

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 P.M. by Chairman Justin Berns.

1. Discussion regarding the Dispatch Center/Fire Station.

Chief Kearns stated that Lemay, Erickson, and Willcox spent an entire day with the Police Department to see the needs of the City for an efficient Dispatch Center

After the presentation, the Committee was asked if they had any questions.

Chief Winebrenner answered no and stated it was just an office.

Chief Kearns stated that in the new proposed plans, there would be room for 12.

Mr. Kearns stated that the estimated Base Dispatch Cost would be \$323,623.00.

The breakdown of these costs is included in the Power Point which is attached for the record.

Mr. Isaacson asked if the 6.7 Million Dollars is the most recent and confirmed estimated price for the Fire Station.

Chief Kearns replied that is the “latest and greatest” number with 95% construction not including the land improvements. That price is building only.

Mr. Horwitz asked for the budget for electronics to build the Dispatch Center at City Hall.

Chief Winebrenner stated that budget was \$534,000.00 for 4 stations.

Mr. Horwitz asked if that price was construction and electronics.

Capt. Haba replied that was just the electronics.

Mr. Isaacson asked for a reminder of the price of the construction costs for the remodeling to keep the Dispatch Center at City Hall.

Chief Winebrenner asked for clarification on whether the Committee wanted the price for City Hall or the Police Annex.

Mayor Gorden replied the Police Annex.

Chief Winebrenner stated that the lowest bid received for remodeling at the Police Annex was \$1,064,000.00.

Mr. Berns asked if the bid included the restrooms and locker rooms.

Chief Winebrenner stated that bid included everything.

Mr. Horwitz stated that if we now know the estimated cost, can we go out and try to find other cities that would be interested in joining a regional Dispatch Center.

Chief Winebrenner stated that until there is something definite in regards to the Fire Station/Dispatch Center, no one will commit to contracting with the City.

Mayor Gorden stated that Beachwood desires to be the owner of the Dispatch Center and the City cannot float this idea to another community without a commitment.

Mayor Gorden stated that the City doesn't have anything to sell yet.

Mr. Kearns stated that if the City decides to move forward with any of these projects, it will be easier to speak with surrounding communities about the possibility of regionalization after the building is under Contract.

Mayor Gorden stated that it was never the plan to wait until the building opened to sell dispatching to surrounding communities.

Mr. Berns asked for a timeframe going forward.

Chief Kearns stated that the process moving forward will be tree clearing between September 30 and April 1 and a ground breaking in the spring and 16 to 18 months of construction time.

Mr. Isaacson asked if the Dispatch Center would function in either place.

Mayor Gorden stated that the Dispatch Center could feasibly work in either location but some of the security measures need to be discussed.

Chief Kearns stated that AE Communications have come back with a \$27,000.00 estimate to clear the land.

Chief Kearns stated that there currently is a bid to do the clearing for \$12,000.00.

Mr. Jacobs asked if all requirements have been in regards to the land with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Chief Kearns replied that if Mr. Pekarek were present, he would say that all requirements regarding the land have been completed.

Mr. Berns asked why we didn't go ahead and clear the land to be prepared for building.

Chief Kearns stated that it has been his viewpoint all along that the land should be cleared as soon as possible.

Chief Kearns stated that there is a risk in clearing the land in that the land may be cleared and then Council decides to not go forward with building the new station.

Mr. Berns asked if the City has paid the Army Corps of Engineers for the Wetland Mitigation.

Ms. Kaplan stated the City has paid and the check has cleared.

Mayor Gorden stated that once there is an approval on the station, the City will do their due diligence and will move as quickly as possible and the City will take every precaution to meet deadlines.

Mr. Berns stated that at this time he wanted to move into Executive Session at then come back to continue the discussion regarding the Dispatch Center/Fire Station #2.

2. Holding an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters regarding Fire Station #2/Dispatch Center

Moved by A. Isaacson, seconded by M. Horwitz, to commence the Executive Session at 6:16 P.M.

ROLL CALL:	Present:	J. Berns, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson,
	Absent:	B. Linick
	Also Present:	M. Jacobs, B. Janovitz, J. Pasch

Moved by M. Horwitz, seconded by J. Berns at 6:38 P.M. to adjourn the Safety and Public Health Committee Executive Session to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Back on Record at 6:39 P.M.

Chief Kearns stated that the original Lemay, Erickson, Willcox Contract was for 18 months. It is three years later and they are still working with the City on this project. Lemay is aware that if this goes forward there will be another 2 years before construction is completed.

Mr. Horwitz asked what was needed from Council moving forward.

Chief Kearns stated that he needs an addendum to the Lemay, Erickson, Willcox Contract and it needs to be decided if the money for the Dispatch Center will be spent at all. Then, it needs to be decided if the Dispatch Center will go in the Police Annex or Fire Station #2.

Mr. Jacobs asked Chief Kearns and Chief Winebrenner their opinions on moving the Dispatch Center away from the Police Annex to the Fire Station #2.

Chief Winebrenner stated that the benefit of the annex was the room and that the benefit of the fire station is that the building would be brand new and the Dispatch Center could be built exactly to the specifications that are needed.

Chief Winebrenner stated that the fire station was always an option and that the administration was unsure if the fire station would even be built. Without knowing whether the fire station would be built, the administration presented an alternate idea to renovate the Dispatch Center in the Police Annex.

Chief Winebrenner stated that putting the Dispatch Center in Fire Station #2 is a good alternate.

Mr. Isaacson stated that he likes the alternative of placing the Dispatch Center in Fire Station #2 and is appreciative that Chief Kearns and Chief Winebrenner were willing to discuss the possibility.

Mr. Pasch also stated his gratitude for the administration for studying this possibility.

Chairman Berns asked if there were any further questions and there were none

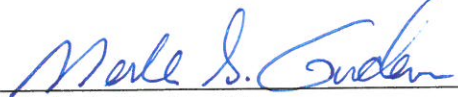
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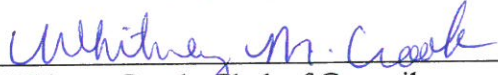
Moved by M. Jacobs, seconded by J. Berns at 7:01 P.M. to adjourn the Safety and Public Health Committee Meeting to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Approved:


Merle S. Gorden, Mayor


Whitney Crook, Clerk of Council