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***Springfield
Metropolitan
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**July 25, 2022
12:00 PM**

The regular Board Meeting of the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority was called to order at 12:00 PM in the Boardroom of the Bank of Springfield Center by Chairman Mike Coffey, Jr.

A roll call was taken and the following Board Members were present, representing a quorum:

Mr. Ettinger
Ms. Goza
Mr. Loftus
Ms. Meyer (arrived at 12:02)
Mr. Mills
Mr. Smarjesse
Mr. Spiro
Ms. Squires
Ms. Yeager
Mr. Young

Also present were Jodi Davis, General Manager; Janet Jennings, Dir. of Finance; Joe Roesch, Legal Counsel; James Dickey.

Mr. Coffey asked if there were any statements from visitors or guests. There were none.

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to approve Action Item A, B & C, which were the Board Meeting Minutes from June 21, 2022, the Resolution #2022-2 & the Lease Contracts. A motion was made by Mr. Mills, and seconded by Mr. Young. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Mr. Coffey presented the Chairman's report. Mr. Coffey stated that he had already spoken with each Board member regarding the Wyndham Hotel Zoning. Even though it was voted down, there is a chance that it could be brought back up. Mr. Coffey stated that he would feel better if the Board would take an official vote so that when he is talking to the Aldermen that everyone is under the same agreement. He stated that he has spent a lot of time on the phone with the new developer and Andrew Proctor regarding this new zoning. Since the Convention Center relies on tourism and the taxes that come from it, he felt that SMEAA should come out against the zoning. A discussion took place regarding the owners, what he is wanting with this new zoning and how it would affect downtown.

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Mr. Coffey asked for a motion that SMEAA would be against the Wyndham Hotel Zoning. A motion was made by Mr. Loftus, and seconded by Ms. Yeager. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Mr. Coffey called upon Ms. Goza to give the Finance Committee Report. Ms. Goza stated that the Finance Committee met at 11:50 AM.

Ms. Goza stated that the Finance Committee approved the list of bills as presented, but needed full Board approval.

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to approve the list of bills. A motion was made by Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Yeager. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Ms. Goza stated that there were three (3) expenditures over \$1,000.00, but needed full Board approval.

1. Johnson Controls - \$1,966.01...2-10ah Batteries for Fire Alarm System (installation included)
2. Johnson Controls - \$4,564.29...Annual Fire Alarm System testing & inspection
3. Sage Software - \$5,105.00...Yrly Subscription for Sage 100 & Payroll

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to approve the expenditures over \$1,000.00. A motion was made by Mr. Mills, and seconded by Ms. Yeager. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Ms. Goza stated that the Finance Committee approved the FY'23 Budget, but needed full Board approval.

Mr. Coffee asked for a motion for the FY'23 Budget. A motion was made by Ms. Yeager, and seconded by Ms. Meyer. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

There was no General Counsel report at this meeting.

Ms. Davis presented the General Managers report. Ms. Davis stated that the Wyndham was a big thing this month. She stated that The Center is beginning to go in to a slow down which will allow for all of the summer projects to get done. Those projects include cleaning, repairing things, painting, etc. She asked that if anyone sees something that needs to be done, to please reach out to her.

Ms. Davis stated that at the last meeting Mr. Young had asked about the abandoned vehicles in the parking garage. Ms. Davis stated that she had reached out to the police department with the license plate information. She informed the Board that they are actually monthly parkers; one is a company car that does not get used often and the other is a guy who lives across the street.

Ms. Davis stated that Bert Kreischer will be performing at The Center on December 2, 2022. Tickets went on sale July 15, 2022 and are doing well.

Mr. Smarjesse stated that he would like to acknowledge the passing of Dick Schofield, a former Board member, who passed away a few days prior.

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Mr. Mills asked Ms. Davis for an update on Abefest. Ms. Davis stated that people did not show up for Abefest just like they did not show up for the tribute concerts. She stated that she is waiting on Tim Smith to get some of his figures together before she gets a final total.

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Ms. Goza, and seconded by Mr. Mills. A voice vote was taken, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 PM.

Tracy Motter
Executive Secretary

Mr. Mike Coffey, Jr.
Chairman