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- 1 (Meeting commenced at 1:07 p.m.)
- 2 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Call the meeting to order.
- 3 It's 1:07 p.m. Mr. Sheafe.
- 4 (The Pledge of Allegiance)
- 5 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: L'shanah tovah, everyone. If
- 6 you know what that means, you're probably not here. Today
- 7 is Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.
- 8 TREASURER SHEAFE: It's also -- I just learned --
- 9 the anniversary of the invasion at the Olympics in Munich.
- 10 That happened 41 years ago.
- 11 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Michelle, roll call, please.
- MS. BETTINI: Jeffrey Hill?
- MR. HILL: Here.
- MS. BETTINI: Mark Irvin.
- 15 SECRETARY IRVIN: Here.
- MS. BETTINI: Fletcher McCusker?
- 17 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Here.
- MS. BETTINI: Chris Sheafe?
- 19 TREASURER SHEAFE: Here.
- MS. BETTINI: Alberto Moore?
- 21 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: He's on his way, we've heard.
- 22 Cody is on his way and Jannie is excused. So we do have a
- 23 quorum. We'll conduct business.
- You have seen the transcript of the July 15th
- 25 meeting. Any comments, questions or concerns? If not, I

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    need a motion to approve.
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               SECRETARY IRVIN: So moved.
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               TREASURER SHEAFE: Second.
               CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All those in favor say, aye.
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                         (Ayes.)
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               CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any opposed?
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                         (The Board voted and the motion
                         carried.)
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               CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: And we're going to adjourn to
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     executive session. I would need a motion.
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               TREASURER SHEAFE: So moved.
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               SECRETARY IRVIN: Second.
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               CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All those in favor say aye.
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                         (Ayes.)
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               CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All those opposed?
                         (The Board voted and the motion
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                         carried.)
              MS. BETTINI: Cody Richie has arrived
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                         (The Board adjourned for Executive
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                         Session at 1:15 p.m.)
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                         (The Board reconvened at 2:20 p.m.)
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                         (Mr. Moore has joined the proceedings.)
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               CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: We have a quorum seated. If
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     somebody can move to reconvene.
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               SECRETARY IRVIN: So moved.
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- 1 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Second please?
- TREASURER SHEAFE: Second.
- 3 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All in favor say aye.
- 4 (Ayes.)
- 5 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Okay. We are back in session.
- 6 We're going to try and move this along. Mr. Moore is ill,
- 7 under the weather, as they say, so I'll try and move some
- 8 things around that require a vote, as opposed to just update
- 9 items. So I'll keep my remarks relatively brief so we can
- 10 get after the agenda.
- If you've been tracking us, you will know that we
- 12 have kind of four live projects. The TCC remodel, which
- 13 you'll hear about today, is moving along quite nicely.
- We actually hope that we'll get to the point where
- 15 we have contractors and actual work in progress there
- 16 quickly.
- 17 We are working with the Marriott brand and Scott
- 18 Stiteler to help launch the first hotel downtown, the AC
- 19 Hotel. Mr. Irvin will give you the update on that.
- The area site, Stantec here's to update us on the
- 21 engineering work we're doing on that site, both in terms of
- 22 the property immediately west of the TCC but also the arena
- 23 lot. We believe there's a lot of commercial and
- 24 developmental -- developable potential on those parcels.
- The arena lot, you'll remember, was deeded to us

- 1 as part of the city settlement. And then the far westside,
- 2 where we've contracted with WLB to actually look at the
- 3 opportunities to build on the properties immediately west of
- 4 the freeway.
- 5 So it's nice to be out of the courtroom and in the
- 6 development business, and I'll update you on that as we go
- 7 through today's agenda items.
- 8 Mr. Collins, on the Rialto Theater easement issue,
- 9 am I the only one that is recused in that or is there
- 10 anybody else?
- MR. COLLINS: You're the only one.
- 12 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: So the TCC remodel, Chris, we
- 13 have some things you want us to accomplish today. Please go
- 14 ahead.
- 15 MR. SCHMALTZ: Yes, I do. Mr. Chair, members of
- 16 the board, it's my pleasure to be with you here today on an
- 17 important day in the process of the TCC project.
- 18 The item before you, item number six on the
- 19 agenda, is the TCC renovation RFQ. The RFQ is solicitation
- 20 seeking responses so that we can bring to you a contract for
- 21 both pre-construction and construction-related services
- 22 covering the TCC renovation project.
- 23 This RFQ, the item before you today, is the
- 24 authorization for us to issue the RFQ, which is a
- 25 procurement of solicitation, that's the statement of

- 1 qualification from qualified Construction Managers at Risk
- 2 to provide both pre-construction and construction-related
- 3 services.
- 4 It is a solicitation that is qualifications-based
- 5 only. It's not based on price. The process that this
- 6 follows is we issue the RFQ. There is a deadline for
- 7 submittal of statements of qualification.
- 8 The qualifications that are submitted result in a
- 9 ranking. They are evaluated for the terms of the RFQ in
- 10 front of you. There is a ranking of the entities that
- 11 submit, based upon those evaluations, as well as based upon
- 12 evaluations following an interview.
- 13 There will be a short list created of the
- 14 submittals, based upon the initial rankings, of from three
- 15 to five entities, and those three to five entities will
- 16 interview.
- 17 And then a final list of three will be created,
- 18 and then we will open negotiations on the pre-construction
- 19 services, preconstruction-based contract with the highest
- 20 ranking entity.
- 21 After that process, if we are able to then
- 22 successfully negotiate a contract for pre-construction
- 23 services only at a set price, we will bring that contract to
- 24 you at a subsequent agenda for your approval so that the CM
- 25 at Risk can provide those pre-construction services.

- 1 Those involved in the RFQ include the scope of
- 2 work for those pre-construction services, the highlights of
- 3 which are constructability review, phasing, value
- 4 engineering, things that a CM at Risk really has value to a
- 5 project like this by providing that input during the design
- 6 phase, during pre-construction, helping to get the most bang
- 7 for your buck in terms of the design, the efforts that will
- 8 occur during construction, and if they are successful in
- 9 providing that input and providing that value engineering,
- 10 it will save you, at the back-end, in terms of limiting the
- 11 number of change orders that are required, things like that.
- The main deliverable that is a part of that
- 13 pre-construction phase service under the contract, that
- 14 would be the result of this solicitation, is the quaranteed
- 15 maximum price for both of them. They would come back to us
- 16 with a guaranteed maximum price for the construction phase
- 17 services.
- 18 We would negotiate with them over that guaranteed
- 19 maximum price proposal, and if we arrive at a GMP that
- 20 everybody is comfortable with, that will be brought to you
- 21 when construction is ready to begin, for your approval, as
- 22 essentially an amendment to the already existing agreement
- 23 with that Construction Manager at Risk. Then construction
- 24 can begin after that.
- I am happy to answer any questions that you have

- 1 about this action. It's the start of the process, the real
- 2 process of this project, in terms of soliciting a CM at
- 3 Risk. And Elaine is here as well to provide some detail, if
- 4 you would like that, and is open to any questions you may
- 5 have.
- 6 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: I think we might discuss time
- 7 frames. We would expect to publish on September 10th?
- 8 MR. SCHMALTZ: Correct.
- 9 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: And submissions are due
- 10 October 1st by 2:00 p.m.?
- 11 MR. SCHMALTZ: Correct.
- 12 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: In October, the selection
- 13 committee, which, remember, does not include any of us, the
- 14 selection committee, would do, as you described, winnowing
- down the finalists and ultimately coming to us at a
- 16 subsequent meeting with the names?
- 17 MR. SCHMALTZ: That's correct. It will be
- 18 published twice. The notice will be on the Rio Nuevo
- 19 website. And item seven, on our agenda, is a key step in
- 20 this process in terms of coordinating the solicitation.
- In order to coordinate and manage all this paper,
- 22 we utilize the services of a retrographic and distribution
- 23 sort of entity to handle this kind of thing, and we can
- 24 utilize the contract as the City of Tucson to get exactly
- 25 these type of services.

- 1 So they will produce all the documentation.
- 2 Interested parties will go to that entity to pick up the
- 3 packet, but the solicitations, the receipt of the statements
- 4 of qualification, et cetera will all be here at our office.
- 5 MR. MOORE: When it comes to the new seats that
- 6 we're proposing to put into TCC, how -- will that be handled
- 7 under the new general contractor or will that be under a
- 8 separate contractor, the chairs and seats installing?
- 9 MR. SCHMALTZ: That will be a separate
- 10 solicitation. I think Elaine has the details on that.
- MS. WEAVER: Mr. Moore, the deed will go out in
- 12 two separate bid packages. So the general contractor, the
- 13 scope of work does not include the seats. The general
- 14 contractor will help us with the coordination of the
- installation but that's extent of it.
- MR. SCHMALTZ: When she says general contractor,
- 17 that will be the Construction Manager at Risk that will
- 18 handle all that.
- 19 It will be a bid and an invitation for the bid
- 20 process rather than an RFQ, but the scope of work includes
- 21 the coordination of the seats.
- 22 MR. HILL: Maybe I missed a step. I thought that
- 23 we were having the city provide some construction managers
- 24 since they have a triple net lease. Why in the world are we
- 25 now going to jump in and run this project? What happened to

- 1 the city guy?
- 2 MR. SCHMALTZ: The city guy is Elaine. She
- 3 remains the project manager, but because it's our
- 4 jurisdiction, we have to manage the procurement. So we have
- 5 to issue the solicitation. We have to select contractors.
- 6 It will remain managed by Elaine and Phil, as our
- 7 architects. And once that new contractor is selected, then
- 8 we write the check.
- 9 MR. HILL: I'm somewhat at a loss. I thought we
- 10 had hired Michelle for instruction and bookkeeping. So it
- 11 doesn't make much sense to me that now we're going to go out
- 12 and hire somebody at a huge expense of money, which I don't
- 13 remember what was contemplated originally, 7.8, to manage
- 14 that city project. It seems to be created out of thin air.
- 15 Today is the first time I've heard about it.
- MR. SCHMALTZ: Just to clarify, the notion of a
- 17 Construction Manager at Risk is the at risk part. It's a
- 18 general contractor that we hire to provide both design-based
- 19 services and construction-based services.
- They are doing the work, not just managing the
- 21 work. They will hire subcontractors and they have staff of
- their own to do the work.
- 23 The at risk part is when we arrive at a guaranteed
- 24 maximum price of whatever it costs, above that number, that
- 25 contractor is at risk for those funds. But we have to enter

- 1 into a contract with a contractor to do these type services,
- 2 not just manage it but actually provide the work force,
- 3 provide the expertise to actually do the work, install the
- 4 seats, making the renovations, et cetera.
- 5 MR. MOORE: He or she would also be a bonded
- 6 contractor; right? So they'd have to bond the whole
- 7 project?
- 8 MR. SCHWALTZ: Absolutely. This is not just
- 9 project management.
- 10 MR. MOORE: It would be somebody who would have to
- 11 justify the amounts?
- MR. SCHMALTZ: Elaine does the project management
- 13 for the district in coordinating all this, but the entity
- 14 that actually does the work will result from this RFQ
- 15 process.
- MS. WEAVER: So from, I think, two or three months
- 17 back, when I started to present to the Board the scope of
- 18 work and how we would start to package it, I do believe I've
- 19 been consistent with the Board and stated, one, we'll always
- 20 procure this separately, and those would be in bid packages,
- 21 but the remaining scope of work would be procured through a
- 22 CM at Risk process.
- 23 And really the pre-construction services, we need
- the general contractor on board to become a part of our
- 25 team. We don't want to finish the drawings and design and

- 1 then go and hire a general contractor because then it's too
- 2 late. They have an expertise that Michele and I and Phil
- 3 and I, that we don't bring to the table.
- They will help us do the phasing, the
- 5 constructability, different schedules that if TCC would have
- 6 two shifts, three shifts, work on the weekends, and we can't
- 7 figure that out. We need them for the pre-construction
- 8 services.
- 9 So the transition from pre-construction to actual
- 10 construction will be seamless. We'll go right into
- 11 construction and we won't see the difference. It will be
- 12 the same team.
- MR. HILL: Okay. If I buy that, then the next
- 14 question is why does Rio Nuevo pay the guy, if it's a
- 15 city-leased facility?
- 16 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: We approved a budget item to
- 17 renovate it. It doesn't impact the lease or the city as far
- 18 as the tenant.
- 19 These are renovation items that the Board has
- 20 approved, and I think the line and the scope of work is
- 21 exactly what we had previously approved as \$7.8 million
- 22 scope; correct?
- MS. WEAVER: That's right.
- 24 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: There have been no changes to
- 25 the scope. In fact, you couldn't do that without our

- 1 approval?
- MS. WEAVER: That's correct.
- 3 MR. HILL: Mr. Chairman, is this going to be
- 4 under repairs or is this considered capital improvement, the
- 5 splitting of hair difference that is going on?
- 6 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: I would say these would be
- 7 considered major repairs.
- 8 MR. HILL: Well, doesn't the lease say the City of
- 9 Tucson is supposed to pay for repairs, and it's been
- 10 neglected for the past 15 years, and that's another reason
- 11 why it's a pile of crap over there.
- 12 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: You're forgetting the
- 13 settlement agreement. This was part and parcel to the
- 14 settlement agreement, where we agreed, as part of that
- 15 settlement, that we would spend \$6 million in the original
- 16 settlement agreement.
- 17 The board subsequently increased that to \$7.8
- 18 million. So this is a result, Mr. Hill, of the settlement
- 19 with the City and our commitment to renovate. And then
- 20 remember the City has to reaffirm, as part of that
- 21 settlement, that they will honor the triple net nature of
- 22 their lease.
- Now I will tell you that the City has invested a
- 24 substantial more than that in the infrastructure of TCC in
- 25 the new escalators, elevators, and other things. And we're

- 1 focusing on the aesthetics and cosmetic features of that
- 2 agreement. But indeed the city is very engaged in the
- 3 renovations. But the genesis of this goes all the way back
- 4 to the settlement.
- 5 MR. HILL: All right, Mr. Chairman. I guess my
- 6 ideas of just how the improvement that's capital, otherwise
- 7 would fall presumably under the agreement with the city, I
- 8 think capital in nature, I guess we're stuck.
- 9 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: I speak for myself, and I'd
- 10 like the other members to speak, we're doing this once. I
- 11 think all of us agree that this facility has been neglected
- 12 not for 15 years but probably for 30 years. The City, under
- 13 this triple net lease, was obliged to maintain it, and they
- 14 did not.
- This allows us to bring it to some level of state
- of the art. We will spend some of our money to do that.
- 17 They will spend some of their money to do that, and they'd
- 18 reaffirm their triple net obligation.
- 19 The other thing that I think is significant, as a
- 20 result of this, that was not lost on me, the City, as little
- 21 as a month ago, agreed to privatize the management of TCC.
- 22 So you're going to have a new facility. You've going to
- 23 have new management. Hopefully this time the City can't
- 24 screw it up.
- MR. HILL: I certainly hope so. And is this our

- 1 budgeted cost?
- 2 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: \$7.8 million, and it's all
- 3 we've approved. We cannot exceed that without them coming
- 4 back to the Board.
- 5 MR. HILL: Including to hire this individual?
- 6 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Correct.
- 7 MR. HILL: Then that puts a different light on it.
- 8 Thank you for the education. I know nothing about real
- 9 estate, but I can sure count it.
- 10 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any other questions of Chris?
- 11 All you need us to do is to authorize the release for this
- 12 request?
- MR. SCHMALTZ: Yes. Mr. Chairman, what we request
- 14 is an authorization to issue the RFQ.
- 15 TREASURER SHEAFE: So moved.
- 16 SECRETARY IRVIN: Second.
- 17 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any further conversation,
- 18 questions? Michele, roll call please.
- MS. BETTINI: Cody Richie?
- MR. RITCHIE: Aye.
- MS. BETTINI: Alberto Moore?
- MR. MOORE: Aye.
- MS. BETTINI: Chris Sheafe?
- TREASURER SHEAFE: Aye.
- MS. BETTINI: Fletcher McCusker?

- 1 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Aye,
- 2 MS. BETTINI: Mark Irvin?
- 3 SECRETARY IRVIN: Absolutely.
- 4 MS. BETTINI: Jeff Hill?
- 5 MR. HILL: Painfully, yes.
- 6 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: You could have abstained?
- 7 MR. HILL: I'm going to offer that dissent.
- 8 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: By a vote of 7/0, we've
- 9 released the RFQ. Thank you for all your help. While
- 10 you're standing there, item 7, you spoke to just briefly,
- 11 we're going to need somebody to obviously help print, manage
- 12 the reams of documents associated with that. So we have a
- 13 proposed contract with ARC?
- 14 MR. SCHMALTZ: That's correct. Under our
- 15 cooperative purchasing authority, if they had an existing
- 16 contract with the City of Tucson, we could take advantage of
- 17 that contract utilizing the rates and charges that they
- 18 charged the City of Tucson to provide them the exact same
- 19 services.
- Because we don't have the expertise and the
- 21 printing capability, this is a service that is necessary for
- 22 not only this RFQ but the invitation for other bid packages
- 23 that Elaine mentioned for future solicitation.
- 24 So that's what this contract does. The initial
- 25 contract before you puts a not to exceed number at \$10,000

- 1 and allows for additional tasks to be issued for future
- 2 solicitations, printing costs and other services that we may
- 3 need.
- 4 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Can you just briefly explain
- 5 exactly what it is they're going to do? They're going to
- 6 print the entire packet of information and then distribute
- 7 it to --
- 8 MR. SCHMALTZ: They will print and distribute this
- 9 initial RFQ packet along with any design documents that are
- 10 prepared by the architects as well as any other
- 11 construction-related documents that would be part of the
- 12 services that the CM will provide, that the CM, construction
- 13 manager, will need as part of their construction services or
- 14 otherwise.
- 15 The CM needs this documentation in order to
- 16 evaluate and put together their qualifications. And the
- 17 invitation for bid is the same kind of thing. They print
- 18 the bid packets. And the entities, who want to submit on
- 19 that bid packet, will go to this entity and pay for the
- 20 material so they can prepare their submittal.
- 21 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any questions regarding this
- 22 printing not to exceed \$10,000?
- TREASURER SHEAFE: How has that been paid for in
- 24 the past?
- MR. SCHMALTZ: We would have to do all that

- 1 in-house. They would come here. We would print it all.
- 2 We'd coordinate all the distribution.
- 3 TREASURER SHEAFE: We being Rio Nuevo or we being
- 4 the law firm or what?
- 5 MR. SCHMALTZ: Rio Nuevo. So it's printing all
- 6 that we would have had to pay for anyway. So the design
- 7 plans, things like that, all of that would have been
- 8 distributed out of the Rio Nuevo office via staff.
- 9 TREASURER SHEAFE: Is this a reasonable number for
- 10 the scope of this, \$10,000? Maybe I'm wrong, but I'm always
- 11 amazed, when you get into the government process, the amount
- 12 of paper that gets generated for what we, in the private
- 13 sector, do very quickly.
- MR. SCHMALTZ: At this point, the \$10,000 is just
- 15 an allowance. I think that it would be -- this initial RFO
- 16 process should be a fraction of that cost.
- 17 This contract remains open, so that once we
- 18 actually complete all of the construction documents and
- 19 they're getting bids from subcontractors, those documents
- 20 will have all been printed. So that printing, I don't
- 21 anticipate that quantity to even be that amount.
- The other thing that they do is they take on a
- 23 responsibility for the liability of issuing any addendums
- that would happen during the bidding process.
- So a contractor or these people responding to the

- 1 RFQ, this company is the one who has to keep track of who
- 2 picked up the RFQ. So if some change does occur, then
- 3 everybody gets it and it's not a problem.
- 4 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: The other thing about it is
- 5 that it directs everybody in the solicitation to go to their
- office to pick up the papers, so we don't keep track.
- 7 Any other questions? I think we have a motion and
- 8 a second? Go ahead.
- 9 MR. MOORE: I thought it was. I'll move.
- 10 MR. RITCHIE: Second.
- 11 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: It's certainly been moved and
- 12 seconded a couple of times. So any other conversation about
- 13 authorizing the cooperative purchasing agreement? All those
- 14 in favor say aye.
- 15 (Ayes.)
- 16 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Opposed, nay? Okay.
- 17 (Motion was carried.)
- 18 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: And then at the risk of
- 19 putting Mr. Hill over the edge, you also want to approve an
- 20 engineering contract?
- MR. SCHMALTZ: Yes. Item number eight, on the
- 22 agenda, is an engineering contract again utilizing
- 23 cooperative purchasing. They have an existing contract with
- 24 the City of Tucson.
- We can take advantage of those rates for this

- 1 exact scope of work to provide electrical engineering
- 2 services associated with TCC project.
- The contract itself would have a not to exceed
- 4 amount of \$150,000, but as Elaine will tell you, I think
- 5 that number is substantially lower than that.
- The contract itself says \$150,000 is an estimate
- 7 for the not to exceed amount for the electrical engineering
- 8 services to be provided to the district as part of the
- 9 renovation.
- 10 MS. WEAVER: What I want to first add is the
- 11 description on the agenda is that the GLHN contract that
- 12 you're looking at and the fees that I'm about to give you,
- 13 they are directly for the Tucson Convention Arena project.
- 14 It's not for some other project.
- Just to recap, to date what you have approved are
- 16 the pre-design construction documents, construction
- 17 administration fees for Swaim Associates Architects. That's
- 18 it.
- 19 So Phil's fees are falling within that previous
- 20 amount that you agreed to or that you approved. So GLHN are
- 21 the engineers for the construction documents. So it's a new
- 22 contract for the same project. So the contract says --
- 23 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: What was in the budget? Was
- 24 this budgeted as a separate item? How are we doing it?
- MS. WEAVER: Construction documents and

- 1 construction administration, I think that there was a total
- of \$230,000 in the budget. And so the fees for GLHN have
- 3 come in at \$100,000, so we're well within the budget.
- 4 MR. HILL: Mr. Chairman, I want to pause here.
- 5 Page four of this document has the City of Tucson's logo on
- 6 it.
- 7 It says that the engineering expense will not
- 8 exceed \$100,000, look at the last paragraph, article three,
- 9 section one, \$100,000. Why does this say \$100,000 and this
- 10 one says \$150,000?
- MR. SCHMALTZ: The Tucson contract says that the
- 12 initial services can be \$100,000 subject to revision based
- 13 upon input and determination by the City.
- And so we cooperatively purchased, utilizing their
- 15 procurement, and then determined that the services that we
- 16 need, via our contract with the engineer, can be set at an
- 17 amount that is consistent with that contract.
- 18 MR. HILL: Didn't you just say it was \$100,000?
- 19 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: The bid is \$100,039. The
- 20 contract that we borrowed from the city is designed to be a
- \$100,000 cap, but that can be waived at the board's
- 22 discretion.
- MR. SCHMALTZ: Yes.
- 24 MS. WEAVER: And it is \$100,000, GLHN.
- MR. HILL: So our motion is to grant this \$150,000

- 1 cap?
- 2 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Elaine, do you think you'll
- 3 need room with this to exceed this bid or can we just
- 4 approve the bid as submitted?
- 5 MS. WEAVER: So similarly with Phil Swaim's fee,
- 6 what we did was not to exceed \$150,000, and so that's what
- 7 gave us that \$150,000. So ultimately it's your decision.
- 8 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Our concern generally is when
- 9 we give you a do not exceed number, you go right to it. Is
- there any reason why we couldn't just approve \$100,039?
- MS. WEAVER: There's no reason why you can't
- 12 approve \$100,000 as the exact fee. There was a little bit
- 13 of a lapse between contract and finalization, so to just get
- 14 everything prepared, we put that in there. So then I got
- 15 the final numbers and I worked the fees down as low as we
- 16 could.
- 17 MR. HILL: We don't have a motion yet; do we? I
- 18 move to accept the \$100,039.
- 19 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Mr. Hill has moved the exact
- amount of the bid, \$100,039. Is there a second?
- MR. MOORE: Second.
- 22 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: So we have a second.
- TREASURER SHEAFE: I'm just a little confused as
- 24 to what engineering bids are in your contract. What I saw
- 25 confused me. What exactly are we designing?

- 1 When we started this, I was assuming it was pretty
- 2 much engineering work, and we would need from A to Z to make
- 3 the improvements on the entire convention center, outside
- 4 the essential work, and what I'm sensing here is that this
- 5 might be more of a limited scope. Can you explain that?
- 6 MS. WEAVER: So if I understand your question
- 7 correctly, the hundred and fifty thousand that you approved
- 8 a couple months ago for Phil, that was for just pre-design.
- 9 It didn't take this project to the end of construction
- 10 administration.
- So these are the engineers that have been working
- 12 at that pre-design and they've put together a pre-design
- 13 package with Phil, but now we need a contract with them to
- 14 complete the design and construction documents for the event
- 15 lighting, house lighting, the general house lighting, the
- 16 scoreboard design, the lighting in the restrooms, the entire
- 17 scope of the project.
- 18 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: They're not doing any other
- 19 engineering?
- 20 MS. WEAVER: GHLN is a full-service engineering
- 21 firm. They also have plumbing and mechanical all in-house,
- 22 so we won't have to come back and get engineering from
- 23 another firm.
- 24 TREASURER SHEAFE: And would that be included in
- 25 this \$100,000?

- 1 MS. WEAVER: That's correct. I've put together a
- 2 scope of services for them that matched Phil's in the sense
- 3 that I needed to take the pre-design documents and complete
- 4 them to get a permit, help us with bidding, do construction
- 5 administration, everything. That's what this \$100,000 is.
- TREASURER SHEAFE: To put it in real simple form,
- 7 basically what Phil did was go in, discuss it with staff,
- 8 define the problem. Say all right, here's the problem, and
- 9 we're going to put it down in graphic form to show what it
- 10 is that, A, here's the problem we've got, and B, here's
- 11 where we want to go. This is what it should look at the
- 12 end.
- MS. WEAVER: Correct.
- 14 TREASURER SHEAFE: Now you bring in the engineer
- 15 and say, okay, how do you convert the plan for fixing this
- 16 into workable engineering drawings that people can now bid
- on and get the work done?
- MS. WEAVER: That's right.
- 19 TREASURER SHEAFE: That's what we're doing?
- 20 MS. WEAVER: To add to that, Mr. Sheafe, is that
- 21 that team that identified all the problems, GLHN was a part
- 22 of that team. They were on our pre-design team.
- 23 They have helped to identify event lighting, the
- 24 general house lighting. Everything that we put electrically
- in the scope, they have identified that with Phil and with

- $1 \quad \text{me.}$
- They are not new team members. They're not new
- 3 engineers coming in and looking at it and saying you forgot
- 4 this, you forgot that. They've been on the team since day
- 5 one.
- TREASURER SHEAFE: That puts it in a little better
- 7 perspective. When I saw this, it just said scoreboard, and
- 8 I'm thinking we can't spend \$100,000 to assign electrical
- 9 services for a scoreboard.
- 10 MS. WEAVER: No, we're not. Those five bullets
- 11 are an abbreviated scope of services that GLHN will be
- 12 contracting with the Rio Nuevo Board.
- TREASURER SHEAFE: Did you make a motion yet?
- 14 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: I think we have a motion and
- 15 second.
- MR. MOORE: Second.
- 17 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any further discussion? All
- 18 in favor, say aye.
- 19 (Ayes.)
- 20 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All opposed, nay?
- 21 (The Board voted and the motion
- carried.)
- 23 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: So you have that approved. So
- 24 what we've done here is we've authorized a release of the
- 25 request for qualifications by which you will select and come

- 1 back to us to hire a contractor. You've approved the
- 2 printers and engineers. So we're building something.
- MS. WEAVER: Yes, we're building something.
- TREASURER SHEAFE: How is it put together?
- 5 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: The selection committee is
- 6 unknown to even us.
- 7 TREASURER SHEAFE: We don't know who they are?
- 8 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: We do know it involves our
- 9 project manager and our architect, but under procurement
- 10 law, we're not allowed to know who the other party is nor do
- 11 we participate in any manner in the process.
- So if anyone approaches you about this RFQ, you
- 13 know nothing. You can't influence it. You can't sway
- 14 anybody. You can't answer any questions.
- TREASURER SHEAFE: Well, that part will be easy
- 16 because that's generally the case.
- 17 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Thank you. Let me try to keep
- 18 us towards items that I know we need to vote on. We'll
- 19 discuss the Garfield Traub lawsuit.
- 20 Mark, just a quick background for everybody in the
- 21 audience, sometime ago the contractors of the east entrance
- 22 filed a claim against Rio Nuevo District for a total
- 23 amount -- my recollection is about \$1.7 million.
- That's been ongoing through proceedings back and
- 25 forth. We did have a day-long mediation, with them and

- 1 their counsel, and have a recommendation to present.
- 2 Mr. Collins, go ahead.
- 3 MR. COLLINS: That's a fair summary for the
- 4 public's purposes. The plaintiffs sued. The number they
- 5 sued the District for bounced around anywhere from one three
- 6 to one seven that you're talking about to something north of
- 7 \$700,000.
- As a result of a lengthy mediation, there was a
- 9 tentative agreement reached whereby the District would pay a
- 10 certain amount of money to resolve the contract claim that
- 11 was raised by the plaintiffs.
- 12 You may recall the complaint has really two
- 13 components. Three of the counts are for breach of contract.
- 14 We didn't pay them, that's the allegation. And one of the
- 15 counts is for defamation against this Board and two prior
- members.
- 17 By the end of the mediation, it became apparent
- 18 that the district certainly had exposure of somewhere in the
- 19 neighborhood of five hundred and twenty or thirty thousand
- 20 dollars if we lost at trial.
- 21 And as a result of that and the cost of trying the
- 22 case, it was tentatively agreed that this Board would pay
- 23 \$250,000 to settle the contract claims. And as part of
- 24 that, without payment of any money, the contractor would
- 25 dismiss the defamation claim.

- 1 That agreement was tentative that you guys have to
- 2 approve it. If you do approve it, I've already drafted the
- 3 agreements. The agreements have been provided.
- I would ask, if you do want to do that, that you
- 5 vote to authorize a chairman and secretary or treasurer to
- 6 execute the final documents, provided that they're
- 7 substantially consistent with what I just outlined for you.
- 8 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Is the settlement amount
- 9 public or was that confidential?
- 10 MR. COLLINS: It's public. It's a public number.
- 11 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Did you mention a number?
- MR. COLLINS: Oh, I'm sorry. Two hundred fifty
- 13 thousand dollars.
- 14 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: I didn't hear it.
- MR. MOORE: Yes, you did.
- MR. COLLINS: Well, it was \$250,000. The exposure
- 17 for the district was well in excess of that.
- 18 MR. HILL: I'll make that motion, Mr. Chairman, as
- 19 requested by counsel.
- 20 MR. RITCHIE: I second it.
- 21 TREASURER SHEAFE: I'll give that a second.
- 22 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any further conversation about
- 23 settling the Garfield Traub lawsuit for a quarter million
- 24 dollars? All those in favor say aye.
- 25 (Ayes.)

- 1 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any opposed, nay. Thank you
- 2 very much. Item number ten, there's an item that we would
- 3 need a vote on. Mike is here.
- We may try to combine the two agenda items, but I
- 5 think everyone is aware we're eagerly interested in the
- 6 property we call the Westside, which is basically a parcel
- 7 that's west of the Santa Cruz bordering Sentinel Peak.
- 8 We've retained WLB to do some engineering for us to identify
- 9 the buildability of any of those parcels.
- In the meantime there has been a lot of multiple
- 11 jurisdictional interest in that property from the tribe, the
- 12 Tohono O'odham; from the City; from the County; from the
- 13 University of Arizona, and from numerous private developers.
- What has surfaced as a recommendation to help sort
- 15 out all that, combined with our engineering study, is that
- 16 the jurisdictions of interest collectively retain the Urban
- 17 Land Institute to make recommendations about the feasibility
- 18 of any of these plans on the Westside.
- 19 That last estimation was maybe a \$150,000 project.
- 20 It would be split three ways between the City, the County
- 21 and the Rio Nuevo District.
- I know we don't like to talk about planning or
- 23 spending money on planning, but I think this is a necessary
- 24 step to kind of move everybody in a consensus direction
- 25 about what can be done on this parcel.

- If we don't do something collectively, all of us
- 2 are going to react to developers who want to make proposals
- 3 to develop that property.
- 4 We've seen already a number of unsolicited
- 5 interest in that particular parcel that is jointly owned by
- 6 the three of us. The City owns some of it. The County owns
- 7 some of it, and we own some of it.
- 8 Mike, do you want to -- Mike Byrne is here.
- 9 Anything you want to say in terms of what you're doing on
- 10 the Westside?
- 11 MR. HILL: It looks like we're being asked to
- 12 approve this action and the cost will come later?
- 13 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: That's correct. We will not
- 14 know the exact cost, but it should be in the ballpark that I
- 15 suggested.
- MR. HILL: Okay.
- 17 MR. BYRNE: I'd like to explain the chart as far
- 18 as our first day's work, which was basically surveying and
- 19 also doing miscellaneous work on the property.
- 20 At the back of the pad, there's a map. The basic
- 21 boundaries that we're considering is shown in blue on that
- 22 map.
- We've finish our survey work for the northside and
- the westside. The eastside, we've contacted various County
- 25 departments and various State departments about some kind of

- 1 a legal description of that separation between the River
- 2 Park and the site itself. So far we haven't been able to
- 3 track down anything in terms of a legal description to caulk
- 4 it out.
- 5 Mark Collins is the attorney working on an
- 6 agreement, I'm not sure between what bodies. I assume it's
- 7 between the City and the County and the Board.
- 3 Just a couple of comments -- oh, then the first
- 9 page talks about the status of the various aspects of this
- 10 project. The site survey, we should have a topo and photos
- 11 of the site next week.
- We're again in the throes of doing the ALTA and
- 13 the legal description. We're in the throes of doing the
- 14 legal description of the boundaries and also the ALTA.
- 15 Again this is kind of holding this up is that side boundary.
- A couple of comments, I guess, really on the south
- 17 end, it talks about having a south border or south property
- 18 line that is going to be the most narrow part of the
- 19 property. And the problem with that is that there's this
- 20 long, skinny piece that really has no real value, I don't
- 21 think, as far as development or as far as any kind of
- 22 possible use except for open space, and frankly our belief
- 23 is that the intent of this parcel really it kind of acts
- 24 like in usage, in profitability of that site, I would think.
- 25 The other comments that we have for

- 1 recommendation, kind of depending on the status of the
- 2 intergovernmental agreement, that we're really looking at a
- 3 pretty wide swath of land along the eastside of the property
- 4 that is considered part of the Linear Park.
- 5 Our obligation is to basically to try to narrow
- 6 that, get that down because we're looking at -- I would
- 7 assume at a certain point in time -- a fairly intention to
- 8 develop the property, and natural open space in the nature
- 9 of 60 feet to 200 feet in width probably doesn't make a lot
- 10 of sense.
- 11 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: That's County owned, the
- 12 Linear Park, Pima County?
- MR. BYRNE: It's County-controlled. Based on the
- 14 previous ALTA, this land is, in fact, part of the City. So
- as far as the ownership, our assumption is that it's
- 16 City-owned.
- 17 There's some kind of agreement between the City
- 18 and County as far as the use of that property for River
- 19 Park. That's our assumption. But based on a previous ALTA
- 20 that was done back in 2007, that shows that.
- 21 TREASURER SHEAFE: On what basis is that
- 22 determined?
- 23 MR. BYRNE: Based on the placement of the fence.
- 24 TREASURER SHEAFE: That's what I read. That's it.
- 25 Things like this, there should be no problems with the

- 1 boundary.
- 2 MR. BYRNE: You would think so.
- 3 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: How does that tie in to the
- 4 settlement agreement?
- 5 MR. COLLINS: If I may, the settlement agreement
- 6 was written without obviously a survey, and the westside
- 7 parcel is described as follows, the property generally
- 8 depicted on Exhibit 3, which is quite similar to the drawing
- 9 Mr. Byrne has in front of you there, bordered on the north
- 10 by Mission Lane, on the west by Grande Avenue, on the east
- 11 by the western edge of the Santa Cruz Linear Park and on the
- 12 south at the point where the distance between the western
- 13 edge of the Santa Cruz Linear Park and the eastern edge of
- 14 Grande Avenue are the smallest.
- That's drafted in a way so that it can be refined
- later by smart folks, surveyors who can do that sort of
- 17 thing, but that's the description in the settlement.
- 18 I was interested in Mr. Byrne's comment about the
- 19 southern boundary. That description, that legal
- 20 description -- that description really was the best that the
- 21 lawyers could do at that time without a survey.
- 22 Since Mr. Byrne and his team got out there and
- 23 started doing their work, they identified what they thought
- 24 was the southernmost boundary. I provided them with this
- 25 kind of stuff.

- 1 And just last week, the City of Tucson sent one of
- 2 its representatives out there to see if they agreed with
- 3 where Mike and his team put the stakes, and they think it
- 4 should be a little bit farther north, not much, but like
- 5 15 yards or some such thing.
- There was a description of an IGA that was being
- 7 negotiated. I think that's what Mike was talking about. I
- 8 don't know anything about that IGA, but I'm personally
- 9 interested to hear -- if I'm hearing Mike correctly -- he
- 10 doesn't think that little narrow point does any good for
- 11 you. But beyond your question, Mr. Chairman, but that's
- 12 what the settlement is.
- 13 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: How do we determine this
- 14 eastern -- well, western boundary of the Santa Cruz Linear
- 15 Park? Is that surveyed or surveyable?
- MR. COLLINS: There is going to have to be
- 17 agreement with the City that this is best description that
- 18 can be done without a survey. I don't think there's any
- 19 problem, and I haven't gotten any push-back.
- 20 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: There should be something in
- 21 writing that designates this park.
- MR. COLLINS: Western edge.
- 23 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Mike, have you seen that?
- MR. BYRNE: No, I haven't.
- MR. COLLINS: And even if it is in writing, it

- 1 doesn't necessarily mean it shows it on the ground. All you
- 2 real estate guys know there's a difference there.
- I can look into that, but I think the City's only
- 4 concern so far has been the southern boundary that I've
- 5 described to you.
- 6 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: I think to Mike's point,
- 7 before we accept the legal and accept title, we ought to try
- 8 to deduce the Linear Park to the extent that it's a Linear
- 9 Park and let's see what's in writing.
- 10 MR. COLLINS: What we might be able to do -- and I
- 11 can certainty work with Mike and Jack Buchanan -- you guys
- 12 could mark what you see, like you did on the southern
- 13 boundary, and then we can get COT to see if they would agree
- 14 with it.
- 15 I think for any of us to sit here and decide what
- 16 makes sense, it needs to be done on the property site. I
- 17 can certainly work with Mike to make sure that we're on the
- 18 same page for posting the stakes and we can get COT's take
- 19 on this.
- TREASURER SHEAFE: If I might make a suggestion,
- 21 this is precisely the kind of issue that comes up with
- 22 various professional people pulling their hair out trying to
- 23 figure out exactly what these things are when we don't even
- 24 know what the plan is.
- 25 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: What we've got to do is

- 1 identify the legal to take title.
- TREASURER SHEAFE: No. I understand the planning.
- 3 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: That's a good segue into the
- 4 action, that we want to cooperate in planning on that. Go
- 5 ahead.
- 6 TREASURER SHEAFE: I've got some questions on that
- 7 regard, and having been through this process, you previously
- 8 did quite a bit of the master planning?
- 9 MR. BYRNE: Yes.
- 10 TREASURER SHEAFE: I wonder if you could weigh in
- 11 a little bit about the concept of this.
- MR. BYRNE: I think Fletcher's comment is correct,
- 13 that this is a parcel that a number of people have wanted,
- 14 this parcel and the area directly north, especially in a
- 15 parcel, frankly talking about concepts and, you know, there
- 16 are different ways of doing this.
- 17 One is to have just a kind of public forum to talk
- 18 about ideas and thoughts, and the other is to have a firm
- 19 like -- not a firm but a group, kind of do it in a group. I
- 20 think the notion of a public forum really talking back and
- 21 forth with ideas makes a lot of sense.
- I think at a certain point though we're going to
- 23 have to say let's go with this, let's go with that. I mean
- 24 there are some politics involved.
- 25 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: So the last master plan that

- 1 was developed here and approved includes the science museum
- 2 and projects which will never be built.
- 3 So what you've got now are developer vultures
- 4 hovering around this abandoned property going oh, we've got
- 5 a good idea. Well, my idea is better than that.
- I think there are a number of us that want to make
- 7 certain that there's some historical aspect, like the
- 8 Carrillo House, the Mission Gardens, that we can make those
- 9 somehow survive.
- And I don't see any way you get to that without
- 11 redesigning the parcel, getting an agreement amongst every
- 12 jurisdiction as to what it is we're going to allow and then
- 13 solicit for someone to come in and build.
- What Mike is trying to help us do is figure out a
- 15 land use. It can't re-deserted because nothing will grow
- 16 there, but can't it support some sort of infrastructure,
- 17 parking? Is there a buildable site there?
- 18 And then you've got the hole in the ground out
- 19 there and you've got these other parcels that other
- 20 developers have expressed an interest in.
- I see some value with us coordinating with all the
- 22 jurisdictions and coming to some public consensus, say
- 23 here's the plan for the Westside. It takes off where the
- 24 last plan left off, and reconstitutes some of those
- 25 abandoned parcels now with a new level of interest.

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1 TREASURER SHEAFE: It makes sense to identify what
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- 2 we want to preserve and build that into a plan. We want a
- 3 plan to be built around the Carrillo House, integrating the
- 4 Mission Gardens and also creating the economic driver that
- 5 will allow this thing to be supportable over the long-term.
- 6 Very early in the days of the Rio Nuevo review,
- 7 all the ideas were allocators in terms of using cash and no
- 8 generators. Frankly if those plans would have ever evolved,
- 9 they'd be an enormous drag economically on the community.
- 10 So there's a balance there. There's a historical
- 11 component and the historical component is why we're doing
- 12 this. But on the other hand, the historical component needs
- 13 to have the economic base underneath to actually make it
- 14 last long enough to enjoy it for the historical benefit.
- 15 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: The risk is if we don't
- 16 cooperate, we do something independent of what the city
- 17 does, and the city does something independent of what the
- 18 county wants, and you end up with some hodge podge of
- 19 development over there that's totally incongruent.
- 20 So I think while the jurisdictions are
- 21 communicating, I think we try and build on that. And
- 22 everyone seems to agree that the ULI is neutral enough so
- 23 they can come in and do precisely as you suggest.
- 24 TREASURER SHEAFE: Well, let me try to -- I think
- 25 you're doing the same thing I'm saying. The line here on

- 1 the eastside of our parcel is not very critical to figuring
- 2 out what we're going to do with this master plan, and
- 3 therefore to spend a lot of time trying to wrestle over
- 4 exactly where that line is right now -- and to me, time is
- 5 money -- why not set this aside and say if we run into a
- 6 problem, we will then come back and wrestle over where that
- 7 line goes and pay for it at that time. And in meantime just
- 8 keep all the experts quiet. We've got a general drawing
- 9 here.
- 10 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Because we need a deed. Until
- 11 we identify the property line, it's not transferable.
- 12 TREASURER SHEAFE: Any problem with making a deed
- 13 where the east line is identified as the approximate
- 14 location of the fence to be determined in later negotiations
- 15 between the parties?
- MR. COLLINS: Yes. That's an agreement to agree.
- 17 That's not specific enough. You need to have that
- 18 determination.
- 19 I think you raised a great point, which is that
- 20 because we're going to be joint development with City,
- 21 County and the District, I mean whether we should get it all
- the way to the east that we can possibly get doesn't make a
- lot of sense to me either, but you've got to have a legal
- 24 description so that deed can be conveyed.
- TREASURER SHEAFE: Okay. So we can get a legal

- 1 description, but we can do that in the future.
- 2 MR. COLLINS: When you put things like that off,
- 3 you create a lot of room for people like me and you don't
- 4 want to do that.
- 5 I personally like the idea of not being too
- 6 terribly worried. Is it as far east as we can possibly get
- 7 it? I don't think it's all that important. I do think you
- 8 need a legal description for the deed.
- 9 SECRETARY IRVIN: I think we need to identify those
- 10 lines and get a clean survey on this property so we can get
- 11 a clean deed. I also think, by going through the master
- 12 planning process, it takes us out of the reactionary
- 13 situation we've been in since day one, and it also places us
- in a position where we have an opportunity to work more
- 15 closely with the City.
- We're getting back on the same page with the City.
- 17 The County, we've always gotten along with them. So I like
- 18 the fact that we can get all three of those entities
- 19 together to go and do it. I think it makes a lot of sense.
- 20 MR. BYRNE: A couple things, one is that land
- 21 we're talking about is probably three or four acres, and the
- 22 total parcel is about thirty acres. So you're talking about
- 23 a possible increase of 10 percent, which seems to me is a
- 24 sizable number.
- TREASURER SHEAFE: My goal here is to get progress

- 1 made, and I understand that's what we're focusing on.
- 2 Obviously we need to get a deed and we need to define if
- 3 there's a parameter around which we're going to have the
- 4 deed prepared. I guess the answer is the fence line.
- 5 That's where we start?
- 6 MR. BYRNE: Basically, yeah.
- 7 TREASURER SHEAFE: All right. Well, then let's
- 8 approve that. You know, when this thing is built, there
- 9 probably will be no visual separation between where one line
- 10 ends and where the other is -- doesn't end.
- They'll flow from the activities on this property
- 12 over into the public walkway and other uses that you won't
- 13 know when you've stepped off one and onto the other, because
- 14 that's the nature of what we're doing here.
- 15 So, Mr. Chairman, I will support whatever gets
- 16 this aspect of it done.
- 17 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: I need to do this --
- 18 MR. BYRNE: The other point, I think, is that the
- 19 parcels aren't the same. As part of our due diligence
- 20 process, we'll want to identify the constraints, the
- 21 possibilities that are offered.
- 22 For instance, on our part the landfill is a huge
- 23 problem. It really is. The kinds of uses that are
- 24 possible, I think, are really limited. Like Fletcher
- 25 mentioned the parking. Those are the type of uses that I

- 1 think are most suitable for our parcel, in the middle of the
- 2 parcel.
- 3 Our belief has always been that the west edge can
- 4 be something much more dense. The actual landfill is
- 5 swallow. It's got great access and it's a fine area for
- 6 rebuild. In the interior, it really makes sense to have a
- 7 use like end zone that has a really light weight use,
- 8 parking and so on. I think it makes sense.
- 9 The area that I think really needs scrutiny
- 10 frankly is the area north of Mission Lane and the Chapel
- 11 area. I see our parcel as being such that possibilities, I
- 12 think, are really limited. We're able to do certain things
- 13 but not a wide range of things.
- 14 CHAIRMAN MCCUSKER: So given all that, the action
- 15 item is do we want to partner with the City and the County
- in their land institute or the option would be we go it
- 17 alone.
- 18 TREASURER SHEAFE: Let me just suggest that I'm a
- 19 member of the Urban Land Institute. There is no finer land
- 20 resource in the world. What they will do is turn around and
- 21 engage some of that best people to do our plan at a more
- 22 efficient cost. I strongly support getting this process
- 23 under way. I don't see how we can't.
- 24 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Is that a motion?
- TREASURER SHEAFE: That would be a motion.

- 1 SECRETARY IRVIN: I'll second that.
- 2 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: To Mr. Hill's point, we don't
- 3 have a finite dollar amount. We can cap it now or we can
- 4 come back to you once we know what the split looks like or
- 5 do you want a do not exceed? We think overall, Chris, it's
- 6 \$150,000, a survey split three ways?
- 7 MR. SCHMALTZ: Well, ULI will take a look at it
- 8 and put it out there. They'll come back and say for this
- 9 fee, we'll be willing to do this.
- 10 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Do you want us to cap our
- 11 participation?
- 12 TREASURER SHEAFE: Not with this motion because
- 13 what we're asking them is what they would be willing to do.
- 14 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any further conversation? All
- 15 in favor say aye.
- 16 (Ayes.)
- 17 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any votes nay?
- 18 (The Board voted and the motion
- 19 carried.)
- 20 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Let's discuss the CFO position
- 21 because it does require action. I think you can tell from
- the agenda, Mr. Bill Allen, who's been our CFO for a year,
- 23 is moving on to bigger and greater challenges, although I
- 24 can't imagine any other more fun than what he has had in the
- 25 last year. But that opens that position.

- 1 We have a number of options including to contract
- 2 with some of our current resources. The finalist behind
- 3 Bill last year is still interested and available in that
- 4 position. We have also talked about doing that on a
- 5 part-time basis. So anything we do in that regard needs to
- 6 be in open session, so we're opening that for conversation.
- 7 TREASURER SHEAFE: Mr. Chairman, as treasurer, let
- 8 me say I thought about this a little bit and I would propose
- 9 a motion that we engage Mr. Meyers on an hourly basis.
- 10 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Daniel Meyers?
- 11 TREASURER SHEAFE: Yes, who is highly qualified.
- 12 Get him right away, get that process going, and we re-visit
- 13 that in the future.
- 14 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Is that a motion?
- 15 TREASURER SHEAFE: That is a motion.
- MR. MOORE: Second.
- 17 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any conversation on that
- 18 motion? The motion would be to retain Daniel J. Meyers on
- 19 an hourly rate to replace Bill. All in favor say aye.
- 20 (Ayes.)
- 21 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Opposed, nay? I guess you
- 22 guys need to talk about the Rialto Easement. Anything that
- 23 has to have action?
- 24 MR. SCHMALTZ: Well, yes, and I was mistaken, both
- you and Mr. Sheafe are disqualified because of your

- 1 relationship with Mr. --
- 2 (Mr. McCusker and Mr. Sheafe leave the
- 3 room.)
- 4 MR. SCHMALTZ: Very briefly, the board members
- 5 about two meetings ago, you approved Mr. Irvin signing
- 6 what's called a temporary revocable easement, which benefits
- 7 your tenant, Rialto Foundation, also has an impact on the
- 8 neighboring properties.
- 9 There have been a number of changes to it since
- 10 then. It's my recommendation that -- I've looked at the
- 11 agreement. It's favorable to the District.
- We have reached a verbal agreement with the
- 13 foundation where the foundation will agree to absorb any
- 14 additional costs, because there are some fees here.
- The foundation has indicated, through its counsel
- 16 and through Curtis, that they will agree to that. I
- 17 provided them a draft.
- 18 So I'm asking you folks to consider voting to
- 19 approve the revised temporary revocable easement and to
- 20 authorize Mark to execute it as soon as the foundation signs
- 21 the site agreement.
- MR. RITCHIE: So moved.
- MR. MOORE: What were the changes? I know there
- 24 were some dollars amount.
- MR. COLLINS: Since the last time, there were fees

- 1 that were added that were not there before and the precise
- 2 location and the hours of when things could be moved and so
- 3 on and so forth.
- 4 MR. MOORE: But weren't there some charges that
- 5 related to the --
- 6 MR. SCHMALTZ: No. That has to do with the
- 7 easement with Scott Stiteler. This is independent of that.
- 8 This is completely independent of that. This is a neutral
- 9 deal, monetarily neutral. It has to do with authorizing use
- 10 of a public thoroughfare occasionally to benefit your
- 11 tenant.
- MR. MOORE: That's just on the eastside of the --
- 13 MR. SCHMALTZ: Yes, sir.
- MR. MOORE: Okay. I'm sorry. So moved.
- 15 SECRETARY IRVIN: There's a motion? Any second?
- MR. HILL: Second.
- 17 SECRETARY IRVIN: There's a second. All in favor,
- 18 aye?
- 19 (Ayes.)
- 20 SECRETARY IRVIN: Any opposed? Motion carries.
- 21 (The Board voted and the motion
- carried.)
- MR. SCHMALTZ: Do you want to do the --
- 24 SECRETARY IRVIN: Yes. While they're -- we have
- 25 the same issues?

- 1 MR. SCHMALTZ: Same issues, right.
- 2 MR. MOORE: Are we going to vote on anything?
- 3 SECRETARY IRVIN: No. I don't know if Fletcher
- 4 has anything else. So item number nine is just the AC
- 5 Hotel update. I just want to kind of give just a guick
- 6 update on where we are.
- 7 We've had a number of different meetings with
- 8 Scott Stiteler, Mark Collins, myself, Laura working through
- 9 agreements.
- 10 We need to come back to the Board next month to
- 11 get approval on some things, but I just want everybody to
- 12 know that it looks like things are progressing well.
- We're in the middle of some interesting
- 14 discussions about a number of different things that we'll
- bring back to the Board, but I'm not seeing anything yet
- 16 that's giving me any heartburn.
- I don't know, Counsel, if you have anything that
- 18 you guys have seen. Right now we're going through
- 19 documentation and dotting i's and crossing t's, and we still
- 20 need to come back to the Board.
- MR. COLLINS: Yes. We are still creating the
- 22 documents, but it's going to be a purchase. We're going to
- own the four floors that are the parking garage. That's the
- 24 concept of this condominium development.
- 25 SECRETARY IRVIN: That's really just an update.

- 1 Unless there's any questions, I'll pass the gavel back to
- 2 Fletcher. Fletcher, you guys can come back in now.
- 3 (Chairman McCusky and Secretary Sheafe
- 4 rejoin the meeting.)
- 5 MR. MOORE: Are we done with voting?
- 6 CHAIRMAN MCCUSKER: I think so. There's nothing
- 7 there to do. I will mention that we have, a number of us,
- 8 have discussed item 16, the possibility of changing the
- 9 district's name.
- 10 We're not going to take any action today in that
- 11 regard, but we have asked counsel to research what has to
- 12 happen for the District to consider changing its name.
- Rio Nuevo has a colorful past, not all that is
- 14 positive. It's really hard to be drug around by the legacy
- of some of the actions of our predecessor, and we believe we
- 16 deserve a new chance, and a name change might be part of
- 17 that. So you may see in the future us called something
- 18 else.
- 19 So, Mr. Collins, if you would just report back to
- 20 us on whether that requires legislative actions or anybody
- 21 else's approval between now and the next meeting?
- MR. COLLINS: I will do that.
- 23 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: The Kromko lawsuit, item
- 24 number 11, we're going to table. We still have -- we need
- 25 to go, I guess, back to the City and back to the developer

- 1 to finalize that agreement.
- 2 MR. COLLINS: You can do that.
- 3 CHAIRMAN MCCUSKER: Are we close enough to
- 4 authorize settlement?
- 5 MR. COLLINS: It's up to the Board. The City's
- 6 meeting, I believe, is the 10th, although they are not going
- 7 to consider to backup. The City has provided to the
- 8 developer the City's new changes.
- 9 I think they are, by and large, neutral for this
- 10 Board, but the City will not approve or act upon anything
- 11 until the 24th. It will not be back on their agenda until
- 12 the 24th of this month.
- 13 Your next meeting is on the 23rd, the following
- 14 month. You can wait and approve those changes at that
- 15 meeting or at least address those changes at your meeting on
- 16 the 23rd, or you could choose to -- you've already agreed to
- 17 authorize the agreement as it is, except there are some
- 18 changes.
- 19 There are likely be a few more. You could choose
- 20 to authorize the chairman and secretary or treasurer to
- 21 execute the agreement with the changes, provided that those
- 22 changes are substantially similar to what is being asked for
- 23 now and there are no substantial changes made to the
- 24 agreement.
- The benefit it would provide, if, in fact, you did

- 1 that, is if the City agreed to it on the 24th, it could be
- 2 executed on the 25th, and then the time period for the
- 3 developer to get it done begins to run.
- 4 TREASURER SHEAFE: The whole key point is that
- 5 this is a breath of fresh air for the developer and makes a
- 6 determination in the event things don't happen. That's the
- 7 essence of it. So why wouldn't we just agree and go
- 8 forward?
- 9 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: The District had approved the
- 10 settlement. The developer had approved the settlement. The
- 11 mayor and city counsel objected to some pieces of it. They
- 12 have now given you language that --
- 13 MR. COLLINS: The city attorney has proposed
- 14 language just yesterday to the developer. We just saw it
- 15 yesterday too. You gentlemen can certainly put it off until
- 16 the 23rd. It doesn't matter.
- 17 TREASURER SHEAFE: What difference does it make?
- 18 I mean if it's not material to us, then why don't we just
- 19 approve it? The language that we would object to, you know,
- 20 that changes it from --
- 21 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Is there anything in the
- 22 City's language, Mark, that you are concerned with?
- 23 MR. COLLINS: No, sir. I anticipate quite frankly
- 24 some of the City's suggestions resulting in some other
- 25 changes that, if anything, would benefit the District.

- 1 TREASURER SHEAFE: Then I would make the motion
- 2 that we move forward with our approval and ask the chairman
- 3 and identify one other person that you would use as
- 4 signatory.
- 5 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: The signatories are the
- 6 chairman and the secretary.
- 7 MR. COLLINS: So the motion would be that you
- 8 would authorize the chair and the secretary to sign provided
- 9 that it's substantially the same as the agreement that
- 10 you've already approved?
- 11 TREASURER SHEAFE: That's precisely it.
- 12 SECRETARY IRVIN: I second it.
- 13 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any further conversation? All
- 14 in favor say aye.
- 15 (Ayes.)
- 16 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Those opposed, nay?
- 17 MR. RITCHIE: I abstain.
- 18 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: It still carried four to one.
- MR. RITCHIE: I didn't vote against it. I
- 20 abstained.
- 21 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: He recused himself. He should
- 22 have gotten up and left.
- TREASURER SHEAFE: Yes.
- 24 SECRETARY IRVIN: He's down there.
- 25 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: I recuse.

- 1 (The Board voted and the motion
- 2 carried.)
- 3 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: The employee manual, we have
- 4 drafted and I think everyone has reviewed it, an HR manual,
- 5 but now counsel has asked to take another look at it, so
- 6 we're going to table that until the next meeting.
- 7 And I guess, Bill, we're ready for your financial
- 8 report. And as your last official act on behalf of the
- 9 Board, we want to thank you for the work you've done in the
- 10 last year particularly getting through the audit. Good luck
- 11 to you in your future endeavors.
- MR. ALLEN: Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Go ahead.
- MR. ALLEN: All right. Well, this report is
- 15 updated through the end of August. It represents the same
- 16 report that I've been giving out each meeting.
- 17 The big development in this particular reporting
- 18 period was that I had noticed, in doing some of my due
- 19 diligence related to the year-end, that there was an anomaly
- 20 in one of the Wells accounts, the debt-servicing account,
- 21 where it seemed to me that they -- it looked like maybe for
- 22 the last several years they may have been overfunding the
- 23 restricted reserve account fund.
- 24 So I did some research on it and have since made
- 25 some inquiries to Wells. They reviewed it and responded

- 1 back to me and in August they returned to us \$1.6 million
- 2 that they had overfunded in that particular account. So
- 3 that is now back in the unrestricted cash account. So it's
- 4 available now to the Board.
- 5 And for that reason, the collective cash for this
- 6 time period, the month and a half that has transpired since
- 7 my last report, has now gone up about \$1.6 million. We have
- 8 also had, during that time, a surplus transferred to us
- 9 about \$230,000. So we have funds going out, and those two
- 10 kind of offset each other, and we've wound up with a net
- 11 increase in available cash.
- There has been some activity related to TCC
- 13 renovation, bills paid by the City of Tucson. So there's
- been a minor drop in funds that are held related to 2155,
- 15 which is paying for the cost of at least the initial \$4.4
- 16 million of the TCC renovation.
- 17 There's been minor increases in interest related
- 18 to the \$5 million that has been vested in the ICS fund and
- 19 other interest income that's coming in monthly. There's no
- 20 change in that.
- 21 So one final thing I just found this out today.
- 22 About an hour before the meeting, I talked to Wells and they
- 23 have received finally the May and June TIF distribution for
- 24 the District and because of that, they have an excess of
- 25 \$1.2 million that they are going to have transferred into

- 1 the account, which would then increase the \$5.4 million
- 2 balance by another \$1.2 million tomorrow or Monday. I thank
- 3 you for the send-off, for putting money in the TIF.
- 4 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: So that 1.2 will go into the
- 5 top bracket and it will go to 11.8 million?
- 6 MR. ALLEN: That's correct. It will go in the
- 7 first line of \$5.4 million. It will go up by \$1.2 million.
- 8 and the other numbers won't change.
- 9 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: And then the COC funds, those
- 10 are earmarked for the TCC?
- 11 MR. ALLEN: That's correct.
- 12 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: So we would go to that \$4.3
- 13 million first, and then from Rio Nuevo money, we would have
- 14 to fund an additional 3.5?
- 15 MR. ALLEN: 3.5.
- 16 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: To finish the projects. So
- 17 that would reduced the 11.8 to a little over \$8 million?
- 18 MR. SCHMALTZ: Right.
- 19 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: So we've committed four of
- 20 that and change to the AC project, so we're in pretty good
- 21 shape. We're not wealthy by any means but --
- 22 MR. ALLEN: It was nice to pick up the \$1.6
- 23 million.
- 24 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: We would never have known
- 25 about it except for you bird-dogging the account.

- 1 MR. ALLEN: And thank you to the Board
- 2 collectively for your support in working with me. It's been
- 3 an incredible experience for me. You've done a phenomenal
- 4 job.
- 5 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any questions?
- 6 SECRETARY IRVIN: I just want to reach out to you.
- 7 You stepped in at a point when we were really in turmoil. I
- 8 want to thank you for stepping in and cleaning this stuff
- 9 up.
- I know you've had lots of bosses and such a group
- of whackies up here, and you stuck through it. And I want
- 12 to thank you for sticking with it and getting us where we
- 13 need to go, so we can continue it. So I just want to;
- 14 publicly reach out and say thank you.
- MR. RITCHIE: Good luck to you, Bill.
- 16 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: He was speaking of himself
- 17 when he said whackie.
- MR. ALLEN: It's loveable whackies.
- 19 SECRETARY IRVIN: No editorials allowed.
- 20 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: As I tick back through this,
- 21 as we jumped around, we got the TCC and the two contracts
- 22 done. The Westside, we did, the Thrifty block. The area
- 23 site, I think there's just a quick update there; right,
- 24 Mark? We do not have title?
- MR. COLLINS: We're still waiting for the title.

- 1 Just to briefly update the public and the board, we have
- 2 delivered to the City a form of deed to convey title.
- 3 That deed is based upon an ALTA survey that you
- 4 folks had done and the title policy you have ordered. The
- 5 phase one is expected to be complete before the end of this
- 6 month, and I'm trying to get it completed before that but
- 7 we're on track to take title before the deadline of
- 8 October 22nd.
- 9 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Garfield Traub, we've settled.
- 10 CFO, we hired. Employee manual, we tabled. You guys took
- 11 care of the Rialto?
- 12 SECRETARY IRVIN: Right.
- 13 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: So we have call to the
- 14 audience. We have two requests. Bill O'Malley is first.
- 15 Bill.
- MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you Chairman, board members,
- 17 Bill O'Malley here representing Friends of Tucson's
- 18 Birthplace where we're developing the Mission Gardens.
- 19 We've been quite busy over at the garden over the last few
- 20 months, since we last updated you.
- 21 A couple weeks ago we took part in a breakfast
- 22 celebration for Tucson's birthday with a breakfast at
- 23 Macayo. There were over 150 people attended. We had 100
- 24 people who toured the garden. We have several new gardens
- 25 within the garden that are underway now.

- 1 We're stretching the resources that we have
- 2 available to us. We've seen a dip in our fundraising
- 3 activities. And in that light, we know that Rio Nuevo has
- 4 committed \$1.1 million to the completion of the garden.
- We're anxious to meet with you and discuss that,
- 6 the terms and conditions of that, and what the requirements
- 7 are. We have asked to get together to talk about it.
- 8 I understand that the Board's position is you give
- 9 authorization for the convention center and the downtown
- 10 hotel. We don't agreed with that position, because when the
- 11 legislature reconstituted Rio Nuevo Board, our understanding
- 12 was that the directions were for the Board to review the
- downtown hotel, proceed with the convention center but also
- 14 complete any existing contracts.
- 15 And the contracts, both for the design,
- 16 engineering and construction of the Mission Gardens were in
- 17 place at that time and in fact they're still in place.
- 18 Those were open contracts, a joint contract between the City
- 19 and Rio Nuevo and the contractor in this case.
- 20 So therefore we think that the board is able to
- 21 proceed with that. You mentioned earlier that you wanted to
- 22 see progress. We're ready to go. The documents are
- 23 complete. As I mentioned those contracts are open. We can
- 24 engage a contractor immediately to start work on the
- 25 project.

- 1 So the bottom line is we're anxious to meet with
- 2 you to find out what the terms and conditions are so we can
- 3 get that resolved so we can proceed with the Mission
- 4 Gardens.
- 5 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Thank you very much.
- 6 Mr. Collins, can I ask you to look into that for us? I
- 7 always thought that we were pretty clear that the actual
- 8 notice to proceed can't be issued right now, but Bill has
- 9 raised an interesting question regarding project in
- 10 progress. Would you research that for us?
- MR. COLLINS: Happily.
- 12 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: And last but not least,
- 13 Josefina Cardenas.
- MS. CARDENAS: Buenas Tardes. I first would like
- 15 to congratulate you. I appreciate all of your work on
- 16 behalf of Tucson.
- 17 I wanted to ask you concerning your process.
- 18 Sometimes it's difficult to know when you're going to meet.
- 19 If you had a way to let us know when you're meeting and the
- 20 time, if that would work.
- 21 And I wanted to let you know that we're neighbors
- 22 now. We always have that in mind. Our land and your land
- 23 is all linked, and we're all neighbors and should be
- 24 respected as such and that we also should come to the table
- 25 with you and vote for these changes.

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     level because sometimes the low income, ignorant poor get
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     swept under the rug. I'm hoping you're not going to do that
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     and you're going to bring us to the table. Thanks.
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               CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Thank you. You're anything
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    but ignorant.
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              MS. CARDENAS: In speaking also you have been
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     saying the County, City and Rio Nuevo has come together. I
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     would like to see Native Americans included in that. Thank
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    you.
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               CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Any other business? I'll
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     entertain a motion to adjourn.
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               TREASURER SHEAFE: So moved.
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               CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All in favor say aye.
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                         (Ayes.)
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