



GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 23, 2022
Minutes

The City of Rome General Administration Committee met at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at the Stonebridge Golf Club.

Members present:

Commissioner Bill Collins, Chairperson
Commissioner Jamie Doss
Meredith Ulmer, Asst. City Manager
Toni Rhinehart, Finance Director
Johnny Bunch, IT Director
Colt Gaston, RTC
Chris Boden, Rome City Schools

Commissioner Elaina Beeman
Sammy Rich, City Manager
Joe Smith, City Clerk
Kristy Shepard, HR/RM Director
Lief Smith, Stonebridge
Lisa Smith, Tourism / RTC
Mark Green, Recording Secretary

Members absent:

Andy Davis, City Attorney

Guests Present:

Doug Walker, Public Information Officer

Chairman Bill Collins called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the June 21, 2022 meeting were approved by common consent.

II. New Business

Bridgepoint Plaza Sign Agreement

Joe Smith began by introducing a draft agreement for the sign located at Bridgepoint Plaza. Smith provided the committee with pictures of the sign and a report related to its current state. Smith commented, "... You can see the sign is a little rough... the law firm of MSP Investment Group, LLC (MSP) has approached Sammy (Rich), about redoing the sign." According to the agreement, MSP would like 25% of the sign to be allocated for their own use (the City would retain rights to the remaining 75%).

Rich commented, "There is no reason in the world we wouldn't go along with this." Smith commented, "It (the sign) could use a refresh."

MOTION: Commissioner Beeman motioned to approve the agreement.

2nd motion: Commissioner Doss seconded the motion.

III. Old Business - None

IV. Reports

Stonebridge Golf

Joe Smith and Lief Smith presented the reports for Stonebridge Golf. Joe Smith commented, "... Year to date, we are in the black \$77,336, and we had a good 2021... In short, we have had a good first seven months of the year. Lief and his crew have done a great job."

Lief Smith provided a glowing review of the play at Stonebridge. Commissioner Collins questioned, "Has golf ever been in the position to go into a challenged neighborhood and have a clinic?" Lief Smith responded by introducing the committee to a program called "Spare for Change." This program is a charity where old golf clubs are donated and resized to give

away to members of the community. Collins commented, "There are a lot of kids in challenged areas who have never seen a golf club." Jamie Doss commented, "Golf is a sport that a lot of people are not exposed to." Additional discussion took place regarding Spare for Change.

Rome Tennis Center

Colt Gaston presented the reports for Rome Tennis Center (RTC). Gaston commented, "We have been rocking and rolling... We took on some really big tournaments in July." Gaston provided an overview of the tournaments that were recently hosted. Gaston continued, "We are learning a lot, to say the least."

Gaston pivoted and provided a report on the financials of the RTC. Gaston commented, "We nearly doubled our memberships at the RTC at Berry College... There are a lot of good things happening with the fob system downtown... We are rolling in the right direction." Gaston continued to provide a positive report for the RTC.

Lisa Smith commented, "Facilities-wise, we have put quite a bit of capital downtown. If you have not been there in a long time, we invite you to come down and take a tour... We are doing the same at the big center." Lisa Smith notified the committee of the various improvements that have been completed and planned at each tennis facility.

Barron Stadium

Chris Boden provided a report for Barron Stadium. Boden began, "It is definitely Fall. The calendar has taken an upswing... We fixed the sign at Barron that wind damaged last year." Boden continued to provide various updates related to the stadium and the calendar of events.

Boden provided a review of the recent Corky Kell Classic event that was held at Barron Stadium. Boden offered positive remarks for the event. Boden stated, "It was great. It is so awesome how we all worked together to make that event special." Boden continued to notify the committee of the upcoming schedule of events at Barron Stadium.

Rich commented, "Let's talk about parking (in reference to Corky Kell). I have had no complaints about parking. We had folks parking behind the levee, and we worked the 3rd Avenue parking deck as a special event. I hope that helped."

Bill Collins questioned, "Is there room in front of Barron for a Parking Deck?" Rich responded, "Theoretically we could." Additional discussion followed regarding parking near Barron Stadium.

OTS Report

Johnny Bunch commented, "We started our network upgrade. All of our equipment has begun shipping. However, we did run into an issue with the network switches, which will not be delivered for another year." Bunch notified the committee that the pause in delivery of the switches can work to the City's advantage.

Help desk tickets: Opened: 891 Closed: 790 Pending/Open: 101

The Granicus report indicates that 51 total views occurred. The viewership was led by Rome, Atlanta, New York, Calhoun and a host of other locations.

The MyRome Application had 22 work orders completed, and 6 are still in progress.

Bunch notified the committee that Havish Deepnarain has been promoted to the position of Systems Administrator.

Human Resources Reports

Due to time constraints, Kristy Shepard presented a brief report for the Human Resources department. Shepard commented, "In the last couple of weeks, we have had some turnover in Police." Shepard indicated that the officers that recently left did so to find another career outside of law enforcement. Shepard continued to review the reports that were submitted.

The meeting adjourned at 1:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Green

Mark Green, Recording Secretary