

MINUTES of the National Guard Building Reuse Commission  
June 15, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

Committee Members present:

Councilor David A. Witham, Chairman  
Councilor Matt Gerding  
Councilor Richard R. Michaud

Staff Members present:

City Manager Bob Belmore  
Finance Director Scott Smith  
Deputy City Clerk Ammy Ramsey

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Witham at 4:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES, March 17, 2021

*Councilor Michaud made a motion to approve the past minutes from January 25, 2021. The motion was seconded by councilor Michaud and passed 3-0.*

## UPDATE ON NATIONAL GUARD TIMELINE TO VACATE

City Manager Belmore informed the Committee that he received an update stating Nation Guard is still planning to vacate the Readiness Center by the end of June. At that time, the State Business Office will begin the process to revert the property back to the City. Belmore stated that he had requested a final walk-thru with the Guard prior to the City gaining possession.

Councilor Witham expressed a concern about the grass not being cut. Manager Belmore responded that he has already reached out to the National Guard and will follow up and try to get them to take care of this right away.

PHASE 1 ESA UPDATE

Belmore provided the Committee with a Summary of the Phase 1 report from Nobis Engineering, Inc. for their review. Manager Belmore suggested the City have a Phase 2 analysis conducted and the timeline taking approximately 4 months. He mentioned that SRPC had funded the Phase 1 ESA through Grant money and may be able to assist the City with Phase II ESA funding.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Councilor Witham stated he would like to see the National Guard Building grounds maintained. Particulars were discussed such as plowing in the winter and minimally heating the building/s.

Councilor Witham also mentioned that he was contacted by George Bald inquiring about the status of the National Guard property, because he has a developer that has some interest in acquiring this property to develop the property. Witham requested that Belmore contact George Bald and look into this. Councilor Witham stated that one of the Committee's charges is to bring back potential uses of this property to the City Council. He inquired if we could contract SRPC to see if they have any resources to assist and also have the City Staff explore options for this property for the Committee to consider.

ADJOURN

*Councilor Michaud made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Gerding seconded the motion, the motion passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Ammy Ramsey, Deputy City Clerk