

Joint Meeting
Public Safety Facilities Task Force
&
Municipal Facilities Committee
Minutes
April 11, 2022
9:00 am
Zoom Remote Access

Members in attendance: Christine Lear, Bill Risso, Lee Storrs, Ingo Szegvari
Members not in attendance: Jerry Lerman

Others in attendance: Police Chief John Fisher, Fire Chief Bryan Sorrows, Mosquito reporter Cynthia Sorn
(Departed meeting at 9:03 AM)

I. Call to Order

- Christine Lear called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.
- Storrs moved to go to Executive Session at 9:03 AM. Szegvari second.
- Roll Call : Lear Aye, Storrs Aye, Szegvari Aye, Risso Aye

II. Executive Session, Purpose 6;

To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body;

III. Returned from Executive Session at 9:27 AM with call to order by Christine Lear.

- Others in attendance in addition to the above were Kerry Kissinger, Stewart Roberts & Mosquito reporter Cynthia Sorn (9:27 AM),

IV. Met with architect Stewart Roberts, Johnson Roberts Associates, Inc.

- 14 Person Firm
- Works on public safety facilities
- Recent work was in Essex Ma, a 26,000 ft² combined police & fire station building.
- For a Fire Station if it has unreinforced block construction it is cost effective to raze and rebuild.
- Temporary facilities for a fire station can get expensive. Another site is a better option.
- Combining police and fire in one building vs. two separate buildings would save about 10%.
- When renovating a fire station a redo of the mechanical and electrical systems is expensive.
- The Essex complete project cost was about \$700 ft² a year ago. Escalation now is about 7% which in the past normally was 4%. If building in 5 years recommend adding 20% to estimated costs.
- Stewart will provide a budget proposal for investigation into fire station expandability. If it is possible more engineering would be needed and will drive up his costs.

V. Next Steps

- Lee Storrs will review the fire station building plans to see if reinforcing steel was installed in the block walls.

VI. Vote to approve minutes from previous meetings

VII. Public Comments

- Kerry Kissinger asked if the dispatch space was not needed would the added square feet solve the police station issues. Chief Fisher said it would not; the issues are more than just footage.

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VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM, Storrs motioned, Szegvari second. All in favor.

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Submitted by Bill Risso

Approved: Unanimously approved on April 25, 2022