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## Board of Advisors for the Woodpeckers Capital Reserve Account

### MINUTES

December 12, 2019

3:00 p.m.

Conference Room, SEGRA Stadium

460, Hay Street, Fayetteville, NC

Board Members Present: Terrance Strater, George Breece, Dennis Corbin, Jordan Jones, Mark Zarthar, Peter Aubrey, Douglas Hewett

Excused Absence: Joseph Coker

Absent: Carl Wallin

Also Present: Karen McDonald, City Attorney; Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager, Pamela Megill, City Clerk, Christopher Cominse, Director, Stadium Operations

#### **1.0 Call Meeting to Order**

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, called the meeting to order.

**MOTION: Mr. George Breece moved to add an item to the agenda: Nomination of the Board Chair and Vice Board Chair; Item 4.01**

**SECOND: Council Member Corbin**

**VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)**

#### **2.0 Approval of Minutes: September 30, 2019 and October 21, 2019**

**MOTION: Mr. George Breece moved to accept the minutes from the September 30, and October 21, 2019 meetings**

**SECOND: Mr. Jordan Jones**

**VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)**

#### **3.0 Capital Repair, Maintenance and Improvement Schedule (Exhibit E)**

Mr. Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager, presented this item and provided everyone present with a handout of the PowerPoint presentation and stated at the last meeting it was stated there needs to be a 30 year long range Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Bauer presented the 30 year plan and findings from the consultant. \$387,612.00 has been deposited into the Capital Reserve account. Mr. Zarthar stated it is very difficult to project the revenue for ticket sales from year 2 to year 30; we have assumed the baseball business will hold the interest of the community, given fluctuating market conditions.

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Mr. Bauer stated the plan includes prioritizing issues, repairs and maintenance, which can be changed. When we make choices we need to focus on priority one issues and ensure we have the funds. The next step will be to take this item back to the City Council and ask the Woodpeckers to take it back to their team and request approval. The key responsibility of this Board is to implement this plan, watch it, and make recommendations and manage the resources. The plan can be adjusted each year, there is still a lot of fluctuation.

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION: Mr. George Breece moved to accept the Capital Repair, Maintenance and Improvement Schedule**

**SECOND: Mr. Terrance Strater**

**VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)**

#### **4.0 Updated recommendations with a proposed schedule and estimated budget for such proposed improvements for the upcoming calendar year.**

Mr. Mark Zartha, Woodpeckers President, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated the recommendations are focused on safety as the number one priority is fan safety. The immediate issues to address are the need for industrial fans and additional netting and replacement of current netting. A third of the EMS calls at the stadium were because of heat related incidents, installation of the industrial fans would greatly alleviate this problem.

Mr. Hewett stated the major league teams have all said they will install the additional netting, so it is compelling that we install for fans safety. Mr. Hewett stated two motions are required for this item: 1. Consider the recommendation to fund the two items; industrial fans and additional netting; safety issues to be resolved. 2. Take the limited funding; barring some additional funding this would be a recommendation for the City Council.

**MOTION: Mr. George Breece moved to approve of the Woodpeckers recommendation to install ten (10) industrial fans and the replacement/additional netting**

**SECOND: Mr. Douglas Hewett**

**VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)**

**MOTION: Mr. George Breece moved, that absence another funding source coming forward, move to recommend the Capital Reserve Account**

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should be the funding source for the installation of ten (10) industrial fans and the replacement/additional netting

**SECOND:** Mr. Terrance Strater

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 6 in favor to 1 in opposition. Board Member Hewett voting in opposition.

### **4.1 Nomination of the Board Chair and Vice Board Chair**

Mr. Hewett stated the main tasks of the Chair are to preside over the meetings, schedule meetings; working with the Clerk, make presentations to the City Council as needed and to speak to the media, co-ordinating agendas with the clerk.

**MOTION:** Mr. Corbin moved to nominate Mr. George Breece as the Chair of the Woodpeckers Capital Reserve Account Board of Advisors

**SECOND:** Mr. Jones

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (7-0)

**MOTION:** Chair Breece moved to nominate Mr. Corbin as the Vice Chair of the Woodpeckers Capital Reserve Account Board of Advisors

**SECOND:** Mr. Jones

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (7-0)

### **5.0 Next Meeting Date**

Consensus of the Board was to present this item to the City Council at their January 6, 2020 work session, and again present to the City Council for an official vote at the January 13, 2020 regular meeting. Mr. George Breece, Chair stated the Clerk will poll the Board for the next meeting date.

### **6.0 Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

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Pamela J. Megill, City Clerk