

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF THE
SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH
AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
HELD THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018
AT THE DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER
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 in the DLCC Executive Board Room in Pittsburgh, PA 15222, on Thursday, May 10, 2018 commencing at 10:33 A.M. E.S.T.

Members of the Authority

Present: Sen. Wayne Fontana, Chairman
Councilman Anthony Coghill, Member
Michael Dunleavy, Member
Rev. Glenn Grayson, Member
Sala Udin, Member (via telephone)

Also Present: Mary Conturo, Doug Straley, Rosanne Casciato, Rosemary Carroll, Taylor Blice, Rifat Qureshi, Sharon Mink, Simona Loberant, Rachel Cohen and Maggie Pike of the Authority; Morgan Hanson, Solicitor; Tom Ryser of TPR; Clarence Curry of CF3 Management; Tim Muldoon and Ryan Buries of SMG; J.J. McGraw of the Pittsburgh Pirates; and Frederick Winkler, architect.

Senator Wayne Fontana called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Morgan Hanson followed with a roll call of the Board Members. Mr. Hanson confirmed that Mr. Sala Udin was attending via telephone, and that he could hear the other Board Members and the Board Members could hear him. Mr. Hanson 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. Seeing none, he moved to the next item on the agenda,

approval of the minutes from the meeting of April 12, 2018. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda under David L. Lawrence Convention Center, authorization to enter into an agreement with Key Tracer in the amount of \$13,150 for key security management system.

Mr. Ryan Buries explained that as part of the operations of the convention center, keys are issued to certain personnel during their shifts. Currently, keys are issued by the officer in the security control office. Issuing a key requires the guard to step away from the monitoring station to check ID and log the issuance of the key. Purchase and installation of the key management system will allow the convention center to streamline this process. All keys are secured to a unique RFID tag and locked in a secure, alarmed cabinet, and check-in and check-out are logged electronically. This will also reduce paper consumption by eliminating the need for a paper log.

A notice for the project was placed on the SEA website and quotes were solicited from three key management system vendors. Key Tracer is recommended for award based on meeting all of the criteria and providing the lowest quote.

There is a 6-8 week delivery time. Installation will be performed by in-house personnel and software setup and training is included in the cost.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any 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. 5537

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into an agreement with Key Tracer in the amount of \$13,150 for key security management system; 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.

Senator Fontana introduced the next item, authorization to issue a change order with DeFinis Mechanical Contractors, LLC in a lump sum amount of \$11,500 based on additional quantities for 10th Street ceiling plumbing repairs.

Mr. Buries explained that in March of 2018, the Board authorized a contract with DeFinis Mechanical Contractors to replace approximately 160 feet of pipe in the ceiling above 10th Street. During the course of replacing the pipe, an additional 150 feet of piping was discovered needing replacement. DeFinis agreed to replace this additional pipe at the same unit price based on the original contract, which was procured via solicitation of three written quotes. The original pipe was cast iron and the replacement pipe will be PVC.

There is a one-year warranty on material and labor.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any 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. 5538

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 with DeFinis Mechanical Contractors, LLC in a lump sum amount of \$11,500 based on additional quantities for 10th Street ceiling plumbing repairs; 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.

Senator Fontana introduced the next item, authorization to extend term of lease with CobblerWorld, LLC from May 25, 2018 to May 25, 2019 for retail space along Penn Avenue.

Mr. Rifat Qureshi explained that CobblerWorld sells a variety of pastries such as cheesecakes, quiche, cobblers, and a variety of beverages.

They are located in the small, most eastern retail space along Penn Avenue, approximately 250 sq. ft. in size. CobblerWorld started its one-year lease in May of 2016, and the Board authorized a one-year extension last year in 2017.

In the past year, Terina Hicks, the owner, said the business has been steadily growing and now provides its products to several farmers markets, restaurants and grocery stores in the city and surrounding areas. She has also acquired a delivery van, and expects to secure a future commercial kitchen, among other things.

CobblerWorld is requesting an additional year under the same terms. The annual base rent is \$6,300 (or \$25 per sq. ft.). They employ one minority employee.

Staff recommends the one-year extension, as it is an effective use of the space and an added amenity along Penn Avenue.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any 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. 5539

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to extend term of lease with CobblerWorld, LLC from May 25, 2018 to May 25, 2019 for retail space along Penn Avenue; 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.

Senator Fontana introduced the next item under Lower Hill Project, authorization to enter into certain agreements and execute certain documents with respect to the I-579 Cap Project

related to the acceptance and application of grant funds, the transfer of property to the City and other project matters.

Ms. Mary Conturo explained that the I-579 Cap Project provides for a structure over the Crosstown Boulevard at the base of the Authority's Lower Hill development site. On the surface of the structure, there will be a new, three-acre city park. This is a project that the Authority has been working on for some time, and in order to keep the project moving forward, there is certain documentation that needs to be put in place. The Authority staff also wanted to provide Board Members some background and an update on the project and the design.

Ms. Conturo reminded the Board that the preliminary design was completed in 2015 with a federal transportation grant. Final design (that is currently being completed) was undertaken with a federal TIGER VI Grant. Construction is primarily being funded with a TIGER VIII Grant.

The undertaking of the project is divided as follows: the SEA has done the design of the work and has taken the lead on securing the funding; the City will hold the construction contract; and PennDOT will provide construction management and hold oversight responsibilities, in coordination with the SEA since it has been involved throughout the design. When it is completed, the project will be owned by the City, and the surface will be a city park.

The estimated schedule is that bids should be advertised in September of this year, and bids should be received in October. Construction is anticipated to start by the end of the year. The final design is currently being reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration, by PennDOT, and by the City.

Prior to the review of the documents for the Board, Doug Straley presented the design elements of the project.

Mr. Straley referenced an aerial photo of what the I-579 Cap Project site looks like today. Mr. Straley pointed out the streets surrounding the project site (Washington Place, Bigelow Boulevard, Centre Avenue and Chatham). Currently, the SEA owns the parking lot that is part of the project site, and it is operated by the Penguins. The I-579 Interstate highway is underneath a “hole” in the middle of the site which will be bridged by the Project, and air rights to this space will be provided for the project pursuant to an air rights agreement that the SEA and City have been working on with PennDOT. The City owns the two, small, green space parcels that are on either side of Bigelow Boulevard.

Regarding the surface park design itself, Mr. Straley explained that as part of the preliminary land development plan and Option Agreement, there is a development parcel that the Penguins have an option to develop at Centre Avenue and Washington Place. Through the Authority’s community input process, it was determined that a better location of the development parcel would be at the Bigelow Boulevard/Centre Avenue corner, since the Centre Avenue corner was considered the best entrance and primary access point to the park. The Authority will use this development parcel during the course of construction for staging a crane and trailers and other equipment. The parcel will then be available for development after construction is complete. The anticipated construction will be a two-year build.

It should be noted that as part of the development, the pedestrian tunnel under Bigelow Boulevard which now permits pedestrians to walk from the U.S. Steel Tower to Chatham Square will be taken out. Currently, the tunnel is not compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility standards. The design creates an ADA accessible pathway through this area, traversing from Washington Place across the park. As the tunnel is filled in and brought up to grade, the entire park will be on grade. The project will also improve the intersection at Chatham

Square and Bigelow, including creating a new ADA accessible pathway that will take pedestrians between Washington Place and the U.S. Steel Tower side of the park.

The new pathways are wider pathways that will allow for pedestrian as well as bike access through the park. Other amenities include two different amphitheater areas. The smaller amphitheater area is located near the corner of Washington and Centre. It would be facing up towards the Hill. It was a community desire that they did not want everything to be focused toward downtown. The community desired a balance. This amphitheater could accommodate various events such as talks, or jazz performances. There will be electrical outlets and capabilities necessary to allow for those events to happen. There is a larger area right off the event lawn, where people can sit on the lawn and watch the events, performances, etc. from there.

The design has also provided for ample green space which is represented on the plan. The majority of park plantings are located in this area and will absorb some of the sound from the highway. Certain areas are characterized by plantings that are pollinators to allow for the growth of different species. The design also provided for a quiet, meditation garden area. There are approximately 140 trees that have been added, with six types of shade trees and six types of ornamental trees, to allow for different uses of the different park areas. This will allow for quiet areas as well as programmable areas that can allow for a farmers market, food trucks, and other similar opportunities.

In the future, there are areas that allow for additional enhancements to be installed. Although unfunded at this time, these include restrooms, kiosks, a small café, a water feature on the upper terrace, or creation of a permanent stage with a canopy and permanent hookups for entertainment activities.

Discussions with the community have generated different surface design enhancements. The Authority worked with the Office of Public Art in a Request for Proposal (RFP) process that sought artists connected to the Hill District who could be part of the design team, as well as a national artist with federal transportation project experience. On the recommendation of a selection committee, the Authority and the Office of Public Art assembled an artist team which consisted of Amir Rashidd and Dr. Kimberly Ellis from the Hill District, and Jann Rosen-Queralt, the national artist. The following design enhancements were developed by this team. At the upper terrace, a “story wall” features the stories of two different Hill District figures: Frankie Pace and Martin Delany. The wall has a trellis above it. A second component is a red patterned pathway shown in the diagram that forms the outline of a Sankofa bird. “Sankofa” teaches us to gather the best of what our past has to teach us so that we can move forward in the best possible way. Third, there is an outdoor classroom garden where students could gather and get instruction, play built-in instruments such as a drum, or blow into different pipes for creation of music. Fourth, in the upper area of the park there are eight totems which are about 18 feet high, and they include a movable table on them to set your coffee or books on them. They are located where a future café and restrooms are contemplated. Fifth, there is wayfinding signage with a tour guide named “Keisha” who is an African-American girl who welcomes visitors to the park and educates visitors about storm water, the Sankofa bird and other aspects of the park. There will be 12 such signs throughout the park.

The national artist, Jann Rosen-Queralt, was interested in providing for storm water mitigation. She helped design a runnel system that will go through the park. When there is a rain event, visitors can see the water running through the runnel system into the spiral catch basin, and then it flows down into rain gardens. In the rain gardens are six gabion baskets that would

capture the storm water and allow it to slowly seep into the soil. The blue lines on the drawing show where the water goes into the different retention areas.

With respect to accessibility, the next drawing shows the ADA accessibility (where there is a five percent slope or less). In addition to the marked pathways, the shaded area is ADA accessible. The pathways zig-zagging across the park indicate how visitors can go from one end to the other. Currently, there is a significant elevation difference, about a two-story difference, from corner to corner. The design ensures that the park was entirely accessible.

Senator Fontana asked if the start of the project would be in the fall.

Mr. Straley responded that the Authority is looking to bid and then accept a bid according to a PennDOT schedule of September/October.

Senator Fontana asked when construction would begin.

Ms. Conturo replied that construction is expected to begin by the end of the year.

Senator Fontana asked how long the project will take to complete.

Mr. Straley replied that it will take two years to complete the project.

Senator Fontana asked if the storm water in the retention areas is reused to help water the plants and green elements in the park.

Mr. Straley explained that there is an irrigation system for the plantings, but that since all of the plantings are native to western Pennsylvania, after the plantings are established, the irrigation system should not be needed. He said that the storm water is not recirculated in the park. The goal is to take all of the runoff that currently goes into the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) system and provide areas where it slowly releases in to the park, thereby alleviating sudden heavy water flow into the PWSA system.

Senator Fontana asked for clarification that the water eventually does get into the PWSA system, just not all at once.

Mr. Tom Ryser further explained that part of the storm water runoff is delayed. If it is a significant rain, there would be an overflow that would go into the sewer system.

Ms. Conturo added that the rain gardens allow the water to be captured and then gradually released into the ground as opposed to going directly into the sewage system.

Mr. Straley added that once it does get to a certain level there would be overflows into the system.

Senator Fontana asked if there are systems where rain water can be used to infiltrate the ground, as well as water the flowers and shrubs.

Mr. Straley explained that such a system does exist. It would require a pumping system to get the water back to where it is needed in the landscaping. Because the project specifies plants that only need irrigation for the first season until they get established, a pumping system was not considered needed, as there is an expense associated with maintaining a system like that.

Senator Fontana asked if the park goes to the City, who is responsible for maintenance going forward and activities.

Mr. Straley replied that it will become a City public park.

Senator Fontana asked if in the agreement there is language that says the City will be responsible for ongoing maintenance.

Ms. Conturo replied that there are two things the Authority is working on regarding maintenance with the City. The first relates to the piece of the property that is technically within the Option Agreement. That is being released from the Option Agreement and deeded to the City, but to the extent the Penguins would have had a responsibility to develop that as green

space, they will sign a maintenance agreement to contribute to maintenance. The second item relates to some of the additional future enhancements that Mr. Straley mentioned, such as the canopy stage and kiosk and restrooms. Those are items the Authority does not have funding for right now and those can be added at a later date. Those are on the list of things that the Authority is still trying to raise money for, and one of those things on that list is a maintenance fund. That's still something that the Authority is trying to get funded before construction is complete.

Mr. Sala Udin asked who will handle licensing and usage of the park.

Ms. Conturo replied that it will be a City park, so if nothing else happens, that's how it will get licensed. The Authority has had discussions with the Hill Community Development Corp (Hill CDC) and the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership and the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy about how to focus on programming the park and what is the best way to do that. In the course of working that out, that might change things some, but that's a discussion that will be had once construction is underway.

Mr. Udin asked if that discussion would include permitting fees because some of the park's fees can be quite substantial.

Ms. Conturo confirmed that that will be part of the discussion. Ms. Conturo said she does not think anyone has given thought to that amount or that structure just yet, but that she will keep that in mind and will follow through on thinking that through.

Mr. Udin asked if there is an update on the status of the Curtain Call project.

Ms. Conturo replied that there is no update. The Authority had a meeting with potential funders on April 27 because the artist of the project was in town. There was a good turnout for that meeting. The Authority is about \$1.5 million short in funds to get the Curtain Call project started, and the Authority views the Curtain Call project and the I-579 Cap project as being

interrelated, and all part of making the infrastructure work in the Lower Hill. Curtain Call is still very high on the Authority's list, but there is no news on any additional funding on that yet.

Mr. Udin asked how much of the cost has been committed by the Penguins.

Ms. Conturo replied that there is a \$500,000 commitment from the Penguins out of a total project cost of about \$2.5 million.

Mr. Udin asked if the Authority expects any additional commitment from the Penguins.

Ms. Conturo replied that there is no additional commitment yet, but the importance of that project to the Authority is something that the Penguins are aware of, and the Penguins have indicated that they will help figure out how to get the project done in terms of helping the Authority raise money or through sponsorships on their end. The Authority has not gotten any further than that at the moment.

Mr. Udin added that he wanted to welcome Rev. Grayson to the Board and apologized for not being able to be there to welcome him in person.

Rev. Grayson thanked Mr. Udin and added that he was part of the April 27 meeting regarding Curtain Call. He expressed some concerns in reference to the gap of \$1.5 million, which somehow should be easily raised. Rev. Grayson's concern is that it was a 10-year-old bid at \$2.5 million and he is not sure if it still will be that cost 10 years later. Rev. Grayson believes it is something that should happen, and the entire city should be accountable to make that happen. He voiced that opinion at the meeting on April 27.

Rev. Grayson also had a question about the additional unfunded elements of the I-579 Cap project in terms of priority, such as the café, bathrooms, and canopy, if there is a sense of cost for each, which one is top priority, and if it is possible that it all could happen as part of the two-year process of building the park.

Ms. Conturo replied that the additional future items total about \$4.1 million. The Authority would not be able to amend the construction contract to include them, so the Authority would have to complete this construction contract and start the construction of the future additional enhancements afterward. It could be a seamless process if the Authority is able to raise the additional funds needed.

Mr. Straley added that the Authority has taken the steps to include the necessary connections, such as conduits, that would be needed to support the enhancements so there would be no need to dig everything back up to develop such additions. In most of the areas where the future additional enhancements would be installed, there will be interim plantings so it would be easy to take these out and there would not be a need to rip out concrete or other infrastructure.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any further questions from the Board. Councilman Coghill made a comment that he was not aware of this project until becoming a Board member and he is excited about it. He thinks it is a game changer for downtown Pittsburgh and the Lower Hill District and the Penguins development. It benefits so many things, but it really benefits the region more than anything. Councilman Coghill thanked Ms. Conturo for all of her hard work on the project, and he is even more excited to find out that it's going to open two years from now.

Senator Fontana added to Rev. Grayson's point, there has to be a continued focus on raising money. Maybe it's naming rights, but there needs to be focus on that to get it done within those two years. He said that it would be nice to have it all done at the same time; otherwise these things do not get done.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any further questions from the Board.

Ms. Conturo added that she would like to explain the various agreements the Board members would be voting on. Ms. Conturo went on to explain that in order to get to the point

where the Authority can bid the work, certain documentation needs to be put in place. The first thing is that the City has to have title to all of the land. The first thing the Board would be doing is authorizing the transfer of the corner that is owned by the Authority to the City for one dollar.

The next two things are related to the TIGER Grant. One is the grant agreement that the Authority needs to enter into with Federal Highway Administration, and the second is a reimbursement agreement with PennDOT, the City, and the Authority, because PennDOT administers for Federal Highway Administration, and the TIGER Grant funds will go directly to the City. That three-party agreement lays out the mechanics of funding and administration, and includes a description of PennDOT's role in terms of managing the construction and oversight.

There is a cooperation agreement between the Authority and the City because much of the funding has been committed to the Authority and the Authority will continue to oversee all of the responsibilities with respect to that funding. The Authority will do that on the City's behalf and get the funding to them.

There will be an agreement with the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) because in terms of that maintenance agreement that was discussed from the Penguins, in addition to the maintenance agreement, if this land had stayed under the Option Agreement, the Penguins would have been responsible for improving it to a green space. Because the Authority wants to include the park development within the Project, the Penguins will contribute generally what would have been expected to be the cost of them improving that land, or a pro rata cost of the square footage of the surface improvements of the Cap. That amount is \$900,000. Their obligation, however, does not get triggered until certain development happens there, but the Authority needs the money immediately for construction. The URA is loaning the \$900,000 to front the money from the Penguins. If the Penguins obligation never gets triggered, meaning the land never gets

developed and then the land comes back to the SEA (because all of that land at the bottom part of the 28-acre Option Area site is SEA property), the Authority agrees with the URA that the sale proceeds from that land, when sold for development by the Authority, would be used first to repay the URA the \$900,000. That is generally what the URA Cooperation Agreement and the note to the URA relates to.

There is a Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program (RACP) Subgrant Agreement and a Multimodal Cooperation Agreement, which is needed to get proceeds from those State funding sources from the SEA to the City. Those are being authorized.

There is some artwork in the tunnel that Mr. Straley mentioned that needs to be addressed in terms of whether it gets moved, so there is a Section 106 process that PennDOT will be going through with the Authority, and whatever happens there will be reduced to an agreement, and that agreement is being authorized.

The Maintenance Support Agreement that was discussed, where the Penguins would be responsible for contributing a portion of the cost of the maintenance, is the last piece of this authorization. In terms of that agreement, the Penguins will be making a cash contribution annually, and it will be a fixed amount related to a prorated amount of what the total maintenance cost is for the total surface. That agreement will be a three-party agreement with the City, the Authority, and the Penguins.

That is a summary of this documentation. To the extent there is additional funding that is secured, the Authority will come back to the Board to authorize that if it is necessary. This is what needs to be accomplished before bidding right now.

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

Rev. Grayson asked in terms of the artwork if it could potentially be lost, and how the Authority is investigating if it could be placed in the park without losing the history of the art.

Ms. Conturo replied that it is a piece of artwork that PennDOT is concerned about, as well as the City, who is technically the owner of it, and the Authority. The Authority had originally considered taking pieces of it and incorporating it into the design of the park, but the thought was that the art pieces should not be broken apart. It is a series of mosaics and the thought was it should not be pulled apart in order to use some of it but not the rest of it. What will happen is there will be a meeting of interested parties that have expressed an interest in this artwork and there will be an agreement with the City, the Authority and PennDOT about whether it will be relocated somewhere, whether there is a place that is appropriate right now, or whether it needs to be stored for a period of time.

Rev. Grayson asked for confirmation that the art will not be destroyed.

Ms. Conturo confirmed that the art will not be destroyed.

Mr. Straley added that there is not sufficient wall space for the art in the park, and both sides agreed that building two walls just to place the art in the park was not the right presentation for this piece. The Authority is looking for other places around the Hill District where it could be located more in the context of which it was originally envisioned. The Authority's Project budget includes cost for the removal of the art.

Mr. Udin asked to clarify the art to which Rev. Grayson was referring.

Ms. Conturo replied that Cantini is the name of the artist.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any further 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. 5540

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into the following agreements and execute the following documents in connection with the construction of the I-579 Cap Project:

- (i) Deed to City for approximately .6 acres
- (ii) TIGER Grant Agreement
- (iii) Federal Aid Reimbursement Agreement
- (iv) Cooperation Agreement with the City
- (v) Amended and Restated Cooperation Agreement with URA
- (vi) Note to URA
- (vii) RACP Subgrant Agreement
- (viii) Multimodal Transportation Fund Cooperation Agreement
- (ix) Section 106 Agreement
- (x) Maintenance Support Agreement,

and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized to take all action and execute such other documents as may be necessary and desirable to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana introduced the next item, under Heinz Field, authorization to reimburse PSSI Stadium Corporation in a not-to-exceed amount of \$80,000 from the Heinz Field Capital Reserve Account for the fire protection piping repairs project.

Mr. Taylor Blice explained that over the past few years, the Steelers have been experiencing corrosion of the dry system piping for fire protection. In 2014, the Board authorized a reimbursement to the Steelers to replace the risers in the stairwells.

The Steelers are now requesting to replace the 3-inch mains in the Main, Club, and Lower Suite level for an approximate length of about 2,000 lineal feet. Since that is an estimate, they went out to get quotes for per lineal feet costs. Abel was the successful bidder for an approximate cost of \$71,935. Since the lineal feet is an approximate cost, the Authority is adding a contingency and developing a way that the Steelers and the Authority can track the lineal feet to get the exact cost.

This condition has been reviewed by the Authority's engineering company that provides annual inspection reports, CannonDesign, and SEA staff also reviewed the request and recommends the work to be done and the reimbursement request in the amount not-to-exceed \$80,000. The warranty for the project is one year for labor and material.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any 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. 5541

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to reimburse PSSI Stadium Corporation in a not-to-exceed amount of \$80,000 from the Heinz Field Capital Reserve Account for the fire protection piping repairs project; 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.

Senator Fontana introduced the next item, under SEA Operating, acceptance of the Sports & Exhibition Authority audit for the years ending December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2017.

Ms. Sharon Mink explained that the Sports & Exhibition Authority audit was completed by MaherDuessel. MaherDuessel is issuing an unmodified opinion, which means that the Financial Statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Authority. There were no significant deficiencies, findings or questioned costs relating to the audit and therefore no management letter was issued. A federal audit was also required for the audit period since more than \$750,000 was expensed in 2017. Finally, a Parking System Report was completed per the SEA Parking System Revenue Bonds, Series of 2017.

The auditors from MaherDuessel have reviewed the audit with Senator Fontana and Jill Weimer.

Please reference the section called "Management's Discussion and Analysis" which provides a narrative overview of the Authority's financial picture.

Senator Fontana asked if the audit reports are made public.

Ms. Mink confirmed that the audit reports are made public and are available on the SEA website.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any further 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. 5542

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that the Independent Auditor's Report for the years ending December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2017 prepared by MaherDuessel is hereby accepted; 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. 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 11:12 A.M.


Mary Conturo
Assistant Secretary

