

THE SPORTS AUTHORITY OF THE
METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE & DAVIDSON COUNTY

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 20, 2024 | 9:30 am | GEODIS Park Transcard Premier Club

Attendees

Committee Members: Dan Hogan (Chair), Don Deering, Anna Page

Board Members: Kim Adkins, Cathy Bender, Don Deering, Tiffany Degrafinreid, Winston Justice, Aaron McGee, Emmett Wynn

Staff: Monica Fawknorton (ED), Valda Barksdale, Bob Lackey, Brandon Little, Melissa Wells, Joshua Thomas (Metro Legal), Lexie Ward (Metro Legal)

Visitors: David Aronoff (Cumming Group), Stephen Elliott (Nashville Banner), Adam English (Sounds), Don Hardin (DHG), Heather Hill (Cumming Group), Michelle Kennedy (Preds), Matthew Lockhart (MWS Stormwater), Necol Lyons (Metro OMB), Jeff Oldham (Bass, Berry & Sims), Doug Scopel (Sounds)

Call to Order

Chair Hogan called the meeting of the Sports Authority Finance Committee meeting to order and welcomed all to GEODIS Park and thanked NSC staff for hosting.

Public Comment Period Pursuant to Tennessee Open Meetings Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-44-101

There were no sign ups for Public Comment.

Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2024

Chair Hogan asked if there were questions or comments pertaining to the February 27, 2024 meeting minutes. There being none,

Upon a motion made by Director Page and seconded by Director Deering, the Finance Committee unanimously approved the February 27, 2024 meeting minutes.

Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing and Approving Salary Updates and Staff Parking Expenses For Fiscal Year 2025

Executive Director Fawknorton reported that the resolution authorizes a salary update for the Executive Director, Melissa Wells (Finance Manager) and Bob Lackey (Finance Consultant) that commensurate with the increase other Metro employees will receive. On Tuesday, June 18 Metro Council approve a 4% Cost of Living Adjustment and a 3% merit increase for Metro employees.

ED Fawknorton also reported that funding for Ms. Wells position comes from the Sports Authority's administrative allocations from the Bridgestone Arena Fund #30289 and funding for Mr. Lackey's position comes from Fund #30276, currently known as the Arena Revenue Fund.

Director Deering reported that the Personnel Committee met on June 12 to conduct the annual evaluation of the Sports Authority's Executive Director. The Committee is please with ED Fawknoston's performance and recommends approval of a salary increase commensurate with the increase Metro employees will receive.

ED Fawknoston further reported that the resolution will also authorize funding for four Authority staff to park in the designated downtown parking garage. The cost is \$165.00 per employee per month (\$660 monthly) for an annual total of \$7,920.00 in parking expenses. It is anticipated that at some point Metro will pay parking expenses for Metro's Executive Directors.

Upon a motion made by Director Page and seconded by Director Deering, the Finance Committee unanimously voted to approve a Resolution Authorizing & Approving Salary Updates & Staff Parking Expenses for FY 2025

Consider Approval of a Resolution Approving the Expenditure Of Funds Related To Continuing Obligations To Maintain And Comply With Storm Water Control Measures At First Horizon Park

Executive Director Fawknoston reported that the resolution addresses Stormwater Control Measures (SCMs) at First Horizon Park. In October 2022, the Authority entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Metro Water Services which obligates the Sports Authority's responsibility to maintain and repair SCMs at each of its facilities.

Annually, Metro Water submits a SCM color-coded inspection report to the Authority detailing their findings and requesting a plan of action, if needed. The 2024 inspection report indicated a Water Quality Unit as a major area of concern due to significant sediment buildup. Also noted of concern was the bio retention basin/rain garden which requires regular weeding and removal of debris to ensure functionality during major growth periods. Other SCM concerns indicated the need for continued monitoring for functionality.

The Sports Authority solicited quotes in accordance with Metro's procurement process and recommends the lowest cost for each project:

- Water Quality Unit Project Recommended Vendor: Tennessee Stormwater bid quote=\$4,500
- Bio Retention Basin/Rain Garden Project Recommended Vendor: Cumberland River Compact quote=\$2,600
 - \$1,000 - One-time fee for major clean-up and mulching
 - \$1,600 – For weeding/removal of debris at \$400 per month for the remaining of the baseball season (June, July, August & September)
- Quotes total \$7,100.00; the resolution is requesting approval of funding not to exceed \$7,500

Director Page questioned whether the Sports Authority has ever worked with the lowest bidding vendors, noting that selecting the lowest bidder can be concerning. Brandon Little, SA Special Events Coordinator reported that the vendors were on a list provided by Metro Water Services. He also noted that SA has worked with Cumberland River Compact on a volunteer basis for the past several years for maintenance of the rain garden. Matthew Lockhart, Metro Water Services noted that the list is to be utilized as a resource only and should not be considered a recommendation nor a requirement. He further stated that Walker Building group was the only contractor he knew of to have a Metro contract. Mr. Little noted that Walker Building group had provided a quote on both projects, however, their quotes were significantly higher than others.

Director Deering questioned whether the projects will be funded with 4% funding to which ED Fawknorton stated it will be funded by SA. She also noted that Metro Procurement does require departments to utilize the lowest bid.

Upon a motion made by Director Deering and seconded by Director Page, the Finance Committee unanimously voted to approve a Resolution Approving the Expenditure of Funds Related To Continuing Obligations To Maintain And Comply With Storm Water Control Measures At First Horizon Park

Adjourn

In closing, Chair Hogan announced that the committee recommendations for the resolutions will go before the full board during its meeting immediately following adjournment. There being no further questions or business, the Finance Committee meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Valda Barksdale, Metro Nashville Sports Authority

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