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- 1 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: We're going to convene the
- 2 meeting. It is 1:06 by the official clock.
- 3 Let's get the pledge.
- 4 Jannie, do you want to lead it?
- 5 MS. COX: Sure.
- 6 (Pledge of Allegiance)
- 7 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: For the folks in the
- 8 audience, we usually go straight to executive, which lasts
- 9 usually an hour, and then we come back, which is why you
- 10 don't see anybody else in the meeting, so if you've got
- 11 something better to do, we'll be probably kicking off around
- 12 2:00.
- Michele, do you want to call the roll?
- MS. BETTINI: Jeff Hill.
- MR. HILL: I'm here.
- 16 MS. BETTINI: Chris Sheafe.
- 17 MR. SHEAFE: Here.
- MS. BETTINI: Fletcher McCusker.
- 19 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Here.
- 20 MS. BETTINI: Mark Irvin.
- MR. IRVIN: Here.
- MS. BETTINI: Jannie Cox.
- MS. COX: Here.
- 24 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: We have a quorum and we're
- 25 waiting on Cody; right?

- 1 MS. BETTINI: Yes.
- 2 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: You have the transcriptions
- 3 from -- the transcripts from the February 24th meeting. Any
- 4 comments, questions --
- 5 MR. SHEAFE: So moved.
- 6 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: -- changes?
- 7 MS. COX: Second.
- 8 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Mr. Sheafe moved to approve.
- 9 All in favor say aye.
- 10 (Motion made, seconded and carried unanimously)
- 11 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: We have on the schedule
- 12 executive session. I need a motion to recess.
- MR. IRVIN: So moved.
- MR. SHEAFE: Second.
- 15 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Mr. Irvin moved, Mr. Sheafe
- 16 seconded.
- 17 All in favor say aye.
- 18 (Motion made, seconded and carried unanimously)
- 19 (Recess)
- 20 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Okay. We can entertain a
- 21 motion to reconvene.
- MR. IRVIN: So moved.
- 23 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Second, please?
- MS. COX: Second.
- 25 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All in favor say aye.

- 1 (Motion made, seconded and carried unanimously)
- 2 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Cody and Chris are right
- 3 behind us, so everyone that was here is still here.
- I wanted to kind of share some things that are
- 5 going on around Rio Nuevo. And they're not necessarily
- 6 agendized for action today, some old business, some new
- 7 business as part of the Chairman's remarks.
- I did get just today the preliminary results of
- 9 the landfill gas monitoring engineering work that we're
- 10 doing on the far west side. A lot of people have been
- 11 following that.
- Michele, when we get the final copy, we'll post
- 13 that to the -- to the web.
- But they did probably 25 different probes, drill
- 15 sites, and it's not a good picture, huge methane productions
- 16 per probe sometimes as high as 55 percent per whatever the
- 17 measure. Anything above 15 I understand is problematic.
- 18 Moreover, the carbon dioxide production is really
- 19 problematic. They've indicated basically nothing will grow
- 20 above 15 percent CO2. We have a number of probes that are
- 21 at 17 percent, 28 percent, 25 percent, 35 percent, 21, 23,
- 22 24, 22, 16, 16, 21, 24 percent CO2. So what that means,
- 23 which is part of why we're doing the research, is very
- 24 little, if anything, will grow on that property without
- 25 substantial land fill eradication.

- 1 It also means that we probably can't disturb the
- 2 cap without creating a toxic environment, so it really
- 3 limits what we considered to probably something that would
- 4 be surface related. We cannot, I'm told, even pave or
- 5 asphalt over that because it continues to settle.
- 6 So, you know, we can look into a total
- 7 eradication, which probably is well above anything we could
- 8 afford, or you end up, you know, going with that as a
- 9 surface dirt property with some light uses on it that don't
- 10 put a lot of weight on the cap.
- 11 So we'll post that. They'll come to the next
- 12 meeting and kind of update it, but I know a lot of people
- were eager to hear the results. And we'll get that passed
- 14 around to everybody as soon as the report is final.
- You're probably all aware and following the
- 16 county bond advisory committee's recommendations. Those are
- done and have been submitted or will be submitted shortly to
- 18 the board of supervisors.
- 19 The bond advisory committee's recommendations
- 20 that will go to the supervisors and were approved at the
- 21 meeting a week ago Friday total \$653,000,264. That's in
- 22 every jurisdiction in every part of the county. It's broken
- 23 into kind of five major categories from libraries to museums
- 24 to history, cultural and natural area, parks and rec,
- 25 different town proposals, neighborhood reinvestment, health,

- 1 juvenile, law enforcement, flood control, job growth,
- 2 education and workforce training.
- One of the things that I'm pleased with since
- 4 I've been on the board, we've been very eager to partner
- 5 with other jurisdictions as our money tightens up and I
- 6 think you will all be pleased to know that there are
- 7 significant dollars in the county bond proposal that benefit
- 8 downtown.
- 9 One of the projects we talked about is the old
- 10 Pima County courthouse. That would include the January 8th
- 11 memorial. That's been advanced at \$25 million.
- 12 The Southern Arizona Regional Orientation Center,
- 13 this has also been referred to as the visitor center, that
- 14 would go on the west side, city-owned property immediately
- on the other side of the Gutierrez Bridge, the city's
- 16 working toward deeding that five-acres over to the county.
- 17 The county would build and subcontract out the operation of
- 18 a new visitor center. That's in the bond package at
- 19 \$18 million.
- 20 Something that's near and dear to us and
- 21 adjacent, of course, to our TCC complex, they are advancing
- 22 to the board of supervisors \$23,500,000 for what they call
- 23 downtown community theaters and historic landscape. And
- 24 that is specifically the symphony hall, the Leo Rich and the
- 25 plaza associated with the buildings north of us at the TCC.

- 1 So part of the criticism of this package is that
- 2 it does not have any road money. And I can tell you that
- 3 the board of supervisors will be entertaining this probably
- 4 throughout the month of April with a likely vote on the
- 5 package toward the end of the month.
- 6 What happens now is the -- the bond advisory
- 7 committee is done. It will be referred to the sups. The
- 8 bond advisory committee chairman will send the packet and a
- 9 letter, and then the supervisors can do whatever they want
- 10 to with it. They can approve it and advance it to a bond
- 11 election in November, they can tweak it, take it up, take it
- 12 down, add projects, take away projects. They can increase
- 13 it.
- We do know that they're operating under a
- 15 self-imposed secondary property tax limit, so, you know,
- 16 that's the reason these numbers have kind of stayed around
- 17 the 650 million dollar number we've heard for a year. I
- 18 think there's a lot of challenges from the business
- 19 community about the lack of road dollars.
- 20 So we'll continue to watch this. I'm not asking
- 21 for the Rio Nuevo board to do anything officially, but, you
- 22 know, there's 50, 70, \$80 million of downtown investment if
- 23 this bond continues to advance. One of the things you'll
- 24 see later on in our agenda is that we've been asked formally
- 25 now by the county to participate in the TCC and adjacent

- 1 area renovations.
- A final note, I guess it seems to be an issue
- 3 that just won't go away. We did in the last meeting approve
- 4 a small investment in the January 8th Memorial. Counsel has
- 5 continued to advise us that in their belief we are exempt
- 6 from the gift clause. It's an issue I will tell you that
- 7 does not go away gently into the night. The only way to
- 8 permanently resolve that is to have someone from the
- 9 legislature request an AG opinion.
- 10 I've initiated that myself, the chairman's
- 11 prerogative, and I asked legislative leadership if they
- 12 would so formally request that of the attorney general. So,
- 13 you know, we can finally put the issue to rest one way or
- 14 the other whether or not the attorney general agrees with
- 15 counsel that Rio Nuevo's exempt from the gift clause.
- And with that, we'll try and get through -- sorry
- 17 we're a little late, but if you'll notice on the executive
- 18 session, there's a lot of legal stuff going on with us right
- 19 now, agreements as it relates to many projects that go
- 20 between us, the city and private enterprise. We hope that
- 21 we can kick off a lot of those today and close on some of
- 22 the things that have been up in the air over the last
- 23 several months.
- And Pat and Bill, we're going to move you guys up
- 25 so that you don't have to hang around all day long, so let's

- 1 get the financial report in.
- 2 MR. MEYERS: Hi. I'm Dan Meyers, the CFO of Rio
- 3 Nuevo.
- 4 So our cash balances at the end of February are
- 5 as follows: Our Alliance Bank account which most of our
- 6 operations come from is 2.167 million. The Alliance Bank
- 7 ICS account, the money just sits there and accumulates some
- 8 interest, a little over 5 million, and Bank of Tucson,
- 9 413.000.
- 10 We also have our pooled funds with City of
- 11 Tucson, approximately 75,000. I've asked that these funds
- 12 be released to pay for some retention we've been -- for
- 13 Concord. These are -- these funds are only available for
- 14 specific uses and we can kind of clean that account out and
- 15 be done with it and the city's looking into it. I should
- 16 hear something by the end of the week.
- 17 So total cash on hand is 7.6 million
- 18 approximately. We got \$520,000 in TIF revenues in
- 19 December -- for December. We received those a couple weeks
- 20 ago. That's a little disappointing. We try to have 825,000
- 21 a month as our goal, but November was really good. And I
- 22 noticed when I reviewed the information from the state that
- 23 there were some fairly significant late filing people that
- 24 will receive those funds in January, so it's probably not as
- 25 dismal as it appears.

- Outstanding commitments, Mission Gardens still
- 2 have a budget of 1.1 million; the garage at the AC Marriott
- 3 Hotel, 4.29 million remaining. That's still scheduled for
- 4 2016; streetscapes, 750,000, and remaining cash to be
- 5 outlaid for the TCC arena remodeling is about \$720,000;
- 6 total commitments, 6.8 million. So that leaves us about
- 7 800,000, but then keep in mind a big chunk of that
- 8 commitment is not going to happen until 2016.
- 9 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Mark, what's the latest on
- 10 the AC Hotel and the ground breaking?
- 11 MR. IRVIN: Still scheduled to start their work
- in May. They've got some archeological things that they
- 13 have to do first and probably break ground shortly
- 14 thereafter.
- 15 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Eighteen-month, two-year kind
- 16 of thing?
- 17 MR. IRVIN: Yeah, about 18 months.
- 18 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any questions for Dan?
- MR. IRVIN: Just one.
- 20 Dan, I noticed that the Rialto still owes us for
- 21 March.
- Is that current as of today?
- 23 MR. MEYERS: We've not received the March payment
- 24 yet. They're always a little lagging behind, but they're
- 25 all -- they -- they come up with it.

- 1 MR. IRVIN: Thanks.
- 2 MR. MEYERS: Anything else?
- 3 MR. RITCHIE: Fletcher asked me earlier about the
- 4 golf tournament. Can you tell us how your team did in the
- 5 Pro-Am?
- 6 MR. MEYERS: Well, without any of my help, our
- 7 team won, so -- I had good partners, which is the most
- 8 important thing.
- 9 Thank you.
- 10 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Okay. We'll move Nor-Gen up.
- 11 Elaine, if you'll bear with us for a minute,
- 12 we'll move item number 11 up.
- 13 Mr. Collins.
- 14 MR. COLLINS: Yes. Mr. Chairman, members of the
- 15 ward, as you are all well aware, Nor-Generations, LLC, was
- 16 the successful proposer and we have -- you have entered into
- 17 an agreement for the sale of the arena parcel.
- 18 That sale is part of or as a result of the
- 19 settlement agreement, which is how you took title. The
- 20 buyer, Nor-Gen, is doing its due diligence and going through
- 21 that process. And in -- in -- in so doing, their counsel
- 22 has prepared an estoppel certificate and agreement which
- 23 Nor-Gen wants the district and the city to be involved in.
- 24 What it deals with is an attempt to clarify
- 25 and -- and put some structure on a portion of the settlement

- 1 agreement.
- 2 As you will recall, when you -- when you, the
- 3 district, took title to the property, it was subject to the
- 4 following: Rio Nuevo shall not disturb the Greyhound
- 5 tenancy under the existing lease other than upon the
- 6 occurrence of both, A, final approval by the city of the
- 7 development plan for the arena site and, B, not less than
- 8 one year's prior written notice by Rio Nuevo to the city and
- 9 to Greyhound.
- 10 The estoppel certificate and agreement was
- 11 drafted by counsel for -- for Nor-Gen, Pat Lopez, who is
- 12 here. It has been provided to the city. I've discussed it
- 13 with you in executive session. And that's where we are with
- 14 the arena site.
- 15 You -- you can today elect to do nothing with
- 16 respect to this, you can choose to instruct me to work --
- 17 continue to work with Pat Lopez and Mike Rankin in
- 18 accordance with the instructions that you provided me in
- 19 executives session.
- 20 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: The estoppel's a tri-party
- 21 agreement, right?
- MR. COLLINS: As drafted, yes, Mr. Chairman.
- MS. COX: Mr. Chairman, I move that we ask
- 24 Mr. Collins to continue the negotiations with Mr. Lopez and
- 25 Mr. Rankin and that the executive committee --

- 1 MR. SHEAFE: Executive officers.
- 2 MR. IRVIN: Executive officers.
- MS. COX: Executive officers, excuse me, approve
- 4 the final agreement.
- 5 MR. SHEAFE: Are authorized to approve.
- 6 MS. COX: Are authorized to approve the final
- 7 agreement.
- 8 MR. IRVIN: Second.
- 9 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Everyone understand the
- 10 motion?
- 11 Mr. Lopez, does it give your agreement justice do
- 12 you think?
- 13 MR. LOPEZ: I think Mr. Collins did an excellent
- job and I have nothing to add but would be happy to answer
- 15 any questions.
- 16 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any questions for Pat?
- MR. HILL: Mr. Chairman, in hearing the
- 18 discussions and perhaps some trepidation on our part given
- 19 it's a tri-party agreement, is there any concern with your
- 20 side that by delaying this today that we're putting the
- 21 project in your position behind the proverbial eight ball or
- 22 have the city play politics or would you rather see us move
- 23 the adoption of this today?
- MR. LOPEZ: Well, I certainly would rather see
- 25 you move the adoption of it today, but I can understand that

- 1 we have to engage with the city to make sure that they're
- 2 comfortable with the agreement. And that might require some
- 3 changes in the language. And since it is a tri-party
- 4 agreement, I'm sure that you would want to have the
- 5 opportunity to review and approve any of those changes and
- 6 have Mr. Collins have an opportunity to have input, so I
- 7 understand that.
- 8 We're running up against a deadline for
- 9 presenting any objections that we have to the title
- 10 commitment although we have already provided those
- 11 objections, so we're ahead of schedule on that. They've
- 12 been provided to you in writing. This addresses one of
- 13 those objections. And I think the agreement does give us a
- 14 little flexibility if we need more time to resolve that
- 15 beyond the deadline. And we can talk about that.
- I don't think we're going to have a problem
- 17 resolving this, but we want to be ahead of schedule. We
- 18 want to -- we're here with you now because we didn't want to
- 19 file an objection on the last day that we could file an
- 20 objection and then present you an agreement, you know, a
- 21 week later and then come in and ask you to work with us. We
- 22 want to make sure that we're -- we're moving ahead and
- 23 getting this done. And I think we're doing that.
- MR. SHEAFE: Well, Mr. Chairman, I will support
- 25 this motion made by Jannie for the very reason that, if, as

- 1 you're saying, that you guys work this thing out, then we
- 2 have the executive officers ready to approve it right away
- 3 and we don't have to wait for another public meeting, so
- 4 we're doing our part to try and extend this as rapidly as
- 5 possible.
- 6 MR. LOPEZ: I greatly appreciate that.
- 7 And might I add just as I think about it, if you
- 8 could authorize the executive officers to extend the title
- 9 review period, if necessary, not because I expect any
- 10 problems.
- 11 MR. IRVIN: It's not agendized. I don't think we
- 12 can address it.
- MR. LOPEZ: You're right, but keep that in --
- MR. IRVIN: Good try.
- MR. LOPEZ: Keep that in mind down the road
- 16 because we're going to be basically at the city's mercy and
- 17 on their schedule.
- 18 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Okay. So the motion is to
- 19 allow Mr. Collins and Mr. Lopez to continue to work with
- 20 Mr. Rankin to finalize the estoppel agreement.
- 21 Any other questions?
- (No oral response).
- 23 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All in favor say aye.
- 24 (Board votes five-zero to pass the motion.)
- 25 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any opposed, nay.

- 1 MR. RITCHIE: I have to recuse myself.
- 2 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: That's right. You are in
- 3 fact recused, so make that note, please. So five-zero, one
- 4 recusal.
- 5 Thank you, gentlemen.
- 6 MR. LOPEZ: Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Elaine, we'll move back to
- 8 item number seven. This is the finalization of phase one
- 9 and any remaining contingencies or unfinished work. And
- 10 we're closing in on the end of this project.
- 11 Elaine.
- MS. BECHERER: Good afternoon. Elaine Becherer,
- 13 project manager for the Rio Nuevo TCC arena renovation.
- 14 What I passed out earlier is to follow up on the
- 15 direction that you gave me at the January meeting, and so
- it's a one-page summary of the remaining contingency funds.
- 17 And just to walk through it briefly --
- 18 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: And there's some on the
- 19 table, right --
- MS. BECHERER: Yes.
- 21 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: -- if anybody wants to follow
- 22 along?
- 23 MS. BECHERER: So through the owner's
- 24 contingency, through a refund through the general
- 25 contractor's contingency, overall within the \$7.8 million

- 1 project, we have \$97,000 contingency left, and so what I've
- 2 done is I've prioritized all of the outstanding
- 3 miscellaneous items.
- The first list is titled "Immediate Needs." And
- 5 it's some additional signs that are needed, a couple of door
- 6 sweeps and overhead stops for the new doors in the breezeway
- 7 going down through -- a control joint is needed at the epoxy
- 8 in the breezeway, some corner guards in one of the
- 9 vestibules at the restroom. Some patch cables are needed
- 10 for the new power equipment and sound equipment.
- 11 And then going through to -- the last four are --
- 12 the last three, pardon me, the concrete walls on the
- 13 concourse level are -- there's a lot of wear and tear on
- them due to just high traffic area, and so we're proposing
- 15 to add a wainscot along those walls that would further
- 16 protect the paint, and so it would just be a better solution
- 17 for maintenance.
- 18 And then the two existing roll-up doors, they
- 19 need some repair. And that will help to seal in the
- 20 building envelope and secure not only the new equipment but
- 21 just energy savings, things like that.
- So all of those items total 85,000, so we have
- 23 the funds to pay for all of those.
- Item B are three high priority needs. We've
- 25 talked over the duration of the project regarding turning

- 1 the south end of the concourse level into a VIP area. Some
- 2 table tops and bar tops would be needed.
- 3 The project did not provide all new drinking
- 4 fountains in the arena, but if we could do that, it would
- 5 add to the fan experience. And just in terms of some of
- 6 them are the original drinking fountains, they're old and
- 7 dated.
- 8 MR. SHEAFE: Is that a spelling error where it
- 9 says foundations?
- 10 MS. BECHERER: It is a spelling error. Thank
- 11 you.
- MR. SHEAFE: So --
- MS. BECHERER: Yes.
- 14 MR. SHEAFE: I don't mean to point it out.
- MS. BECHERER: Drinking foundations. Pardon me.
- 16 That's --
- 17 MR. SHEAFE: That's okay. I just --
- MS. BECHERER: Yeah.
- 19 MR. SHEAFE: -- wanted to make sure that it
- 20 wasn't building a base for a fountain.
- 21 MS. BECHERER: Yeah. It should be new drinking
- 22 fountains.
- MR. IRVIN: You're on a roll today, Chris.
- MS. BECHERER: Thank you, Mr. Sheafe.
- 25 And then the third item is additional trash

- 1 recycle stations. The project did purchase some of those,
- 2 but more are needed just to add to the consistency of the
- 3 new design.
- 4 Those three items equal 63,000. So if we take
- 5 the remaining balance when you subtract 85,000 from 97,000,
- 6 there's 12,000 left. So if your desire is to address the
- 7 high priority needs, the project would need an additional
- 8 \$51,000 to also include the high priority needs.
- 9 And then item C is what I presented in January
- 10 regarding the solution for the handrails and the stair
- 11 nosing. So over the past month what we've done is we've
- 12 looked at the paint as well as the abrasive tape and it has
- 13 been determined in coordination with the design team and SMG
- 14 that really the preferred method is to go with the tape, and
- 15 so we currently have some mock-ups on the colors and the --
- 16 the grit of the nosing. In addition to the stairs -- the
- 17 handrails, that would be \$150,000.
- 18 So the three action items, at a minimum, one
- 19 would be to move -- the \$97,000 that's already in the
- 20 project budget, move it into a change order to authorize
- 21 Concord to expend those funds. Again, it's not in addition
- 22 to. It's just a formality.
- 23 And then item two and three would be a true
- 24 change order. So one would be a change order for the 51,000
- 25 if you desire to address not only the immediate needs but

- 1 the priority needs, and then item three would be the change
- 2 order for the handrails. So in total it would be a change
- 3 order for \$201,000.
- 4 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: 201,277.03.
- 5 MS. BECHERER: Yes. And that -- I would like to
- 6 note that is the first official change order that would
- 7 increase the project budget from 7.8. So over the entire
- 8 duration, we started construction a year ago March 10th, I
- 9 will forever remember that date because I was married on the
- 10 15th of March, and we have not exceeded the project budget
- 11 throughout the entire project.
- 12 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Mr. Irvin.
- 13 MR. IRVIN: First off, you did get married
- 14 without our permission. We wanted to make sure you
- 15 remembered that as well.
- MS. BECHERER: I will always remember that.
- 17 MR. SHEAFE: That's just kind of a little inside
- 18 joke.
- So, first of all, you've done a great job with
- 20 this project. I -- I have not been one that's been overly
- 21 excited about these handrails because I just kind of figure
- 22 we didn't need them because we've never had them. But after
- 23 watching the Beach Boys concert and then after having a
- 24 friend of mine attend a hockey game, as you recall, and
- 25 couldn't make it down those stairs, I think it's a very good

- 1 expense for us to do. So I would actually like to make a
- 2 motion that we move on all three of those items.
- 3 MS. COX: Second.
- 4 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: The motion would be --
- 5 MR. IRVIN: Oh-oh. Look at our attorney. He's
- 6 making faces at us.
- 7 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: I think we need to deal with
- 8 the contingency funds first, so let's table that motion,
- 9 Mark, with your permission.
- 10 MR. IRVIN: That's fine.
- 11 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: And we need to authorize the
- 12 85,693.92.
- MR. SHEAFE: I think -- don't you need to
- 14 authorize moving the 97,995 to expenditures?
- 15 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Is that correct, Elaine? We
- 16 authorize the whole contingency funds to --
- 17 Well, if you don't do anything with the
- 18 contingency funds, it would -- 12,000 would stay in the
- 19 bank.
- MR. IRVIN: Correct, so you would have 12,000
- 21 left.
- MS. BECHERER: I think it would -- in terms of --
- 23 you know, right now there's five stainless steel corner
- 24 guards. If you authorize the use of the full \$97,000, then,
- 25 if we need 10, we have that additional funding. We don't

- 1 have to come back.
- 2 If it's your pleasure to use all of the funding
- 3 that's currently in the budget, then it would make sense to
- 4 authorize use of the full 97,000 for the contingency, not
- 5 just the 85.
- 6 MR. COLLINS: Yes. Mr. Chairman, members of the
- 7 board, what we've got agendized for today is what to do with
- 8 the contingency fund, which is the 97 that Elaine has been
- 9 talking to you about. I would like to see, if it's your
- 10 pleasure, to have a motion to do whatever it is you decide
- 11 to do with that contingency fund.
- 12 If there is a desire to go forward, as
- 13 Mr. Irvin's motion contemplates, with the rest of -- two and
- 14 three on the action items, then what we could do is you
- 15 could direct the preparation of the appropriate documents to
- 16 do two and three and we can bring them back to you for final
- 17 approval. That would fit within the agenda.
- 18 MR. IRVIN: You should just make that motion. I
- 19 could just say me, too.
- 20 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Okay. So let's deal with A
- 21 first, the contingency funds.
- 22 MR. SHEAFE: Let's move that the contingency fund
- 23 be authorized for expense in the full amount of 97,995.89.
- MS. COX: Second.
- 25 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All in favor say aye.

- 1 (Motion made, seconded and carried unanimously)
- CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Okay. So are you saying that
- 3 we have not agendized any additional expenditure for phase
- 4 one of the TCC?
- 5 MR. COLLINS: Correct. However, this is in
- 6 connection -- at a previous meeting, Elaine -- there was
- 7 discussion about --
- 8 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any remaining phase one
- 9 funds -- any remaining phase one funds, so these would be
- 10 new funds.
- 11 MR. COLLINS: These would be new funds.
- 12 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Identified during the
- improvement phase including the installation of hand or
- 14 quard rails?
- MR. COLLINS: Right.
- 16 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: But the catch there is
- 17 utilize any remaining phase one funds.
- 18 MR. COLLINS: Right. And so these are extra
- 19 funds. If -- you know, I'm comfortable if Mr. Irvin's
- 20 motion is now brought back forward, but we need to -- I need
- 21 to be able to prepare the documents and bring them back to
- 22 you for final approval.
- 23 MR. IRVIN: So you would like to see a motion to
- 24 move forward to instruct you to prepare documents and bring
- 25 it back to us for approval?

- 1 MR. COLLINS: Yes, on items two and three on what
- 2 you have in front of you.
- 3 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: A couple of other questions
- 4 since this is now beyond the scope of our original
- 5 agreement.
- Any procurement issues with this or would it have
- 7 to be bid or -- you know, does it fit within the Concord --
- 8 the current Concord contract?
- 9 MR. COLLINS: The numbers are such that I'm not
- 10 familiar with what makes up the 51,277.03 or specifically
- 11 who would be doing the work, but if it's Concord -- okay.
- 12 If it's Concord, you can direct select. And those numbers
- 13 are underneath the Title 34. So I believe you can go ahead
- 14 and we can prepare the documents necessary if you desired to
- 15 do that.
- 16 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: And how about the handrails,
- 17 too, 150? Is that underneath a competitive bid?
- 18 MR. COLLINS: Yes, it is. It's a direct
- 19 selection. 250 roughly speaking is your -- is your Title
- 20 34.
- 21 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: What exactly action can we
- 22 take today since --
- 23 MR. COLLINS: You can instruct the preparation of
- 24 the documents necessary to accomplish what Mr. Irvin asked
- 25 and I can bring it back to you at the next meeting for

- 1 approval.
- 2 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: There's no motion or really
- 3 vote?
- 4 MR. COLLINS: Well, Mr. Irvin's motion, I think,
- 5 does it.
- 6 MR. IRVIN: Right.
- 7 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Irvin's motion --
- 8 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: We all still reserve the
- 9 right to vote against it?
- 10 MR. COLLINS: Yes, absolutely. Absolutely.
- 11 That's -- because we didn't agendize additional things in
- 12 phase one. And that's why the first motion works, I
- 13 believe.
- 14 The second motion, as Elaine has mentioned
- 15 earlier, she was instructed to find out what it cost for the
- 16 guardrails. I don't know what everybody was thinking at the
- 17 time, but I certainly had the concept that maybe guardrails
- 18 could be done for the contingency.
- 19 Well, it's clear that's not going to happen, but
- 20 the way the agenda is written, you can instruct staff and
- 21 counsel to put together the documents necessary to bring it
- 22 back to you which we'll have agendized in the next meeting
- 23 and you can vote yea or nay.
- MR. IRVIN: So moved.
- 25 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Does that create a problem

- 1 for Concord if it's a month or six weeks away?
- MS. BECHERER: No, it doesn't create a problem.
- 3 I do just want to note for the record that -- so the
- 4 \$150,000 for the handrails, that includes one month of
- 5 general conditions because it will extend Concord's site
- 6 presence. The goal with completing all of the contingency
- 7 items, item A and B, those need to take place at the same
- 8 time so that the project -- so that you are not paying for
- 9 two months of general conditions.
- 10 So all of this work, items A, B and C, will be
- 11 done over one month and we will coordinate that with SMG and
- 12 make sure that all of our ducks are in a row. We also don't
- 13 want to cancel any, you know existing, event. We have to
- 14 work around their -- their schedule, so -- I just wanted to
- 15 note that.
- MR. IRVIN: Did you second that, Jannie?
- 17 MS. COX: I did.
- 18 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: So Mr. Irvin's motion, Mark,
- 19 is to just ask you to bring back to us the paperwork that
- 20 would allow us to consider this at a later date.
- 21 MR. COLLINS: Correct. We did not agendize this
- 22 additional expenditure in phase one.
- 23 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Mr. Hill.
- MR. HILL: Mr. Chairman, discussion.
- 25 She mentioned the five stainless corner guards

- 1 could become 10. And since we've approved the 97,000,
- 2 theoretically they could eat up the 12,000.
- 3 My observation on the high priority needs, two of
- 4 the three are not fixed or permanent improvements and I
- 5 think should be the tenant's responsibility. It seems to me
- 6 that the 12,000 additional money -- I would not be opposed
- 7 to incorporating the new drinking fountains, that that could
- 8 be included in group A since that is a capital improvement,
- 9 which is our mandate, and let them wrestle with that rather
- 10 than having the open-ended 12,000 or consume the --
- 11 somewhere in the middle without -- I guess without us
- 12 knowing. That way at least we would know that the entire
- 13 97,000 would have the capital needs to complete the project.
- 14 It would not require us to vote additional monies for
- 15 additional projects, particularly those that are not of a
- 16 capital nature.
- 17 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Elaine, will the drinking
- 18 fountains come in under 12 grand? Do you understand what
- 19 Mr. Hill's saying?
- 20 MS. BECHERER: I do, yes, Mr. Chairman.
- So the drinking fountains are \$17,550, so we
- 22 could probably -- it's a difference of \$5,000. You know, we
- 23 can try to -- we might be one short or something like that,
- 24 but --
- MR. HILL: Well, Mr. Chairman, with that

- 1 information, I'd make a substitute motion that we include
- 2 the drinking fountains in list A --
- 3 MS. BECHERER: Okay.
- 4 MR. HILL: -- to the previous motion that we
- 5 approve the 97,000.
- 6 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: And go as far as they can?
- 7 MR. HILL: Yes, Mr. Chairman.
- 8 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: That would need a second.
- 9 MR. SHEAFE: Second.
- 10 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any further discussion?
- 11 (No oral response).
- 12 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: So the motion would authorize
- 13 85,693 to go to list A and it would move the drinking
- 14 fountains from list B to list A. And that would expend our
- 15 contingency -- deplete our contingency entirely.
- MS. BECHERER: And then can you clarify what the
- 17 motion -- or what I will be preparing for next month
- 18 regarding the remaining items --
- 19 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: We're going to get to that in
- 20 a minute. Let's get the money moved, though.
- MS. BECHERER: Okay.
- 22 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All in favor say aye.
- 23 (Motion made, seconded and carried unanimously)
- 24 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Okay. So -- and this is the
- 25 tricky piece with this not being properly agendized. I

- 1 don't want to look like we're slam dunking anything here.
- 2 Maybe we just table the whole darn thing and -- since it's
- 3 got to come back next month anyhow and we properly agendize
- 4 the conversation.
- 5 MR. COLLINS: Well, you can -- you can certainly
- 6 do that. I mean, this is -- the agenda was for the
- 7 contingency fund.
- 8 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Right. We're following you.
- 9 MR. COLLINS: All right.
- 10 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: You know, our project
- 11 manager -- and I think we all agree that we need to do
- 12 something regarding the handrails and some of the other
- 13 issues. Mr. Hill has raised a very appropriate point. Some
- of this is moveable equipment, not fixed, which may not be
- our highest and best use of funds, so I would suggest we
- 16 just table the whole thing.
- 17 MR. HILL: Second.
- 18 I'll make a motion, Mr. Chairman, to table --
- 19 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: I need a second.
- MS. COX: Second.
- 21 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All in favor of tabling this
- 22 until next month say aye.
- 23 (Motion made, seconded and carried unanimously)
- 24 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All right. We'll just make
- 25 sure we get it properly done.

- 1 MS. BECHERER: Thank you very much.
- 2 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Thank you, Elaine. You did a
- 3 great job. We get to see you again then.
- 4 MS. BECHERER: Yes.
- And, you know, I meant to start with this, but
- 6 even better to close.
- 7 So earlier in the month, the project received for
- 8 Southern Arizona the American Public Works project of the
- 9 year for projects larger than 5 million, which is a huge
- 10 win.
- 11 And then just earlier -- late last week, we were
- 12 informed that not only did we win for Southern Arizona, but
- 13 the project won for the state of Arizona as the project of
- 14 the year for the American Public Works Association.
- And now it will be put into -- now it will be put
- into the pool at the national level, so --
- MR. HILL: Mr. Chairman, as a point of
- 18 observation, can we have that information placed on our web
- 19 site? We have so many nay sayers that --
- 20 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Michele, didn't we put the
- 21 letter on the website?
- MS. BETTINI: Yes.
- 23 MR. HILL: And any other publicity we have, I
- 24 think that's a positive spin on the district that has
- 25 certainly over the years has not had a lot of positive

- 1 publicity, so let's grab the opportunity.
- MS. BECHERER: Yes. Mr. Hill, we're coordinating
- 3 with Michele to put it -- even the new news that it won at
- 4 the state level, so thank you.
- 5 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All right, Elaine. We get to
- 6 see you in April.
- 7 MS. BECHERER: Okay.
- 8 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Phase two.
- 9 Phil, to refresh your memory, we have been
- 10 discussing a phase two primarily focused in the exhibition
- 11 hall space.
- We've given Phil a small contract to help us
- identify the scope which he's been working diligently on.
- 14 He has a proposal in front of you that would really begin to
- 15 identify the nature of the scope and include actual cost
- 16 estimates.
- 17 So, Mr. Swaim, do you want to walk through your
- 18 current status?
- 19 MR. SWAIM: Thank you, Mr. McCusker.
- 20 Phil Swaim with Swaim Associates Architects, 7350
- 21 East Speedway.
- 22 With the success of the TCC arena renovation,
- 23 it's sort of exposing some of the challenges or the
- 24 shortcomings, maybe, of the -- of the rest of our facilities
- 25 there at the TCC, so the -- so the goal is to be able to now

- 1 dive in and start looking at the exhibition hall, the
- 2 meetings rooms, the ball rooms, the locker room and dressing
- 3 room facilities among others and see what we can do to be
- 4 able to bring those up to the same sort of standards and
- 5 success.
- 6 We've already started some conversations to be
- 7 able to come up with the initial list of the scope for this
- 8 predesign phase by having conversations with a few of your
- 9 own board members, with SMG, with Visit Tucson, operators of
- 10 the gem show, U of A hockey, other members of the community,
- 11 the El Tour De Tucson and others as well, all the other
- 12 users and stakeholders to see what -- what really values and
- 13 can make them more successful as well.
- 14 We're even starting to take a look at -- at other
- 15 developments including Nor-Gen and others downtown to see
- 16 how -- how the TCC can really support -- can support the
- 17 best role here in the community.
- 18 We're -- we're getting -- we're getting our
- 19 engineers involved, not just mechanical, electrical as -- as
- 20 we did in the past but with communications, structural,
- 21 civil engineers on a couple of these items to -- to really
- 22 come up with the best analysis of the needs and priorities
- 23 as well as we have a cost estimator on board to be able to
- 24 develop estimates of these components.
- 25 So the goal is to be able to then -- in May to be

- 1 able to come back to you with options of packages that you
- 2 would then have the opportunity to be able to review and
- 3 determine how to be able to move forward.
- 4 The -- one of the -- I think you have a fee
- 5 proposal in front of you. And actually the good news is we
- 6 were able to revise that over the weekend. And, of course,
- 7 I think when I submitted that to -- to Mark and Fletcher
- 8 yesterday, it was too late to get in your packet, but it's
- 9 actually been reduced by a little over \$14,000, so, again,
- 10 more money that we'd rather see going into bricks and mortar
- 11 as we move forward so that the --
- 12 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Do you have a copy of the new
- 13 proposal?
- MR. SWAIM: I do have that --
- 15 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Do you have five -- six of
- 16 them?
- 17 MR. SWAIM: I do not at this point.
- 18 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Okay. Will you just walk
- 19 through each category then?
- 20 MR. SWAIM: So the -- out of those five
- 21 categories of engineers, the Swain Associates proposal is
- 22 the same at 38,000. Structural is the same at 21, the
- 23 mechanical, electrical, communications has been reduced to
- 24 25,287, civil engineering has been reduced to 10,575, and
- 25 the cost estimating has stayed the same for a total of

- 1 \$83,270.
- 2 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: We went through a similar
- 3 process with phase one in the arena. We kind of developed a
- 4 wish list. We gave it to the architects. They invited
- 5 their engineers and cost estimators to kind of go through
- 6 the list and scope for us what it would cost to do
- 7 everything on the list. At that point then, we know we're
- 8 not going to have the money to do everything on this list.
- 9 We're going to have to prioritize for you what you actually
- 10 then work on, draw, budget and ultimately solicit bids for.
- 11 MR. SWAIM: Absolutely.
- 12 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Am I missing anything?
- How long does that take to do?
- MR. SWAIM: Our goal is to be able to come back
- to you with this predesign phase with cost estimates for all
- 16 these components in May, so then at that point, you can
- 17 determine what scope you would like to be able to proceed
- 18 with that point. And depending upon that scope, we -- we
- 19 would then proceed forward to go ahead and complete
- 20 construction documents and get that built.
- 21 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: And, Mr. Collins, this is a
- 22 professional services contract; right? So --
- MR. COLLINS: Correct.
- 24 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Okay. What's your pleasure?
- 25 The new proposal is for \$83,270 even.

- 1 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, members of the board,
- 2 depending on what you elect to do and choose to do, what you
- 3 could do is direct the preparation of the appropriate
- 4 amendment to the existing contract that you have with
- 5 Mr. Swaim's outfit. And we could do that and bring that
- 6 back to you for final approval.
- 7 MR. IRVIN: I'd like to make a motion we do just
- 8 that.
- 9 MS. COX: Second.
- 10 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Anybody need to discuss this?
- 11 We're authorizing an amendment to Swaim
- 12 Associate's current contract to include the 83,270 dollar
- increase. And you'll come back in May, hopefully, to
- 14 present that to us.
- 15 All in favor say aye.
- 16 (Motion made, seconded and carried unanimously)
- 17 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Phil, thanks for all your
- 18 hard work.
- 19 MR. SWAIM: Thank you.
- 20 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: When talking about the TCC, I
- 21 mentioned in my chairman's remarks, this is item number nine
- 22 on the agenda, the city has scoped the renovations they
- 23 believe are required to the symphony hall, to the plaza and
- 24 to Leo Rich at some \$30 million. The bond package has
- 25 advanced roughly 23 million of that. It appears to everyone

- 1 involved in that complex that that might be short of doing
- 2 the kind of job we all would like to see done, so it's been
- 3 specifically suggested that Rio Nuevo may want to choose to
- 4 participate in the renovation of the symphony hall, the
- 5 plaza and Leo Rich Theater.
- 6 These are not Rio Nuevo owned facilities unlike
- 7 the TCC, they're city owned, but clearly part and parcel to
- 8 the challenges we have with the whole complex, they're very
- 9 dated and in fact we are losing customers rapidly because of
- 10 the inadequacy, particularly of the symphony hall.
- 11 No amount has been requested of us, but I thought
- 12 I'd put it on the agenda for you to begin to think about if
- 13 that's something we would be willing to at least entertain.
- 14 MR. IRVIN: Mr. Chairman, my -- my concern with
- 15 it is, you know, not knowing yet where we are with a couple
- of things. You know, we don't have the Rialto sale wrapped
- 17 up. We don't have Nor-Gen's sale wrapped up. We're still
- in phase two exploration of the TCC.
- 19 As much as I think that, you know, the symphony
- 20 hall and Leo Rich needs some serious attention, it's kind of
- 21 hard for me to support them given that it's not things that
- 22 we own and given some of the other things that I think are,
- 23 in my opinion, probably a higher priority. That's just my
- 24 take on it.
- 25 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: We're not asked to take any

- 1 official action. We haven't seen any kind of budget or
- 2 scope, but, you know, we can say no or we can say maybe, you
- 3 know, subject to some context of the rest of our projects.
- 4 MR. IRVIN: I just want to hear more about it.
- 5 I'm not saying definitely no, but I just don't know enough
- 6 about it yet to even look at it. Again, my biggest concern
- 7 is I don't know with these other two things where we are
- 8 with those. Right now I'm really focused on the TCC.
- 9 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: I think that the point you've
- 10 raised, which would be a good exercise for us given the
- 11 current demands on our attention, would be to maybe identify
- 12 all of our projects, do a capital plan to make certain we
- 13 can fund the west side, the TCC, you know, whatever else
- 14 that we're doing. And it's clear that we couldn't do all of
- 15 those and do anything at the symphony hall and at the arena.
- We'll try and get them to maybe better scope this
- 17 and we'll entertain it in the context of everything else
- 18 that we're looking at.
- 19 MS. COX: Mr. Chairman, are you saying we should
- 20 consider putting money into the renovation of symphony hall
- 21 and Leo Rich or that because we don't own them, do we want
- 22 them, the city, to --
- 23 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Well, we didn't get into the
- 24 details. The -- if the bond package advances as it's
- 25 currently suggested, they'll have \$23 million.

- 1 MS. COX: Right.
- 2 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: The initial scope of the
- 3 initial bond request I think, Elaine, was \$34 million, so
- 4 they've whittled it down like they did with many of the
- 5 projects, so the city's going to have to value engineer what
- 6 they can do if in fact the bond money passes.
- 7 I think that most of the people I know that are
- 8 involved in that project, both city, county and private
- 9 people we know that are concerned about that from the
- 10 symphony to the ballet, would like to see a state of the art
- 11 facility.
- MS. COX: Of course.
- 13 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: It's been suggested that, you
- 14 know, Rio Nuevo could play a hand, partner with, contribute
- 15 with somehow that -- that facility.
- I have to agree absolutely with Mr. Irvin that to
- 17 discuss that in the context of what else we're doing means
- 18 at this point we would have to shift funds, which I don't
- 19 think any of us would agree to, or we would have to be able
- 20 to identify, you know, where the capital is and where it's
- 21 coming from.
- This is several years out. You know, the bond
- 23 package would be November, the funding would be sometime in
- 24 '16. You know, they wouldn't even be into a project
- 25 probably until '17 or '18. But I think the people that are

- 1 planning for the symphony are concerned that 20 million
- 2 bucks in this package is not going to go very far.
- 3 MR. HILL: Mr. Chairman.
- 4 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Mr. Hill.
- 5 MR. HILL: You mentioned a capital plan. I
- 6 thought that's an excellent idea. Do you need a motion to
- 7 direct something like that?
- 8 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: I don't know that we do. I
- 9 mean, we certainly have the prerogative to budget ourselves
- 10 any time we want to, Mr. Collins, agendize that and do it in
- 11 a public meeting.
- MR. COLLINS: Yeah, you -- that's the way to do
- 13 it, but -- I believe you do have inherent authority to do
- 14 that, but I don't think we have it agendized for today to do
- 15 that motion.
- MR. HILL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think
- 17 that's --
- 18 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: We'll put that on a
- 19 subsequent agenda.
- 20 MR. HILL: All right.
- 21 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Streetscape.
- Mr. Collins, tell me were done with the
- 23 streetscape.
- MR. COLLINS: Well, that's up to you folks.
- Just to refresh everyone's recollection, mostly

- 1 for the audience, in the settlement agreement with the City
- 2 of Tucson, paragraph 12 deals with an obligation that the
- 3 district undertook to commit \$750,000 to city approved
- 4 streetscape improvements. And at the last meeting, I was
- 5 directed to work with the city to create an agreement that
- 6 would fulfill the district's streetscape obligation under
- 7 the settlement agreement in an efficient manner that
- 8 complies with Title 34 and our procurement code, the
- 9 district's procurement code.
- 10 With -- working with Mike Rankin and Chris
- 11 Schmaltz of my office, that agreement is what we discussed
- 12 in executive session. It addresses the district's
- obligation under the settlement agreement to comply with --
- or to expend \$750,000. It does it in a way that satisfies
- 15 Title 34 and the procurement code.
- So the city -- I don't believe mayor and council
- 17 has approved it yet, but I'm not sure they have to approve
- 18 it. But based on my discussions with -- with Mr. Rankin, he
- 19 is fine with the agreement that we discussed in executive
- 20 session.
- MR. HILL: Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of
- 22 the street -- settlement agreement for streetscape.
- MS. COX: Second.
- 24 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any further discussion?
- 25 (No oral response).

- 1 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All in favor say aye.
- 2 (Motion made, seconded and carried unanimously)
- 3 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Praise Jesus.
- 4 All right. The Fox Theater ground lease and loan
- 5 modification agreement, just a couple of pieces of
- 6 background on this.
- 7 At Christmastime, the board unanimously agreed --
- 8 the district board unanimously agreed to exercise our call
- 9 options with the National Historic Trust. They were taken
- 10 out of this very complex transaction before the end of the
- 11 year. We have been negotiating a modification of the lease
- 12 and loan structure with the Fox Foundation since then.
- 13 The Fox Foundation owes the Rio Nuevo District
- 14 about \$2.9 million and they want, obviously, to remain the
- 15 tenant of the theater. We've been discussing terms under
- 16 which they can continue to do that. We introduced in
- 17 January some restrictions that we would like to place on the
- 18 governance of the Fox Theater.
- 19 For the record, I would like it to be known that
- 20 I am not currently engaged in any of these conversations.
- 21 It became too much about me and too much about my role at
- 22 the Fox, so these ongoing conversations have been held by
- 23 Mr. Sheafe, Mr. Irvin and Mr. Collins.
- 24 And, Mark, do you want to give us kind of a
- 25 status as to where you are today?

- 1 MR. COLLINS: Yes. Mr. Chairman, members of the
- 2 board, in the December 17th meeting, I explained to you the
- 3 concept of the ground lease and loan modification agreement.
- What I explained to you, at that time the
- 5 structure was going to be a series of lease assignments.
- 6 That was the simplist way in my judgment to -- to simplify
- 7 the Fox arrangement and take out the trust. And that's what
- 8 you folks instructed me to proceed on and you instructed the
- 9 executive officers to execute.
- 10 After that meeting on the 17th of December,
- 11 actually between Christmas and New Years, the Fox
- 12 accountants indicated that they didn't like that idea
- 13 because it might create a taxable event for the Fox, so we
- 14 agreed upon a different approach. It's the same result.
- 15 It's -- your debtor, the \$2.9 million that the Chairman is
- 16 talking about, is Fox Theater Foundation. And as you will
- 17 all remember, the structure that we all inherited gave you
- 18 no direct way to collect that debt, at least for a long
- 19 time.
- 20 What we ended up doing before the end of the year
- 21 was create a ground lease and loan modification agreement by
- 22 which the foundation became a tenant of the property that
- 23 the district owns. And -- and that was agreed to by the Fox
- 24 folks and conceptually agreed to by the executive officers.
- 25 It has not yet been fully executed. So that's one thing

- 1 that is before you.
- 2 And the other is the first amendment that --
- 3 that -- that we would have to do to include the governance
- 4 documents. After -- as, Mr. Chairman, I believe you started
- 5 to talk about, after the first of the year, there were some
- 6 things that occurred that the board wanted to modify that
- 7 agreement, so that -- it's called the first amendment. It
- 8 would include and enforce certain governance covenants on
- 9 the foundation which owes the district \$2.9 million.
- 10 So as of 11:00 o'clock today, I got additional
- 11 changes from the Fox on the first amendment. We've
- 12 discussed that in executive session and that's where we are.
- MR. HILL: Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of
- 14 the -- the first amendment that counsel has spoken to.
- 15 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: I don't know that you're
- 16 ready to do that; right? Didn't you suggest you've got some
- work to do based upon today's interventions?
- MR. COLLINS: Mr. -- yeah. Mr. Hill, I would
- 19 suggest -- and I'm being a bit pedantic here, but --
- 20 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: That's really a pretty word.
- 21 MR. IRVIN: I was waiting for him to explain it
- 22 to us.
- 23 MR. COLLINS: But I think that what you ought to
- 24 consider doing first is approve what I did to the format of
- 25 the ground lease and loan modification agreement.

- 1 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All this is going to be a
- 2 package that's going to have an agreement and an amendment?
- 3 MR. COLLINS: Correct.
- 4 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Why can't we just wait for
- 5 you to get it done, and then you bring it back to us?
- 6 MR. COLLINS: You can absolutely do that. I
- 7 can -- you instructed me to do certain changes in the
- 8 executive session and I can proceed with that. I can do
- 9 that.
- 10 MR. HILL: I'll withdraw the motion with the
- 11 caveat that, you know, we don't want to extend this forever,
- 12 that this is getting to be a timely issue with the internal
- 13 revolt that was so unsuspected that took the board here, I
- 14 think, totally surprised, so I'd just hope we can keep the
- 15 feet to the fire of those folks that seem to be intent on
- 16 throwing monkey wrenches in this operation. We need to have
- 17 the ability to collect the taxpayer's 2.9 million, Mr.
- 18 Chairman.
- 19 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Do we need to do anything
- 20 short of authorizing you to continue to negotiate with --
- MR. COLLINS: No, Mr. Chairman. You gave me
- 22 appropriate instructions in executive session.
- 23 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All right. I'll put it on
- 24 the April agenda.
- MR. HILL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

- 1 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: The Rialto Theater.
- 2 Mr. Collins.
- MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, members of the board,
- 4 as you -- there was a direction to me to prepare -- at the
- 5 last meeting in February, a direction to prepare a sales
- 6 agreement pursuant to the proposal that the Rialto
- 7 Foundation made to you folks. I did that. It's perhaps the
- 8 simplist commercial sale agreement that I've ever been
- 9 involved in putting together. Probably the hardest thing to
- 10 do was to make it that simple.
- It is in the hands of the Rialto Foundation. I
- 12 think that the golf tournament that has had some notoriety
- 13 today has taken the foundation's lawyer -- lawyer's time, I
- haven't heard back from him, so there's really nothing for
- 15 you folks to do today on the Rialto Foundation.
- 16 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Do we have authorization to
- 17 execute it once you're done or do you have to bring it back
- 18 to us?
- 19 MR. COLLINS: You don't have authorization yet to
- 20 execute. I would recommend that we agendize it for the next
- 21 meeting because by then I'm sure that I will have heard back
- 22 and you can do it all at one time.
- 23 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Okeydoke.
- 24 Any questions for Mark on the Rialto?
- 25 (No oral response).

- 1 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All right. The Presidio
- 2 property. The presidio, if you don't know, is the original
- 3 site of the Tucson Presidio. It's on Stone -- Cherry --
- 4 Where is it, Michele?
- 5 MR. IRVIN: Church.
- 6 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Church and --
- 7 MR. COLLINS: It's Washington and -- and Council.
- 8 MS. BETTINI: Council and Washington.
- 9 MR. IRVIN: The city's piece is on -- their piece
- 10 is on Church and Washington. Our piece is on Washington
- 11 and --
- MR. RITCHIE: Church.
- MR. IRVIN: No.
- 14 MS. BETTINI: Council.
- 15 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: The original Rio Nuevo board
- 16 invested, I think, four and a half million dollars in the
- 17 resurrection of the Presidio.
- MR. COLLINS: More than that.
- 19 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: The east side is owned by the
- 20 city. The west side is owned by us. Short of one
- 21 delapidated building, we lease the part that we own back to
- 22 the city who operates it as a park.
- 23 Did I miss anything?
- 24 MR. COLLINS: That's correct.
- 25 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All right. And we need to

- 1 extend the lease terms to the city.
- 2 MR. COLLINS: Correct.
- MR. SHEAFE: Mr. Chairman, I move that we extend
- 4 the lease for one year.
- 5 MR. HILL: Second.
- 6 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: That makes it easy.
- 7 Any conversation?
- 8 (No oral response).
- 9 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All in favor say aye.
- 10 (Motion made, seconded and carried unanimously)
- 11 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Okay.
- MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, members of the board,
- 13 not to -- to spend more time on a small piece of business,
- 14 but the city has also -- in the process of entering into an
- 15 operating and maintenance agreement with the Tucson Presidio
- 16 Trust, the district is not a party to that agreement. I
- 17 believe the agreement is finalized. I've reviewed it. It's
- 18 not something that would create any heartburn for any of you
- 19 folks.
- 20 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: They're the tenant, so they
- 21 could --
- MR. COLLINS: Correct.
- 23 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: -- sub it out to anybody.
- 24 MR. COLLINS: Correct.
- CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: We don't even need to get

- 1 involved.
- 2 MR. COLLINS: Actually you would have -- if it
- 3 were a sublease, you would have to approve it.
- 4 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Right.
- 5 MR. COLLINS: But the way it's been crafted, it's
- 6 an operating agreement, not a sublease, so you wouldn't have
- 7 to approve that. But when it gets finalized, we'll bring
- 8 that back to you to take a look at, too.
- 9 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All right. Now is the time
- 10 reserved for call to the audience.
- 11 Michele, any cards?
- MS. BETTINI: No.
- 13 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Entertain a motion to
- 14 adjourn?
- 15 (Motion made, carried and seconded)
- 16 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: We are adjourned until April.
- 17 Thank you very much.
- 18 (3:18 p.m.)
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