



1015 Cultural Park Blvd.
Cape Coral, FL

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

May 13, 2019

9:00 AM

**Conference Room
220A**

1. Call to Order

A. Chair Starnier

2. Roll Call:

A. Botkin, Eidson, Gruber, Jacquet-Castor, Osborn, Smith, Starnier,
and Alternate Boller

3. Public Input

4. Business

- A. Economic Development Office - Ricardo Noguera, EDO Manager
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes - April 8, 2019
- C. Discussion of the Workshops

5. Public Input

6. Member Comment

7. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

A. The next meeting of the Budget Review Committee will be held on
Monday, June 10, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 220A.

8. Adjournment

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Item Number:	4.B.
Meeting Date:	5/13/2019
Item Type:	Business

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
CITY OF CAPE CORAL



TITLE:

Approval of Meeting Minutes - April 8, 2019

SUMMARY:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
▫ Meeting Minutes - April 8, 2019	Backup Material

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CAPE CORAL BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Monday, April 8, 2019

CONFERENCE ROOM 220A

9:00 a.m.

Chair Starner called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Botkin, Eidson, Gruber, Jacquet-Castor, Obsorn, Smith, and Starner were present. Alternate Boller was excused.

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Nelson, Council Liaison (appointed by Council on 4/1/19)
Victoria Bateman, Finance Director
Christopher Phillips, Management Budget Administrator
Kerry Runyon, Parks and Recreation Director

Public Input

Tom Hayden, Cape Coral resident, appeared and voiced that he was not sure who suggested the idea at the last meeting, but he opined that it would be a good idea for the BRC to meet monthly and meet with each of the 16 department heads prior to the budget cycle.

BUSINESS

Parks & Recreation Discussion
Kerry Runyon, Parks & Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation (P&R) Director Runyon introduced herself to the Committee and mentioned that she attended today's meeting to address the questions that the Committee compiled regarding the Parks and Recreation department.

Finance Director Bateman mentioned that she had most of the questions and informed P&R Director Runyon that she was invited to provide a presentation on the department.

Question No. 5 from Committee Member Gruber:

- Page 6-65, Historical Society contribution is noted to move to Parks/Rec.
What page is that, can't see it?

Finance Director Bateman responded to this question as it was on her list to address. She informed the Committee that the contribution was rollup under the Recreation Administration listed on page 6-63 in the Budget book.

Discussion held regarding this item as it would not be labeled the Historical Society Contribution.

P&R Director Runyon read the following from page 6-67 of the Budget book: Note ¹ Cape Coral Historical Society donation moved to P&R Administration budget (located on page 6-63).

Finance Director Bateman pointed out to the Committee where the information would be in the book and reiterated that it was included with other P&R expenditures.

Committee Member Gruber stated that Note ¹ does not state where the information was moved to, it only stated moved to Park & Rec.

P&R Director Runyon clarified that the information would be located on page 6-63.

Finance Director Bateman mentioned that this item was in government services, which was a miscellaneous account, and she has been reallocating expenses out of government services.

Committee Member Gruber understood where to find the information.

Question No. 1 from Committee Member Eidson:

- Update on Golf Course Restaurant

P&R Director Runyon reported that a temporary hold has been placed on the efforts to identify alternatives to the current food and beverage plan for Coral Oaks until the D&D Marina plan has been resolved. The latest unaudited cash report through March 31st suggested that Knickers Pub's revenues exceeded the expenses.

Vice Chair Eidson inquired about the restaurant becoming an amenity for the community.

Discussion held regarding:

- Community development in the area
- Focus on increasing revenue
- Public-Private Partnership (P3) status—option still on the table
- D&D Marina Plan still ongoing first
- City Manager's Office handling this item – Not Parks & Recs
- Views on possible conversion into a P3 partnership
- Positive outlook, however, investments needed to upgrade facility
- NW area appears to be the next area of growth
- P&R working with Business Manager and City Manager's office on processes

Question No. 2 from Committee Member Eidson:

- Number of Pickle Ball Courts and Plans for Future

P&R Director Runyon provided an update on this item and stated that the ranking recommendations submitted would be going before the Council on April 15th.

Discussion held regarding the potential benefits from the pickle ball courts and facilities development, which could result in working with the Lee County Sports Commission, with the intent to outline a tournament-based program, such as soccer and softball.

Chair Starnes inquired about the public input on the preference of pickle ball vs. tennis ball courts.

P&R Director Runyon responded that the demand was determined in 2016 with the Master Parks Plan. She outlined the next phases of the project including engineering for plan development, community outreach and input, and having professional input from local tennis pro and pickle ball community to assist with the development process.

Committee Member Botkin inquired whether the financing for this project was part of the GO Bond.

P&R Director Runyon responded in the affirmative.

Question No. 3 from Committee Member Eidson:

- Four Freedom's Future; What When Where Four Freedom Park:

P&R Director Runyon reported that the department has been moving along with the development of the park's facility for programs for kids, adults, and special events. To date, there has not been any other movement for this facility.

Question No. 4 from Committee Member Eidson:

- Plans for Yacht Club - Status Pool Reno – Parking:

P&R Director Runyon informed that the Concept Plans for the Yacht Club GO Bond could be found on the City's website at www.capecoral.net under GO Bond Projects. She informed that engineering plans are pending and discussed the possible additions of other amenities. As to the pool, she reported that the renovations are still undergoing, and the reopening date was still expected to be on June 1st.

Questions No. 1 and 2 from Committee Member Smith:

- How will the bond issue affect the budget, and specifically will parks and rec need more people and or more equipment not paid for by the bond issue either near term or long term?
- Where does the money come from to pay for the bonds? And how will it show in the budget?

P&R Director Runyon reported that she was currently working on the suggested maintenance and operating budgets for the new park facility slated for 2022. She stated that looking at the \$60 million GO Bond, 5% of the \$60 million would be the estimation for maintenance and operations expenses (this would be in addition and not

part of the GO Bond funds). She informed that there should be P3 opportunities in Crystal Lake and Cultural Park, as well as revenue generated from pavilion rentals, P3 programs, boat slips, weddings/special events, and membership at the racket center. She further stated that the funds would be generated to pay for the bond from the ad valorem taxes based on the assessed value of the home properties, dedicated to debt service as shown in the Budget.

Vice Chair Eidson inquired about the Golf Course status.

P&R Director Runyon informed that there are ongoing negotiations with Ryan Companies regarding the cleanup process.

Discussion held regarding:

- City Manager's Office in charge of process
- Published newspaper article on this topic
- Ryan Companies working with Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Cleanup contingency and making sure no liability issues
- Hip pocket plan with many walking paths--passive type of recreation facility
- Pickle ball courts not conducive due to noise issue in the area
- P3 opportunities

Committee Member Gruber inquired about the areas the Committee should be considering or thinking about for the Parks & Recreation budget area.

P&R Director Runyon responded that the main concerns would include moving forward with the GO Bond, building, and capitalizing on the operating and maintenance (O&M) of the facilities, including personnel, cleaning supplies, and basic mowing services to be contracted out. The Parks department currently maintains 39 facilities and are open seven days a week. She reported that there are steady weekend pavilion rentals during this time of the year, therefore, O&M would be necessary to move forward.

Chair Starnes inquired about the comment referring to the 5% of the \$60 million to be used for O&M.

P&R Director Runyon clarified that the estimation for O&M expenses would equivalent to 5% of the \$60 million.

Discussion held regarding:

- O&M expenses
- 5% would be in addition to the \$60 million—annual estimate
- GO bond could only be used for capital—cannot include regular operations costs
- Bonds cost money and operating costs are associated with maintaining facilities

Committee Member Smith inquired about the other revenue generating opportunities and whether those would cover the 5% gap.

P&R Director Runyon responded that those options would not cover the gap, and what would be covered may be less than that amount. She advised that she has been working on the revenue and expense budgets.

Chair Starner discussed the prior year's BRC presentation where it was discussed that the Golf Course and Sun Splash affect the General Fund. However, these parks are part of the quality of life for the City and the community. They are important and should be a priority, as outlined in the City's budget for quality of life. He opined that these are expenses that cannot be avoided.

P&R Director Runyon agreed and stated that we are a service to the community and that comes with a cost. Based on the revenues received, it would be difficult to cover all the expenses. She presented the following slides:

- Cape Coral Parks & Recreation
- Table of Contents
- Current Overview – P&R
- Current Overview – General Fund
- Benchmarking Cost Recovery
- Current Overview – Programs

Chair Starner inquired about the chart's third column located in the middle of the slide reflecting 1,501 to 2,500.

P&R Director Runyon responded that those figures were based on the population by square mile and the City would fall under 1,501 to 2,500. She read that Cape Coral has a density of 1,735.3 people per square mile and continued with the following slide:

- Current Overview – Coral Oaks

Vice Chair Eidson inquired about what attributed to the reported figures for Coral Oaks.

P&R Director Runyon responded that the following factors contributed to the overall increase in numbers with the 5% sales tax increase, fees had to be increased, tee times in Coral Oaks increased maybe due to better fields, and effects of recovering from Hurricane Irma. Focusing on a positive outcome and providing a good experience overall. The fees are competitive with other facilities.

She continued with the following slides:

- Current Overview – Sun Splash
- Current Overview – Yacht Basin

Chair Starner inquired about the annual income based on the drinks sales.

P&R Director Runyon responded that the expected intake would be \$120,000-\$125,000.

Chair Starner stated that this amount would not cover the subsidy of the General fund.

P&R Director Runyon agreed and continued with the next slide:

- How we Benefit from Parks and Rec

Committee Member Botkin opined that the Committee agreed with everything presented. The BRC recommended in their presentation last year the creation of a P3 (public-private partnerships) for Sun Splash and the Golf Course, as these facilities are being subsidized with millions of dollars each year. The Committee agreed that the facilities were important for the Community. He requested P&R Director Runyon's perspective on this recommendation.

P&R Director Runyon responded that based on her experience, the Cape Coral waterpark was not a designation location like the one in Orlando. She opined that finding an entity to manage the park besides the City could be tough to find.

Discussion held regarding:

- Finding entity to manage the park
- Concerns with personnel and improvement expenditures
- The fire and Turtle Cove challenges
- 3rd year in recovering phase and expectation for numbers to increase
- Pros and Cons of contracting-out the parks
- Items related to contractual terms: inspections and cancellation contingencies

Chair Starner stated that the point the BRC tried to present last year was that the P3 partnership at the Boathouse was successful, therefore, why would this not translate to these two other facilities.

P&R Director Runyon commented that the P3 at the Boathouse was with a company that managed other restaurants in the area and this factor assisted with capturing that P3. With the Yacht Club being on the water, it would be more of a destination location than Sun Splash. She informed that making improvements, especially to the kitchen would be necessary if the goal was to introduce new ideas such as golf course, special events, offering food and banquet services.

Discussion held regarding:

- Consideration of P3 opportunities and restaurant concept
- Sharing lease holding improvement option
- Converting into a designation location
- Outcome of Royal Tee Golf Course rental
- Past bidders' opportunities

- BRC recommendation to Council of the possible P3 opportunities
- Continued work on D&D and restaurant
- Sun Splash waiting for this year's outcome; Lazy River repairs-biggest attraction

Committee Member Gruber inquired about the numbers reported in the presentation regarding the Golf Course showing the current cost recovery rate of 109.9%.

Discussion held regarding the cost and recovery rate.

P&R Director Runyon continued with the presentation as follows:

- Year-Over-Year Subsidy Analysis

Discussion held regarding the cost recovery and plan to achieve \$6.26M subsidy (see Slide 11 in the P&R Key Points presentation).

Committee Member Jacquet-Castor inquired if the Committee would be able to receive a copy of the P&R presentation.

P&R Director Runyon responded in the affirmative.

Discussion held regarding:

- Transfer-in of \$370,000 and Transfer-out of \$593,000
- Pending Actuals, tendency of underbudget subsidy
- Transfer-out was for money paid for administrative/overhead costs
- Break-even and profitability of Sun Splash and Golf Course

Finance Director Bateman mentioned that she would provide to the Committee the General Fund Subsidy and Full Cost Allocation break-down for the past ten years for the Golf course and Sun Splash.

Discussion held regarding:

- Administrative/overhead cost and accounting best practices requirements
- Review of Sun Splash P&R FY2019 Operating Budget (slide)
- Sun Splash Transfers-in and Interfund Transfers
- Breaking-even this year; limiting subsidy based on FY2019 Amended Budget
- Overall positive outlook and opportunities for new things

Chair Starner stated that if the reported numbers were semi-accurate, then he admitted that a P3 partnership would not be necessary.

Discussion held regarding:

- Prior years reporting was in the millions of dollars subsidies
- 2016-2018 were difficult years due to the fire and repair expenses
- City self-insured for these type of damages

Committee Member Smith suggested that the P3 partnerships may not be necessary to reduce the deficit. However, he opined that it could help with generating revenue to be used toward the Golf Course or additional O&M for the new parks, which could be a revenue producer.

Discussion held regarding any profit from Sun Splash would be transferred to the General Fund.

Vice Chair Eidson voiced his support toward P&R Director Runyon's efforts and wanted to make sure that things are handled positively from both sides—supporting the big picture.

P&R Director Runyon stated that she would prefer to gather a full year of data on Sun Splash. She opined that this may be a positive year as things are coming together—focusing on the positive.

Chair Starner mentioned that the Committee was focused on representing the taxpayers of the City.

P&R Director Runyon stated that the City would be making it transparent to the public about the GO Bond money by providing quarterly updates on the City's website on the spending, tracking, and construction progress.

Committee Member Botkin inquired about the creation of capital project funds specific to the GO Bond.

Finance Director Bateman informed that there are several funds for the different phases: Community Parks, Neighborhood Parks, and Improvements to existing facilities.

Committee Member Obsorn inquired if there would be at the end of the session, a net profit/loss, loaded costs, sales, and revenues for the \$6 liquor fee.

P&R Director Runyon responded that Finance would be tracking the data separately.

Discussion held regarding:

- Sun Splash ongoing expenses
- New revenue ideas to offsite expenses
- Other events: Birthday parties, Special events, Parking Rental
- Parks & Recs serves are the support group for other organization hosting events

Question No. 1 from Committee Member Gruber:

- What are the fire assessment tiers?

Finance Director Bateman responded that Tier 1 represented the vacant property parcels and Tier 2 represented the value of the structure/developed property based on building cost value, which would be calculated by the property appraiser. Finance Director Bateman opined that the average would be about \$150 per year. The purpose was for everyone to contribute and not only the property owners.

Question No. 2 from Committee Member Gruber:

- In a prior meeting we were told about the city break even on residence is about \$280,000 valuation before city breaks even with taxes. Explanation of what that means / includes please.

Finance Director Bateman mentioned that she could not address Question No. 2 from Committee Member Gruber as the source was unknown and thought this was said by Joe Mazurkiewicz.

Discussion held regarding:

- Home value advantages and disadvantages—above or below \$276,000
- Property taxes pay for fire, police, and other services provided by the City
- What the collected taxes on structured/developed and vacant properties cover?
- Offsetting costs

Question/Comment No. 3 from Committee Member Gruber:

- In our presentation we should tie comments to the strategic goal of protecting environment and preserving natural resources. This is because we discuss growth as underlying precept.

Committee Member Gruber mentioned that the following comment was directed to the Committee to discuss among themselves regarding the overall BRC presentation.

Question No. 4 from Committee Member Gruber:

- According to report, we have 190k residents. Newsletter is sent to 80k residents according to page 18. Why is there a large gap?

Finance Director Bateman reported that she reviewed this item with the Assistant City Manager and it was projected that there was more than one person per household.

Question No. 6 from Committee Member Gruber:

- Page 5-8. Public Service tax comment reads that it was instituted when only one other larger town didn't have one. Could we understand how many other cities use/have this tax now.

Finance Director Bateman agreed to provide the BRC a link with the Florida Statute and information on the Public Service Tax.

Discussion held regarding the Public Service Tax for the electric service, tax based on electrical usage, the current rate set at 7%, and the maximum rate at 10%.

Committee Member Smith inquired about the link that was going to be available with the monthly reports. He reviewed the link several times and noticed that the page was blank.

Finance Director Bateman responded that there are various links on the City's website where the Actual and Adopted Budgets and other financial reports could be located.

Discussion held regarding the monthly reports that would be uploaded into the City's website and Committee requested to be shown how to access the data online (monthly budget reports by department would be located under the Financial Reports page and titled by month and year—February 2018 is one report including the departments).

Chair Starner continued with discussing the last question on the list that was directed to the City Auditor.

- What are the auditors concerns with having an external performance audit, which is quite different from a financial audit?

Chair Starner acknowledged and read the City Auditor's email response into the record. (A printed copy of the email response was hand-delivered to the Board)

Finance Director Bateman telephoned Staff and conferenced into the meeting Management Budget Administrator Phillips regarding the link that was setup for the BRC to access the monthly reports. She requested that Staff come to the meeting and demonstrate how and where to access the monthly reports.

Management Budget Administrator Phillips agreed to come to the meeting.

Discussion continued regarding the purpose of internal and external audits, and the Audit Committee process of working with the City Auditor on reviewing all audits.

Council Liaison Nelson introduced herself as the new Council Liaison for the BRC and requested some background on this matter and what the BRC had requested.

Chair Starner provided an overview regarding the possibility of having an external audit firm do a performance audit—not a financial audit. He discussed that the minutes were amended at the last meeting, to include the word "external" in the proper areas referencing performance audits.

Council Liaison Nelson inquired about why the BRC would be checking the performance on—audit or City.

Chair Starner responded that it would be on the City.

Discussion held regarding:

- Number of \$80,000-\$96,000 for performance audit (per City Auditor's memo)
- BRC Members' research showed other Cities cost of \$500,000-\$1 million for entire city performance audit
- Concept of an external independent eyes on operations
- Process would include identifying what could be done/changed in the City that would result in x dollars of savings
- Purpose would be to saving taxpayers' dollars
- Research has shown that external performance reviews have resulted in savings
- BRC's view that this would be a direct budget process
- Views whether budget or audit process

Committee Member Botkin voiced that the BRC's view on spending money would be a budget issue and that was the foundation and concept behind the recommendation.

Council Liaison Nelson stated that she was not familiar with the concept and what was being requested. She responded that she could equate this matter to the Charter Schools for example. The Audit Committee was involved in the last two years with the auditing of the Charter Schools and have made recommendations. The first year there were about 47 recommendations and this past year there were 17. She opined that the Audit Committee could be tasked to review individual departments.

Chair Starner responded that it would not be an independent performance audit.

Discussion held regarding:

- Not to be done on a regular basis or every year—periodic check-in
- BRC has not recommended this yet—only a discussion
- Fresh eyes on old problems could create new opportunities
- Reason why BRC was discussing to make proposal this year or not
- BRC thinking about the best interest of the City
- City Auditor already doing performance analysis—BRC not challenging audits
- External audits of books would be prudent
- Suggestion to invite City Auditor to another BRC meeting this year
- Mayor's input and direction to the City Auditor, as this was Audit Committee issue
- City Auditor attendance to last year BRC meeting with Assistant City Auditor Disano and explained her role of handling outside independent auditors
- Topic was not to be the focus of the BRC
- Suggestion to have the Chair of the Audit Committee attend the BRC meeting

Committee Member Botkin stated that from the BRC perspective, when the Committee presents their recommendation as part of the Budget presentation, one of the

recommendations would be that the Mayor and the City Council consider the possibility of conducting an external citywide performance audit.

Vice Chair Eidson added that this would be backed up with comment.

Committee Member Botkin further stated that then the Committee would be done with this item, and the City Council would make their decision on the recommendation.

Discussion held regarding anticipated questions regarding costs and reasons for the recommendation.

Council Liaison Nelson agreed to speak with City Auditor Butola to understand and obtain some clarification on this matter. She agreed to report back at the next meeting.

Discussion held regarding:

- City Auditor has the Audit Committee to make recommendations to the Council
- If BRC would make a recommendation to Council, then the City Auditor could consider the item at the Council's discretion
- BRC authority and recommendation of hiring an external party—not internal
- City Auditor handles performance audits at Council's discretion
- City Auditor completes an annual plan that goes before the Council
- Suggestion for BRC to make recommendation on specific concern to Council
- Council would decide and direct City Auditor

Council Liaison Nelson offered to provide an overview about this discussion during her report at the next Council meeting. She also offered to speak with the City Auditor and facilitate communications on this item. The Recording Secretary would receive an e-mail from the Council Liaison with bullet points to be distributed to the members.

Management Budget Administrator Phillips arrived and explained that the link that was previously provided to the BRC would direct them to the Financial Reports page, which the reports are pending to be uploaded. He stated that when they click on the link, that was previously provided, they would be redirected to the page demonstrated on the monitor (Financial Reports page). This would be the page where the PDF monthly budget reports would be located for the BRC to access.

The Committee thanked Management Budget Administrator Phillips for his assistance.

Management Budget Administrator Phillips agreed to have the reports uploaded as discussed.

Committee Member Gruber inquired about the Charter Schools and the report that was going to be forthcoming.

Chair Starner requested the input from the Finance Director.

Finance Director Bateman provided feedback on the best practices and sustainability status.

Discussion held regarding:

- Expenses outweighing revenues
- High School not at full capacity—expensive to run
- Idea of offering a Magnet program in addition to Athletics program
- Options: keep “as-is”; turn over to Lee County; fix model—pending discussions
- Nothing set yet—ongoing meetings between all interested parties
- Governing Board, Charter School, and Council would review recommendations
- Charter School Authority Governing Board Meeting on April 9th at 5:30 p.m.

Committee Member Gruber inquired about the expectation to resolve this by the Summer.

Council Liaison Nelson opined that the resolution would be by year-end of the school year but was not sure as they were already in April.

Vice Chair Eidson inquired about the leadership change of the Charter Schools Board and how long had the change been in place.

Discussion held regarding:

- Several Board members replaced
- Perspectives of Board Members
- Transportation issues and no preventative maintenance contracts
- Replacement of vehicles to decrease large repair costs
- Change of model due to various challenges with capital, increased costs for new air conditioners in buildings, fleet personnel, and management
- No DOT certified inspections
- Internal Funds not audited for many years
- Lack of discussion about maintaining new buildings as they were new when built
- Costing more to maintain buildings and other portable structures
- Charter Schools are setup wherein the City has no control, but all the liability
- Unclear commitment/discussion about not to tax residents for the schools
- No information referencing this comment was located in Charter or Chapter 27
- Options to offset the expenses and possible Charter Schools amendment
- Pending City Manager’s recommendations on the Charter Schools

Committee Member Obsorn left at 10:28 a.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Starner stated that the minutes from the March 11, 2019 meeting were presented for approval.

Committee Member Smith moved, seconded by Committee Member Botkin, to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2019 meeting. Voice Poll: All “ayes.” Motion carried.

2019 Proposed Schedule of Budget Session Meetings

Chair Starner discussed the 2019 Proposed Schedule for the Budget Session Meetings where the Committee would meet almost daily in July/August.

Discussion held on the following by the Board:

- Structure of dates follow prior years schedules
- All meeting dates may or may not take place
- August 6th and August 13th marked as tentative as Budget Workshops with Council have been scheduled on same dates in the afternoon

Committee Member Gruber inquired about what prompted the start of the meetings on July 22nd.

Finance Director Bateman responded that the City Manager’s proposed budget is released.

Discussion held regarding:

- Budget released a week before the return of the Council from their hiatus-break
- BRC review of the proposed budget begins on July 22nd
- Budget for next fiscal year and following two years – finished product booklet
- BRC would work on slide show presentation during this time
- There may be multiple presenters depending on the categories

Vice Chair Eidson moved, seconded by Committee Member Jacquet-Castor, to approve the schedule for the BRC meetings this summer. Voice Poll: All “ayes.” Motion carried.

Public Input

Tom Hayden, Cape Coral resident, voiced that it was not a myth regarding the discussion held, about 13 years ago, by Cape Coral Council pertaining to the Charter Schools not being a taxpayer’s burden.

Council Liaison Nelson requested confirmation of Mr. Hayden’s statement.

Mr. Hayden further stated that he would locate the article (pertaining to the Charter Schools). He was uncertain if the discussion was available in the prior minutes, EB broadcast of the meeting, or tapes. Mr. Hayden guaranteed that it was part of the consensus at the time that they did not want this to be a burden upon the City and somehow managed independently from taxpayer's money. He clarified that this was not a myth and a discussion was held, what was voted on specifically, he did not know.

Council Liaison Nelson opined that it would be great to obtain this information.

Finance Director Bateman mentioned that the prior City Manager Terry Stewart mentioned this previously to the Council, but no one was able to find any information.

Mr. Hayden stated that he does not have access to the archives, as he is retired, but he would attempt to locate the information.

Council Liaison Nelson requested that he forward the information to the Recording Secretary, so that it could be distributed to the Committee.

Further discussion held regarding Charter Schools were modeled by Pembroke Pines system and the management of the Pembroke Pines system.

Council Liaison Nelson thanked Mr. Hayden for his assistance on this matter.

Finance Director Bateman announced that she forwarded to the Recording Secretary, to be distributed to the Committee, the 10-Year History of Subsidy and Chargebacks for the Golf Course and Sun Splash. The Committee would be able to see how much was paid to the General Fund for the overhead, what came in, and how much came out.

Further discussion held regarding the subsidies, cash flows, and costs.

Member Comments

Committee Member Smith questioned the review of the cash flow for the Golf Course.

Discussion held regarding the review of cash flow, charges for pension and benefits, outsourcing costs, cause of the subsidies, maintenance, and overhead costs.

Chair Starner inquired from Council Liaison Nelson if the City Council would be responsible for approving members to the Committees.

Council Liaison Nelson responded in the affirmative.

Chair Starner stated that Alternate Boller was appointed last Fall, and he has not been present at any of the meetings. He inquired about member removal.

Council Liaison Nelson responded that she would inquire about the procedure and report back to the Committee. She inquired when the Alternate was appointed.

Further discussion held as follows:

- Alternate appointed last September 2018; attendance history
- Procedure to remove member from the Committee--recommendation to Council
- He has communicated and requested to be excused to some meetings
- Review how many meetings could be missed before forfeiting seat

Chair Starner further stated that his concern was not having a person in his position to share their ideas and input.

Council Liaison Nelson agreed to find out the procedure and bring this topic up at the Council meeting this coming Monday. She would report to the Recording Secretary on how to proceed on this issue.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 220A.

Chair Starner stated that he would not be available at the next meeting and inquired if Vice Chair Eidson would chair the meeting.

Vice Chair Eidson responded in the affirmative. He recalled that the Committee requested to invite the EDO Manager to attend one of the BRC meeting. He stated that he was aware that the EDO Manager was new, and he could touch base with the Committee. He inquired if the Recording Secretary could arrange to have the EDO Manager at the next meeting.

Chair Starner inquired if the Recording Secretary would handle this task.

Recording Secretary Castillo responded in the affirmative.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Submitted by,

Betty Castillo
Recording Secretary