



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
FIRE-RESCUE FACILITIES BOND ISSUE
BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

**1/2023 through 12/2023
Cumulative Attendance**

Board Member	Attendance	Present	Absent
Frank Snedaker, Chair	P	4	0
Mark Booth	P	2	2
David Cooper, Vice Chair	P	3	0
John Vratsinas	P	4	0

Also Attending

Danica Grujicic, Project Manager II
Raymond Nazaire, Senior Project Manager
Jill Prizlee, Chief Engineer
Vickie Beauvais, Senior Administrative Assistant
Carla Blair, 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

• June 22, 2023

Motion was made by Mr. Vratsinas, and seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2023 meeting as presented. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Staff Liaison Report

Raymond Nazaire, Senior Project Manager, read the memorandum dated August 24, 2023. He stated the Fire Bond Expenditure Report through August 21 was attached.

Fire Station #8:

Mr. Nazaire read the staff memorandum for Fire Station No. 8, as follows:

Fire Rescue Station No. 8 is complete and operational. The warranty period for the building and the site expired January 2023. City Staff conducted the one-year warranty inspection, on February 3, 2022. The Contractor is currently working on addressing the unforeseen additional (Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) work) and deficient items (pipe insulation) and is expected to be completed by the end of September 2023.

FEC signalization work is to synchronize the Fire Station signals with the adjacent railway crossing as a requirement by Broward County Traffic Division. The contractor, Burke Construction Group, Inc. has completed the underground boring part of the signalization work and FEC completed their portion under the tracks. The contractor received a Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) permit on May 18 from Transportation and Mobility (TAM) and is waiting for MOT permit from Broward County Traffic Engineering Division to complete work on the control cabinet at the intersection of Andrews Avenue and Southwest 17th Street. This item also includes required pull boxes and demolition/restoration of sidewalk at the area of the control box. This permit request was submitted on June 8 and expect to receive the Broward County permit in September 2023.

The change order for adding roof drain piping insulation (\$6,757.26) is for the installation of sound insulation pipe wrap for the PVC pipes leading from the roof drains above the ceiling space over the bunk rooms area, to dampen the loud sound of rushing water in the drainpipes. However, the contractor has amended the funding request for the existing pipe insulation in the amount of \$15,766.44 due to impact of the work on existing fire sprinkler system, HVAC ducts and light fixtures. The City is reviewing the proposal and will submit for Commission approval after identifying additional funding.

Chair Snedaker asked if there was a timeframe for completion of the piping. Mr. Nazaire stated it would depend on Commission approval.

Mr. Vratsinas inquired as to whether there was a chance this insulation issue would happen with the new design for Fire Station No. 13. He stated the Board needed to offer their input as design documents move forward.

Mr. Cooper noted that at the June meeting, the estimate for the permits was July and now it was September. He asked whether this was normal. Mr. Nazaire discussed contributing factors briefly.

Fire Station #13

Mr. Nazaire read the staff memorandum for Fire Station No. 13, as follows:

ACAI Associates, Inc., City of Fort Lauderdale's architectural consultant, is working on addressing the remaining comments from the Development Review Committee (DRC) as Site Plan Level II; and continue working on the approved change order: the platting requirement, the offsite improvements and permitting. Consultant submitted the design documents for the MEP re-design from chilled water to a VRF system on June 31. The Fire Rescue Department, Information Technology Services (IT) and the City's owner representative (Whiskey Lima) finalized their reviews. We continue working with the consultant and City Legal Department on the requirement for platting as per Broward County Planning Council and the Public Information Office (PIO). Legal is working on the adjacent right-of-way report that is required for the completion of the re-platting process.

The change order and CAM for electrical redesign were reviewed by both the Assistant Public Works Director and Fire Rescue Department, and the decision was made not to proceed. Staff is working with the Grant Administrator on a grant application for the construction of the Fire Rescue Station.

Construction is estimated to begin in September 2024.

Mr. Nazaire stated the fact that there were comments from both the City's owner representative and IT would likely lead to a pause in the schedule.

Chair Snedaker asked about the electrical redesign. Mr. Nazaire explained the redesign stemmed from concerns with a future flooding event. Discussion ensued briefly.

Mr. Cooper asked if it was realistic that construction would begin in September. Mr. Nazaire replied that it would depend on the comments received back.

Mr. Vratsinas inquired as to whether the project was close to having 60 percent construction documents ready. Mr. Nazaire stated they were there.

Mr. Vratsinas asked for a CD of the construction documents to be provided at the next meeting so Board members could review. Mr. Nazaire agreed.

Temporary Fire Station #13 (This project is funded through other sources and managed by the City of Fort Lauderdale's Transportation and Mobility Division (TAM))

Mr. Nazaire read the staff memorandum for Temporary Fire Station No. 13, as follows:

TAM is coordinating the issuance of permits and legal requirements necessary for the completion of the parking lot before the relocation of the trailer, including the financial impact and revenue of the completed part of the parking lot. The CAM 23-0523 for the change order for the development of a new surface parking lot and the site improvements was approved at the June 20 City Commission meeting. The task order was approved on August 17.

The construction progress is at 70 percent of site work, as per engineer of record Craven Thompson and Associates, Inc. The contractor has been remobilized and construction commenced on July 27. Per the City Manager's directive, the Fire Rescue Department will buy a new trailer for Temporary Fire Station No. 13.

Construction is estimated to be completed in December 2023.

Chair Snedaker stated that a few months ago, the City was going to buy a trailer, then switched to retrofitting and moving, now they would be buying again. Mr. Nazaire noted this was correct and was the directive of leadership.

Chair Snedaker asserted they would not be able to procure a trailer by December. He asked if procurement had started yet. Jill Prizlee, Chief Engineer, stated the Procurement Department was involved.

Mr. Vratsinas asked for confirmation that the trailer and temporary fire station are not on the critical path anymore for a September start, because they would not start demolition in December. Mr. Nazaire confirmed this was correct.

Chair Snedaker advised he did not believe it was going to be a problem, he was just looking at the December 2023 date and did not think there was any way a trailer would be there by then.

3. Discussion of Fire Stations

Chair Snedaker stated he would not be available for the September meeting.

Mr. Vratsinas asked if there had been any changes to the budget that the Board needed to pay attention to. Ms. Prizlee stated there were no significant changes.

Chair Snedaker highlighted the current composition of the Board. He noted they are down to four (4) members and asked if there were any updates. Vickie Beauvais, Senior Administrative Assistant, stated she did not have anything new to report.

Mr. Vratsinas noted he had met the new Fire Chief and mentioned the situation to him.

4. Adjournment – Next regular meeting: Thursday, September 28, 2023

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.