

BEACHWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT BEACHWOOD CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM A, 25325 FAIRMOUNT BOULEVARD, ON MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 P.M. by Chairman Justin Berns.

ROLL CALL:	Present	J. Berns, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, B.H. Linick
	Absent:	None.
	Also Present:	Mayor Merle S. Gorden, Hope L. Jones, Dale Pekarek, Patrick Kearns, Gary Haba, Melvin M. Jacobs, James Pasch, Barbara Janovitz, Phil Corpora, Gregory Liggett, Joe Cuini, Dave Stoll

1. Mayor's Reports

None.

2. Update Council on the Fire Station/Dispatch Center project and review bids received.

Mr. Berns opened the Committee Meeting by introducing Fire Chief Kearns and stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting was to discuss the current bids that were received on the Fire Station #2 project.

Mr. Cuini was present and stated that he was asked to advise the City on the Wetland Mitigation and the cutting down of the trees at the site.

Mr. Cuini stated he has advised the City not to cut down the trees if the project will not be moving forward.

Mr. Cuini stated that there are two permits that are required for the Wetlands Mitigation. Those permits are from the Ohio EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers. The Ohio EPA is concerned with the quality of the Wetlands and the Army Corps of Engineers is concerned with quantity of Wetlands.

Mr. Cuini stated that the Ohio EPA considers the site a Wetland until the construction starts. The current permit is valid until September 2019.

Mr. Cuini provided to the Committee a copy of the Ohio EPA permit.

Mr. Cuini stated that the City must notify the Ohio EPA in writing when construction begins.

Mr. Cuini also stated that the Ohio EPA permit is very specific for the construction of a Fire Station.

Mr. Cuini reminded Council about the deadline of April 1, 2017 because of the Indiana Bat migration in regards to the land clearing.

Mr. Horwitz asked if there was a time limit on when to begin construction after the trees are cut down.

Mr. Cuini stated that the permits are valid until September 2019.

Mr. Cuini stated that if the plans for the Fire Station are significantly changed then he will have to notify the Ohio EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers in order to obtain a modified permit.

Mr. Isaacson asked if there would be any circumstance where the City might have to reapply for a permit.

Mr. Cuini stated that if the plans are substantially changed then the City would have to go back to the Ohio EPA and Army Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Isaacson asked for an explanation of "substantial change."

Mr. Cuini stated that if the size of the building or the size of the parking lot is changed then, that would be a "substantial change" in terms of saving Wetlands.

Mr. Jacobs asked if the Army Corps of Engineers come back to the City and say that there are more wetlands are we obligated to mitigate more acreage.

Mr. Cuini stated that he doesn't think so.

At this point Chief Kearns gave a presentation regarding the layout of the building.

This PowerPoint is attached hereto for the record.

Mr. Horwitz stated that he would like to go through the Emergency Operating Center ("EOC") and get an explanation as to what it is, how big it is, and what other Counties are doing with their EOC.

Chief Kearns walked through the EOC on the presentation and explained to Mr. Horwitz that the EOC is a large room with enough computers and fiber and telephone lines for forty senior administrators from multiple agencies across the Federal, State, and Local Governments to function at one time.

Chief Kearns explained that the walls will usually have large screen televisions that can provide multiple views for senior advisors to provide assistance in any emergency.

Chief Kearns stated that although several years ago the County did try to build an EOC several years ago it proved to be an overly expensive project and the County Administrator cancelled the project.

Ms. Janovitz asked if there was any grant money available that could be used to construct this EOC.

Chief Kearns stated that he hopes to secure monies from two grants. One has already been filed and one has not. The estimated money amount would be 1.5 million on the high end and Chief Kearns stated that he is hopeful that the amount granted would be well over \$400,000.00.

Mr. Horwitz asked if there were any other cities with an EOC.

Chief Kearns stated that the City of Kettering has an EOC.

Mr. Horwitz asked if the equipment for the EOC was included in the bids.

Chief Kearns stated that cables, video equipment, televisions, are included and each agency will bring their own computers and laptops.

Mr. Horwitz asked what the EOC will look like.

Chief Kearns stated that the EOC will have chairs, tables, and cables for internet connections.

Mr. Isaacson asked if Chief Kearns was confident that the EOC is of appropriate size and equipped with adequate facilities.

Chief Kearns stated that the EOC fits with regionalization but the EOC is smaller but can handle the East side of Cleveland.

Mr. Jacobs asked if the proposed building would be able to handle future employment as the need for personnel increases.

Chief Kearns stated that the proposed plans take into consideration of expansion of the City and future Regionalization.

Mr. Pasch asked about the space above the EOC.

Chief Kearns stated that there are restrooms and a small kitchenette in that space.

Chief Kearns stated that most of the office space is for the future regionalization in order for Beachwood to be in charge.

Chief Kearns stated that Council directed him to go ahead and fill out the office space because there may not be an opportunity in the future.

Chief Kearns stated that the office space can also support the EOC in a long term event.

Mr. Isaacson referred back to Chief Kearns and asked about a statement he made about the EOC possibly being taken out by a tornado.

At this point Chief Kearns introduced Dave Stoll from the Lemay architecture firm.

Mr. Stoll explained that no building is "tornado proof."

Mr. Stoll explained that the building is made of steel and heavy machinery and assured Mr. Isaacson that it would be difficult to damage.

Mr. Isaacson addressed the ten bunk rooms and asked if those would be occupied all of the time.

Chief Kearns stated that likely only six will be used on one shift.

Mr. Isaacson also addressed the bunk rooms and asked for an explanation as to why the bunk rooms were private.

Captain Corpora addressed Mr. Isaacson and let him know that one of the factors is gender neutrality.

Mr. Isaacson asked why these single rooms are a better option than an open bunk room for men and an open bunk room for women.

Captain Corpora stated that having a bunk room for the men and a bunk room for the women could create an issue of wasted space. If there is only one woman on a shift then the single bunk room gives more flexibility.

Mr. Isaacson stated that he observed in the plans one major kitchen and two kitchenettes.

Chief Kearns explained that there was one main kitchen on the first floor for the Firefighters and the kitchenette on the second floor would service the office space and the EOC.

Captain Corpora explained that there was also a break room for the dispatchers. It is not a true kitchenette and it will only include a refrigerator and a coffee maker.

Chief Kearns stated that the division between the dispatchers and the firefighters is an issue of security. At this point in time the dispatchers and firefighters are kept separate.

Firefighter Liggett explained that the main kitchen will include cabinets, counters, and refrigerators.

Mr. Isaacson asked for an explanation for three separate fridges.

Chief Kearns stated that each shift will have its own food locker and refrigerator.

Chief Kearns stated that the fridges need to be large enough to hold the food for the entire shift.

Chief Kearns stated that the firefighters are at the fire station for twenty four hours while they are doing their shift.

Chief Kearns addressed the issue of having stainless steel appliances. He stated that stainless steel is the easiest thing to clean and keep germ free and protect the firefighters from illness.

Mr. Isaacson asked Chief Kearns to discuss in general terms the "Hot Zone" design.

Chief Kearns stated that having the "Hot Zone" design is borrowed from Hazmat scenes.

Chief Kearns stated that the "Hot Zone" design is for the bay and the decontamination area.

Chief Kearns stated that these are designed to keep carcinogens contained to one specific area specifically away from the living quarters in a fire station.

Mr. Linick stated that it is safer for the health of employees.

At this point in the discussion, Mr. Stoll was invited by Chief Kearns to provide some information on the current construction market.

Mr. Stoll stated that there has been a 1% increase in construction prices since January and that there is a large risk to delay construction.

Mr. Isaacson expressed concern that members of Council should make sure that there is a point person to handle the day to day concerns that occur during construction.

Chief Kearns stated that the city will go back to the architecture firm if there are problems and that the architecture firm plans on being in the city every three weeks.

At this point in the meeting, a recess was called by Chairman Justin Berns.

Moved by A. Isaacson, seconded by B. Linick at 7:22 P.M. to recess the Safety and Public Health Committee Meeting.

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	J. Berns, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, B.H. Linick
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
MOTION ADOPTED		

Moved by A. Isaacson, seconded by B. Linick to go back on the record.

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	J. Berns, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, B.H. Linick
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
MOTION ADOPTED		

Back on the record at 7:36 P.M.

After the recess, Chief Kearns presented the Committee with a few slides that show examples of other stations that have been or are being built with close to the same design as the building proposed.

Those slides are in the PowerPoint that is attached hereto for the record.

Mr. Berns asked Mr. Heiser to describe briefly the financial situation of the city.

Mr. Heiser explained that the city continues to maintain its Triple A rating.

Mr. Isaacson stated that he wanted to make sure that decisions weren't being made during the construction process without the input of City Council.

Chief Kearns assured Mr. Isaacson that no Change Order or large change will be made without the awareness and input of City Council.

Chief Kearns invited one or two members of City Council to meet in the construction trailer every Monday for a project update during this process.

At this point in the meeting Mr. Jacobs asked for an update on the trees that are currently on the land that need to be cut down.

Mr. Pekarek stated that an agreement had been signed to remove the trees by April 1, 2017 and

Mr. Pekarek stated that he had contacted the Contractor prior to tonight's meeting asking for a delay.

Mr. Pekarek stated that as soon as Council gives him the green light, he will contact the Contractor to get the trees down.

Mr. Stoll reiterated that the trees only needed to be on the ground by April 1, 2017. That does not mean that the trees have to be off of the property by then.

After this discussion about the trees, Chairman Berns asked if there were any other matters to come before the Safety and Public Health Meeting and there were none.

3. **Any other matters coming before the Safety and Public Health Committee.**

None.

A Motion for adjournment was made.

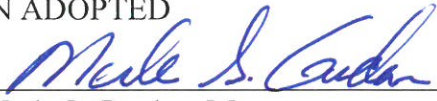
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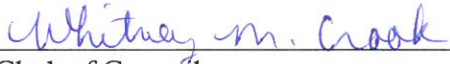
Moved by, B. Linick seconded by A. Isaacson at 8:40 P.M. to adjourn the Safety and Public Health Committee Meeting.

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	J. Berns, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, B.H. Linick
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.

MOTION ADOPTED

Approved:


Merle S. Gorden, Mayor


Clerk of Council