

# CIVIC CENTER COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2020

### Attendees:

CCC Members: Chairman John Harrity, Commissioner Jim Knowlton, Commissioner Lowell Alexander, Commissioner John Brissette

City: John Odell

SMG: Sandy Dunn, Jim Moughan

1. Call to Order: Chairman Harrity brought the meeting to order at 9:04. John Odell took the roll call.
2. Chairman Harrity explained this was an emergency meeting to discuss the Field Hospital and turned the meeting over to John Odell and Sandy Dunn. Sandy explained that daily meetings with UMass Hospital were being had and that if the Commissioners approved they would start moving in immediately.

Chairman Harrity asked a series of questions and was told that the pods were 25 patients each and that the first patient could be accepted on December 6<sup>th</sup>. FEMA had stored much of the equipment and Sandy felt they were in a much better position this time around. An explanation of the air system and the emergency generator was discussed.

Commissioner Brissette asked if the team from the Federal Courthouse was still interested in renting space and was told that was no longer on the table. Sandy also explained that the relocation of Worcester Wares was a

generous gift from Mr. Rucker who not only offered the space rent free but had the Rainers staff help move everything. Sandy also said that the duration of the hospital could be as long as six months.

Commissioner Brissette reiterated that although he was happy that the DCU was able to be helpful, he questioned if a conversation with UMass could be had discussing if any Federal or State dollars could be recouped for the loss of the Court but any other uses that could no longer be an option. Chairman Harrity agreed. A Motion to approve the use of the DCU as a field hospital for two months with the caveat that UMass work with State and Federal officials to offset losses was unanimously approved and a second Motion to allow ASM Global to allow the use of space and contractors of UMass was also approved unanimously.