

CM 2015-249

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 P.M. by Chairman Fredric S. Goodman, seconded by M.I. Wachter.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Chief Kearns stated that the main purpose of the this meeting is to determine if Council prefers Option 1 (Curved Roof) or Option 2 (Flat Roof).

September 8, 2015

CM 2015-250

Chief Kearns stated that Community Paramedicine has started on the west coast and will soon be moving east. Chief Kearns stated that Paramedicine is a unique domain of practice that represents the intersection of health care, public health, and public safety. While discussed for many years, the concept of paramedicine was described in the EMS Agenda for the future. Paramedicine represents an expansion of the traditional notion of emergency medical services as simply an emergency response system. Paramedicine is the totality of the roles and responsibilities of individuals trained and credentialed as, previously referred to as various levels of Emergency Medical Technician (EMTs).

Mr. Isaacson asked how walk-ins will impact EMS runs.

Chief Kearns stated that EMS could respond on their way back from an emergency call.

Mr. Wachter stated that with the new Fire Station, firefighters will not need to be sent off-site.

Chief Kearns stated that overtime is a big expense because if seven or eight firemen are at training the fire stations have to be manned which incurs overtime costs.

Mr. Pasch stated that there is some training that is still offsite.

Chief Kearns stated that he will not do live fire training in Beachwood and that is usually done in a rural area.

Chief Kearns stated that the Beachwood Fire Department is involved with Cuyahoga County and Mutual Aid. Chief Kearns stated that Chief Winebrenner will use space if space is provided at the new Fire Station.

Mr. Jacobs asked Chief Kearns if the comparison fire station is the only one currently under construction in Cuyahoga County.

Chief Kearns stated yes.

Mr. Isaacson asked the intent of employing a Battalion Chief.

Chief Kearns stated that all fire stations do not have Battalion Chiefs. Chief Kearns stated that Battalion Chiefs usually oversee five fire stations. For instance, New York City or Columbus, Ohio would have a Battalion Chief.

Chief Kearns stated that the new fire station will have a Hot Zone Design which means all contaminants will remain in the fire station. Chief Kearns stated that having a Hot Zone Design will keep the firefighters healthier and the medical costs down.

September 8, 2015

CM 2015-251

Chief Kearns stated that at the moment this fire station is in the conceptual design phase and City Council will decide which design they prefer.

Council has decided on the flat roof design.

Chief Kearns stated that he would like to go to bid in approximately seven months and Council can accept or reject the bids at that time. Chief Kearns stated that these numbers will only be estimates and are heavily padded. Chief Kearns stated that the plans need to be drawn first and no financial discussion is needed at this time.

Mr. Pasch stated that after the exterior choice is made he would like to shrink the square footage and have no police presence at this time.

Chief Kearns stated that if they eliminate one bay, the cost savings would be approximately \$204,000.00; if police presence is removed, the cost savings would be \$50,000.00; a flat roof is less expensive and would be a cost savings of \$115,000.00; and it would be a wash if the air conditioning was moved to the roof rather than be contained within the fire station.

Mr. Isaacson asked Chief Kearns if the air conditioning was in the fire station how would it be replaced if needed.

Chief Kearns stated that the fire station elevator door would be 4' wide with easy access for repair or replacement.

Chief Kearns stated that there would be an architectural upcharge to re-work the design of moving the air conditioning to the roof.

Chief Kearns stated that most new fire stations are being built with six bay doors. Currently, all bays are used at the fire station. Chief Kearns stated that University Hospitals donates a lot of equipment to the City and the Beachwood Fire Department currently allows University Hospitals to use one of the bays.

Mr. Horwitz asked Chief Kearns if a bay could be added in ten years.

Chief Kearns stated that the City does not need a six bay fire station.

Mr. Isaacson asked how the glass holds up during bad weather.

Chief Kearns stated that he prefers the flat roof with less glass.

Mr. Isaacson asked Chief Kearns if there were four bays, when would the City need to add more fire trucks and more ambulances.

September 8, 2015

CM 2015-252

Chief Kearns stated that he was asked by City Council to keep regionalism in mind to drive down the costs. Chief Kearns stated that in five years the fire department will need a new rescue squad and that next year he will be asking for that new rescue squad. Chief Kearns stated that there is not rescue squad older than eight years.

Mr. Jacobs stated that if Fire Station #1 is the main station has Fire Station #2 caught up in calls due to the Rehabilitation Facility on Harvard and the Alzheimer's Facility on Harvard.

Chief Kearns stated that the calls have increased dramatically.

Mayor Gorden stated that the community is growing with new housing and development especially in Chagrin Highlands.

Mr. Isaacson stated that the City could sell that land that is proposed for the new fire station.

Mayor Gorden stated that the City owns that land and the fire station project has been underway for several years.

Mr. Isaacson stated that he is not speaking against the proposed fire station but that is prime real estate.

Mr. Wachter stated that Chief Kearns is asking for a set of plans to be drawn and asked if the Architect could prepare bid specifications with alternates.

Chief Kearns stated that he could ask the Architect to prepare plans with alternatives.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F.S. Goodman, seconded by M.I. Wachter at 6:57 P.M. to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F. S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
MOTION ADOPTED		

Approved:

Merle S. Gorden, Mayor

Karen M. Navolanic, Clerk of Council