

Special Called Meeting of the Public Facilities Authority was held at Sandy Springs City Hall, 7840 Roswell Road, Building 500, Sandy Springs, Georgia, 30350, on December 5, 2017, at 6:17 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

1. **PFA17-59 Chairman Rusty Paul** called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

2. **PFA17-60 Secretary Michael Casey** called the roll.

Authority Members Present: Chairman Rusty Paul, Member John Paulson, Member Ken Dishman, Member Chris Burnett, Member Gabriel Sterling, Member Tibby DeJulio, and Member Andy Bauman were present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

3. **PFA17-61** Add or remove items from agenda

Motion and Vote: Authority Member DeJulio moved to approve the Public Facilities Authority meeting agenda for the December 5, 2017 Special Called Meeting. Authority Member Dishman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

4. **PFA17-62** Approval of Public Facilities Authority minutes from the November 7, 2017 meeting.

Motion and Vote: Authority Member Sterling moved to approve Agenda Item No. PFA17-62, the November 7, 2017 Public Facilities Authority meeting minutes. Authority Member Burnett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **PFA17-64** Resolution to Approve Recommendation of the Sandy Springs Foundation, Inc. to Name the City Springs Performing Arts Center Theater

General Manager John McDonough stated a lot of work has been done over the last several months establishing guidelines, rules, and regulations related to the Performing Arts Center (PAC). There was discussion at a previous meeting and on November 27th a recommendation was received by staff for naming of the facility. In the meeting package is a resolution to approve the recommendation from the Sandy Springs Foundation. At their November 27th meeting, the executive committee of the Foundation heard a recommendation for naming. Ken Byers recused himself from that meeting and did not attend. Ed Patterson, who is the Vice Chair, chaired the meeting. Trisha and Ken Byers made a generous donation to the Foundation. The donors have requested the Foundation consider a recommendation to the City of Sandy Springs Public Facilities Authority to name the PAC Theater, Byers Theatre for a period of twenty years. The donors understand that the Public Facilities Authority has sole discretion as to the naming of City Springs' assets, including the PAC Theater. Even with the recommendation from the Foundation, there is no assurance the naming will be approved by the Public Facilities Authority. The Foundation reviewed and researched the request for naming contained in the attached agreement. The donation to the Foundation was in the amount of \$2,500,000. The Foundation recommends that the Public Facilities Authority name the PAC theater "Byers Theatre" in accordance to the agreement for the following reasons: 1) The donation is very significant in relation to the naming request. 2) The donors have significant ties to the community

with long residency and history of service and participation in the community. The request for naming is consistent with the values and standards of the City. The request for naming includes an earmark of approximately 20% of the donation to underwrite the operation of the City Springs Theater Company that will rent out the PAC and provide outstanding musical theater for the citizens of the City. The request for naming includes a legacy bequest of less than 20% from the donor's estate with a time certain date of no later than ten years from the initial gifting. Reed Haggard, the Chairman of the Development Committee, is in attendance this evening. Based on the recommendation of the executive committee of the Sandy Springs Foundation, it would be his recommendation that the Authority consider approval of this resolution.

Motion and Second: Authority Member Paulson moved to approve Agenda Item No. PFA17-64, a Resolution to Approve Recommendation of the Sandy Springs Foundation, Inc. to Name the City Springs Performing Arts Center Theater. Authority Member DeJulio seconded the motion.

Authority Member John Paulson stated this has been a long time coming. The project discussion began about eight years ago. This will be a reality next year. Essentially, the City will make sure the PAC is open and maintained. The purpose of the Foundation is to enhance what happens with the education and arts activities at the facility. This is the first generous donation that has been received.

Chairman Rusty Paul stated this is the second donation.

Authority Member Paulson stated he appreciates the donation from Ken and Trisha Byers.

Chairman Paul stated the Byers have been very generous. Their commitment to creating an arts community in Sandy Springs through this facility is amazing. We are grateful for their participation. Hopefully this will lead to additional support from the community. The donation will support a wide variety of local, regional, and national artists and performances. He is more than happy to lend his support to the General Manager's recommendation.

Authority Member Andy Bauman thanked Chairman Paul, General Manager McDonough, and Mr. Haggard. The work that is being done is for a tremendous benefit to the community. He asked Mr. Reed to elaborate on the City Springs Theater. Approximately \$500,000 of the gift will jump start the City Springs Theater. He is not sure that anyone has heard about this in a public forum.

Chairman Paul stated Brad Blocker, who has been the artist director for the Lyric Theater for a number of years, has left that theater to start the City Springs Theater. It will be an affiliate of the PAC. Based on Mr. Blocker's previous work, he has a tremendous amount of community support. There are a large number of people in Sandy Springs who have been involved with him at the Lyric. We are more than excited to see him set up a professional community theater company. The Byers have been a major supporter of the theater. It is fantastic to be able to combine those two in this gifting arrangement to help endow the theater and provide a first class organization to help fulfill the artistic mission of the facility.

General Manager McDonough stated there will be more information to come regarding the details of that relationship from Michael Enoch and the City legal staff. The specific details of the relationship will be coming back to the Authority. There will be an announcement at the appropriate time with specific details including shows and dates.

Authority Member Bauman stated this gift is for the main stage theater. The naming opportunities still exist for other rooms and the venue itself.

General Manager McDonough responded yes.

Vote on the Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

PFA Resolution No. 2017-12-156

ADJOURNMENT

6. PFA17-65 Adjournment

Motion and Vote: Authority Member DeJulio moved to adjourn the meeting. Authority Member Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Date Approved: December 19, 2017

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Russell K. Paul, Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Casey", written over a horizontal line.

Michael D. Casey, Secretary