates, and hourly costs.

Mr. Buries further stated that in April 2022 McKamish issued their preliminary report indicating an inspection of 870 fire dampers in DLCC and there were 14 fire dampers that would need additional work to access. During the inspection, McKamish installed 67 access doors and repaired 71 devices.

The not-to-exceed change order amount was derived using the hourly rates and markup percentage submitted as part of the RFP process. Future inspections will be more cost-effective since the access to inspect each fire damper unit is being completed with this inspection and repair project. Upon authorization, there will be a lead time of five weeks for the materials to be

delivered and another five weeks to execute the repairs. The change order includes 17.3% WBE participation with TF Campbell for supplies and Allegheny Construction Group for block wall demolition and repairs, and 8.5% MBE participation with Allied Drywall for drywall repairs.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any questions from the board.

Mr. Sala Udin asked for an explanation of what a fire damper is.

Mr. Buries stated a fire damper is a device used in ductwork or fire-resistant walls. Mr. Buries further stated the ductwork would ordinarily allow the fire to spread, but a damper closes when a certain temperature is reached, and this stops the flames and smoke from passing throughout the building.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5823


RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to issue a change order to McKamish in a not to exceed amount of \$104,054 for repairs based on fire damper testing; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized to take all action and execute such documents as are necessary and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

The next item was public participation, and Senator Fontana asked if anyone in the audience desired to address the board.

Mr. McDonald stated that the Authority has provided the public with three options for public participation: email, telephone, or the Zoom chat function. No public comments were

submitted via email and there were no registrations to submit a public comment via telephone or the Zoom chat function.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any comments from the board. There being no additional comments or business, Senator Fontana asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 A.M.


Mary K. Conturo
Assistant Secretary