

IPSWICH PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 30, 2023
ROOM C, TOWN HALL

CALL TO ORDER

Chair R. Weatherall called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. with the following members present: H. Schwartz, Chief P. Nikas, Chief P. Parisi, Dep. Chief L. Prentiss, C. Surpitski, K. Buhl, P. Dziadose, R. Donahue, T. Jones, J. Fay, and J. Emerson. Also in attendance were Town Manager Crane; members of CHA, Laura and Kayla; and TGAS' T. Gallante, Kylee, and Brian. Absent was Dan Morris.

CITIZEN QUERIES

None.

DISCUSSION ON SITE PLAN/FLOOR PLAN UPDATES

Ted of TGAS led the discussion, pointing out the site plan updates for a 26,376 sq. ft. building with "green" cover portrayed along Pine Swamp Road and the neighborhood on Linebrook Rd. near to the center of town. Landscaping design is a month or two away. He projected the ground floor where secured areas for the Police Department are located. He described the pictorial for the entrance floor and indicated that a fourth bay (pictured on the Fire Department side) is an "add alternate" where the cost per foot is different from the regular bays. Ted reviewed in detail the angle of the sun onto the building—east, south, and west,—and how it affects the workers inside the building. Bob hopes that the door to the Community room in the Police area will be gone. Building materials, Ted said, would be light-colored ground-faced concrete block.

On the upper floor, viewed from Linebrook Road, Police offices/community space is right and Fire Department offices take up approximately 80' in length on the left. The former mezzanine feature is probably gone. A resident asked about the green area abutting the Fire station along Linebrook, and Ted described the plan to fence and plant trees, preferably evergreen. Masonry will be used on the outer building surface and solar panels will be installed atop. Areas which would be more costly, once known, may entice some monetary help from people. Neighbors present asked questions about security and noise. Ted said the building inside will be security-protected with "hardened" finishes without being obvious. To a question of transport of an occupant from the sally port to holding area, Ted said there is room to get it done.

The component parts of the building program will not be changed. Shellfish, Animal Control and Emergency Management have been taken out of the new facility. Kendall commented that, if we don't get the 4th apparatus bay, it represents a 25% reduction in the program of the building. To Charlie's question of how the Town Manager is working on other funding, Mr. Crane is working with a representative of the America Recovery Plan and a high level of probability tied to public safety projects. He said we are close and hopes to bring the results by the end of February. Ted said that numbers continue to move, and we are trying to prevent further costs as we go along with preventing further cuts if we can as we get through

plan development. Bob spoke of Mary Delai's Resiliency project which could bring in as much as a quarter of a million dollars.

In answer to Harvey's question re a price for the fourth bay, there is not yet a price. Chief Parisi spoke of the aspect of the training that is currently missing from this current design. Of the 15 facility visits he has made in preparation for the architectural plan, we haven't seen any that do not have training facilities in their building. An additional training tower adding in "hardening" (concrete/stainless steel, not sheetrock) goes into these new buildings. There was talk about using the formerly allocated mezzanine space for training space.

Charlie stated that all equipment originally was under cover and readily available in bad weather. We can't do it in the present circumstances. It was a promise that we made to the public in every aspect, now we aren't doing that, and there is some expectation on the part of the public to make equipment be stored and accessible.

After Bob's question as to whether it was the sense of the Committee that we should express our approval tonight, Jamie opined that we need to be a little more specific and need to prioritize. Ted spelled out "programmatically": apparatus bay add-on, cover over parking area, and training space/mezzanine. Jamie asked about the geo-thermal heating: how/when does that relate? Ted's named the April 12 Design Development date, having good estimates by then to move forward w/geo-thermal, and then moving forward in greater detail. Funding sources have to be known so that we are including them in the project outside the line in every way.

Charlie moved, seconded by Paul Parisi, to go forward with the program as being acceptable to this Committee. In favor: Harvey S., Bob W., Chief Nikas, Chief Parisi, Jamie F., Peter D., Tammy J., Dep Chief Prentiss, Charlie S., and Jean E. Opposed: Kendall B. Absent: Rob D. and Dan M.

Mr. Crane will put out information at the end of the week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jamie moved, with the omission of one sentence in paragraph 4, to approve Minutes of 12/20/22, seconded by Peter. UNANIMOUS with Tammy and Harvey abstaining.

NEXT MEETING

Public Forum #1 will be held on 2/13/23 at 7 p.m. in Room A, Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. UNANIMOUS.