

Disposal of Surplus-Civic Center Ice Rink  
Finance Committee  
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Bob Oast, Jannice Ashley, Sam Powers, Dan Dover and Amy Patterson met to discuss the options allowed by GS for disposing of the CC ice rink. Estimated value of the ice rink and all equipment is \$100,000.

Normally, personal property with a value in excess of \$30,000 could not be disposed of by private sale and negotiation (advertised bids would be required). However, GS 160A-279, provides an exception to this rule. This statute authorizes a City to dispose of property by private sale to a non-profit agency which is **carrying out a public purpose**. Conveyance of the property is conditioned on the use of the property for a public purpose.

The consensus is that The Asheville Hockey League **could** carry out a public purpose by allowing access for the use of the rink, but there has been no plan presented to the City for review and determination of that public purpose. Meanwhile, the window of opportunity for this season has been lost for the best market value via advertisement for sealed bids which is approved by GS 160A-266(a).

We would recommend that the value of this property and the associated revenue from the sale of this property be considered. The equipment must be moved to allow for the renovations to take place at the Civic Center, but the revenue was never considered in the budget for the renovation even though it would be beneficial to the project.

Recommendation to proceed with sealed bid for disposal with the right to cancel or not to award bid if the reserve price is not met. The Asheville Hockey League would have until the due date of the bid opening to present their public purpose plan.