



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

FINAL  
MEETING MINUTES  
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FIRE-RESCUE FACILITIES BOND ISSUE  
BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021  
6:00 P.M.

1/2021 through 12/2021  
Cumulative Attendance

| Board Member               | Attendance | Present | Absent |
|----------------------------|------------|---------|--------|
| Douglas Meade, Chair       | P          | 5       | 1      |
| Frank Snedaker, Vice Chair | P          | 6       | 0      |
| Mark Booth                 | P          | 4       | 1      |
| Raymond Dettmann           | P          | 6       | 0      |
| Patrick Dirindin           | A          | 5       | 1      |
| Don Larson                 | P          | 5       | 1      |
| Charles Tatelbaum          | P          | 4       | 2      |
| John Vratsinas             | A          | 4       | 1      |

**Staff**

Irina Tokar, Senior Project Manager  
Robert Bacic, Deputy Fire Chief  
Jill Prizlee, Chief Engineer  
Crysta Parkinson, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**• Roll Call**

Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

**2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- **June 24, 2021**

**Motion** made by Mr. Snedaker, seconded by Mr. Dettman, to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2021 meeting. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**3. Staff Liaison Report**

Senior Project Manager Irina Tokar presented the fire bond expenditure report and asked for any questions.

### **Fire Station #8:**

Ms. Tokar read the staff memorandum updating on Fire Station #8.

The City issued a Certificate of Occupancy for Fire Station #8 on March 23, 2021. After moving into the facility, Fire Department personnel observed poor performance of the epoxy floor coating which was brought to the attention of the contractor. The contractor reinstalled the epoxy floor coating throughout the fire station and also refinished the bay flooring. The work was done at no cost to the City due to the poor quality of the original installation. The work was completed on June 30, 2021, and it was accepted by the City. Fire Rescue personnel have moved back into the building and are now operating from this facility.

The City authorized a traffic signalization agreement to coordinate signals with the adjacent railway crossing as required with the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC). A pre-construction meeting with the FEC and contractor was conducted on July 28 to discuss the construction schedule. Contractor pointed out that some additional changes might be necessary due to the connection to Broward County traffic lights control box. Staff is working with Broward County to be able to access the traffic lights control box to determine what changes might be necessary, if any, so we can proceed with the approved traffic signalization scope.

### **Fire Station #13:**

Ms. Tokar provided current progress drawings for Fire Station #13, along with two (2) options for elevations staff was currently exploring. She asked the Committee to provide any comments or suggestions and read the staff memorandum updating on the station.

ACAI Associates, Inc., the City's architectural consultant, is working on the design development of the four (4) bay, back-in fire station selected for this site (Exhibit II). The layout was approved by the Fire Rescue Department, and staff is working with ACAI on further design development of the proposed exterior elevations and other systems. Staff is also planning to submit the design development package for review in October. The project design is progressing as planned and on schedule.

City staff submitted a grant application to the Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Program requesting \$4.1 million in additional construction funding. The City's application was received by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and their review of the application is continuing. The project did not receive the funding during the first cycle of awards. City staff also submitted the funding request as a part of the transportation/ infrastructure package including Fire Station #13 and Fire Station #88; however, grant funding is not guaranteed. In order to complete this station, the City Manager has included \$3,948,354 in recommended General Funds in the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Community Investment Plan for Fire Station #13.

Construction is expected to begin on Fire Station #13 in July 2022, pending the appropriation of funds with the adoption of the FY22 budget.

Mr. Snedaker asked if the options for elevations impacted the floor plan. Ms. Tokar explained the floor plans would stay the same, but they were looking at the possibility of a curved roof instead of flat or a color scheme to make the exterior more interesting. She stated the comment staff had received was that the building was not as interesting as it could be, and they wanted it to be a signature fire station.

Mr. Snedaker stated he preferred the option with the curves, as it was more attractive. He asked about air flow in the station. He stated on Fire Station #54, which was also back-in, there were openings at the rear to allow air flow. He noted he did not see the same feature on Fire Station #13 and asked if there would be enough air flow. Ms. Tokar explained they were looking to provide a mechanical exhaust system, as it would be more cost-effective than hurricane-rated doors for ventilation. She stated the mechanical engineers had been asked to explore options.

Chair Meade asked if the curve in the elevations was actually a curved roof or just an architectural detail on the street side. Ms. Tokar responded that it could be either. She stated as the architect envisions it, it would be a curved roof, but they could look at just a curved detail.

Chair Meade stated he did not think they should pay more for an architectural detail. Ms. Tokar asserted they would have to find the balance, building a good-looking station while being mindful of the costs.

Mr. Booth asked why the target date was pushed from May to July. Ms. Tokar explained the target date of July 2022, stating that would mean advertising would start in early 2022.

### **Temporary Fire Station #13:**

Ms. Tokar read the staff memorandum updating on temporary Fire Station #13. She explained it was two (2) projects, the parking lot and the temporary fire station, so there were multiple funding sources.

The project for temporary Fire Station #13 is on schedule and it is currently in contract award phase. The overall project consists of a new North Beach parking lot including 92 paces and temporary Fire Station #13 with 11 spaces. The majority of the construction scope is associated with the development of the parking lot, which is funded with Parking Revenues. In coordination with the new parking lot project, staff is temporarily structuring and using a portion of the parking lot to create a provisional space to relocate the existing trailer (currently near Fire Station #54) to be used by Fire Station #13 personnel while the new fire station is being constructed. The City opened the bids on July 15. Six (6) bids were received.

The projected construction start date is October 2021 with the estimated completion in February 2022 (Exhibit III).

Mr. Snedaker stated he had driven by the old temporary Fire Station #54 and it looked like it was actively being used again. He asked for an update.

Ms. Tokar explained an HVAC issue had come up with Fire Station 54. She stated two (2) engineering firms had evaluated the current design and recommended the existing HVAC system be retrofit with reheated coils to allow the temperature to be kept lower in the bunk rooms without creating excess moisture. She noted they had moved to the temporary station to allow the work to be done, and the work had recently been completed.

Discussion ensued regarding design standards to keep the station cool enough for operations and incorporation of solutions into future designs.

#### **4. Communication to the City Commission**

None.

#### **5. Adjournment – Next regular meeting: September 23, 2021**

Chair Meade noted the proximity of the November and December meetings to holidays and asked if the Committee wanted to look at alternative dates. Discussion ensued and it was determined Ms. Tokar would check room availability for a date earlier in November, and the December meeting would remain as scheduled.

Ms. Tokar stated there had been a question at the last meeting regarding the need for new fire station impact fees and she would bring information to the next meeting.

Chair Meade asked that City Manager Chris Lagerbloom or someone from the City Manager's office be invited to explain the fees and what could be done. Ms. Tokar stated she would invite the appropriate member of staff to assist.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Attachments:**

Exhibit I: Fire Rescue Bond Expenditures

Exhibit II: Fire Station #13 Schematic Design Drawing

Exhibit III: Temporary Fire Station #13 Construction Drawings