



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**MEETING MINUTES
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FIRE-RESCUE FACILITIES BOND ISSUE
BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

**1/2021 through 12/2021
Cumulative Attendance**

Board Member	Attendance	Present	Absent
Douglas Meade, Chair	P	6	1
Frank Snedaker, Vice Chair	P	7	0
Mark Booth	P	5	1
Raymond Dettmann	P	7	0
Patrick Dirindin	A	5	2
Don Larson	P	6	1
Charles Tatelbaum	P	5	2
John Vratsinas	P	5	1

Staff

Danica Grujicic, Project Manager II
Irina Tokar, Senior Project Manager
Robert Bacic, Deputy Fire Chief
Jill Prizlee, Chief Engineer
Betty Crews, Administrative Assistant
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 quorum was present.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

• August 26, 2021

Date correction of September 23, and not September 24, for this meeting was noted.

Motion made by Mr. Vratsinas, seconded by Mr. Booth, to approve the minutes of the August 26, 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 #13:

Ms. Tokar noted Fire Station #13 has an almost additional \$4 million appropriated as of October 1, which will be reflected on the next report. Additional funding for construction through the CIP process was requested and approved.

Mr. Snedaker asked about interest collected on unused funds of the \$40 million bond and where it is accounted for. Ms. Tokar confirmed she will have to ask Finance for further clarification and will provide a response at the next meeting.

Fire Station #8:

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

Fire Station is complete and operational. There are two pending issues associated with the warranty/design of the fire station; Fire Rescue reported that due to the location of the roof drains directly above bunk rooms, the noise during the rain events is excessive and they reported water hammer noise in the water piping. Staff is scheduling a meeting with the Consultant and the Contractor to address these issues.

The City authorized a traffic signalization agreement, as required with the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC), to coordinate the fire house signals with the adjacent railway crossing). A pre-construction meeting with the FEC and contractor was conducted on July 28 to discuss the construction schedule. At this meeting the contractor pointed out that some additional changes might be necessary due to the connection to the Broward County traffic light control box and size of the existing wire conduits. The consultant confirmed that additional changes are necessary since the existing 1" conduit is too small for the required new wiring. To complete the work, approximately 450 linear feet of 2" conduit will be installed to communicate with the appropriate control box. Staff is reviewing the \$40,429 change order request for this additional work. This change needs to be approved prior proceeding with traffic signalization scope.

Ms. Tokar noted consultants are revising the documents with changes and then pricing will be confirmed with contractor. Additional funding will be needed.

Chair Meade noted this is the change order and inquired how much the first contract was for. Ms. Tokar responded the traffic signalization scope was quite extensive and cost approximately \$300,000. Chair Meade inquired why none of the consultants noticed the conduit was the wrong size or not big enough. Ms. Tokar said the consultant did note Broward County requires a 2 inch conduit minimum as their standard and that was shown on their as-built. When they contractor did the digging, they discovered it was a 1 inch conduit and the wire will not fit. New boxes and sidewalk demolition will need to occur to complete the additional work.

Mr. Larson inquired whether the 2 inches is a need or a design standard preference. Ms. Tokar noted the 1 inch conduit is too small for the wire. In response to Mr. Larson's follow up question whether they are control wires or power wires, Ms. Tokar noted they are control wires. Additionally, engineers verified they are not going to fit.

Chair Meade asked whether drawings showed a 2 inch conduit. Ms. Tokar confirmed the Broward County drawings showed 2 inches and engineer relied on as-built but did not verify in the field.

Mr. Larson inquired whether there is any new technology or upgraded wiring that is smaller that could work versus tearing up sidewalks and spending an additional \$40,000. Ms. Tokar confirmed the wiring itself is almost 1 inch thick and is the Broward Country standard.

Mr. Snedaker asked for confirmation it would cost almost \$100/ft. to install the 2 inch conduit. Ms. Tokar replied it was 450 linear feet and price included putting in additional boxes, demolition of the sidewalk, digging in a small area, and an upgrade charge for the control box since it required modification. It's been requested the engineer document all the changes, confirm, permit, and then the work will be repriced.

Mr. Snedaker inquired whether the entire sidewalk will be torn up or a lateral bore will be utilized. Ms. Tokar confirmed a majority will be directional boring but a small portion of the sidewalk will need to be opened up.

Fire Station #13:

Ms. Tokar read the staff memorandum on Fire Station #13.

ACAI Associates, Inc., the City's architectural consultant, is preparing designs for the four-bay, back-in fire station selected for this site. Staff is finalizing the design development package to be submitted for administrative review Site Plan Level I by the

The project design is progressing as planned and on schedule. Construction is expected to begin on Fire Station #13 in July 2022.

At the next meeting, Ms. Tokar will share the package they are submitting to the building department.

Temporary Fire Station #13:

Ms. Tokar read the staff memorandum updating on temporary Fire Station #13 and asked for any questions.

The project for temporary Fire Station #13 is on schedule and it is currently in contract execution phase. The project was awarded to Waypoint Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$1,237,903 at the September 9th, 2021, Commission meeting. This project will construct a new North Beach parking lot that will include 92 parking spaces and provide a home for the temporary Fire Station #13 with 11 parking spaces. Much of the construction scope is associated with the development of the new 92-space parking lot, funded with Parking Revenues. Included with the parking lot construction is the relocation of the existing trailer, previously used during the construction of Fire Station #54, to a temporary site within the parking lot. This temporary fire station #13 will be used until the new Fire Station #13 is constructed and ready for occupancy.

The projected construction start date for the parking lot is October 2021 with the estimated completion in February 2022.

Mr. Snedaker noted the trailer was discussed at last meeting and is still in use even though the work is completed. He asked why they are still using trailer. Ms. Tokar explained that although the work is completed and a partial test and balance has been done, the engineer is recommending a full test and balance. Additionally, they are waiting for results from the air quality report.

Mr. Larson asked whether there has been any feedback from the firefighters. Ms. Tokar noted the firefighters want to make sure everything is fixed and safe before they return. They would rather wait than have to go back to the fire station with issues. Mr. Larson asked what date it might all be complete. Ms. Tokar shared they do not want to provide a date until test results from air quality and drywall samples for mold are back. They were conducted approximately two weeks ago and if they return results that require remediation, a schedule will need to be developed. If tests are clean and final test and balance can be completed, then a date will be determined for fire department to return.

4. Discussion on Virtual Training for Board & Committee Members

Chair Meade reminded Board there is virtual procedural training on October 14 at 6:00 P.M. for anyone who wants to participate. Board discussed whether it was mandatory and concluded it's suggested for Board and Committee members to complete the training at least once.

5. Memo to the Commission dated August 30, 2021

Chair Meade asked if there was an update on fire station impact fees. Ms. Tokar noted a memo was sent to the City Manager and a response was not received by this meeting. Ms. Tokar will ask the City Manager to attend the next meeting or provide a written response.

6. Adjournment – Next regular meeting: Thursday, October 28, 2021

Chair Meade confirmed the next meeting is Thursday, October 28. The November and December meetings will be combined and held Thursday, December 2. Ms. Tokar noted IT confirmed the December 2 meeting will be on the 8th Floor and an all virtual meeting is a possibility. Chair Meade said all meetings will continue to be hybrid. Mr. Larson clarified the meeting after the December 2 one will be held near the end of January.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 P.M.

Attachments:

Exhibit I: Fire Rescue Bond Expenditures

[Minutes prepared by T. Baclawski, Prototype, Inc.]