

IPSWICH PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 29, 2022
ROOM C, TOWN HALL

CALL TO ORDER

Chair R. Weatherall called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with the following members present: R. Donahue, K. Buhl, Chiefs P. Parisi and P. Nikas, P. Dziadose, D. Morris, J. Sullivan (CHA), T. Gallante & Kayla Gallo (TGAS), J. Fay, H. Schwartz, and J. Emerson. Absent were C. Surpitski, and T. Jones.

CITIZEN QUERIES

While there were citizens present, none chose to speak.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF DESIGN DEVELOPMENT (SCHEMATIC PLAN AND FLOOR PLANS)

Ted Gallante, reporting on geo/technical work and borings/testing which had been done, announced that his good news was the thoughts that building can be done with conventional footings because no areas are too wet. Civil engineering work has been done as well. We are starting to lay out parking and changing parking spaces on the lot but still waiting for the site survey. Focus now needs to be on what and why we are building with very clear direction and consensus on the design within the available financing. While the charge is to design a building on schedule fitting the needs of the program, currently we are not going in the right direction.

Ted, having had conversation with Emergency Management, explained that a State-mandated "shelter" would accommodate 30 persons. In discussion, the group felt that the reality for Ipswich's public safety facility in an emergency would be 6-8 persons, and Chief Nikas said that emergency situations were originally planned within the schools.

Further, Nikas said that he could give up one holding cell if necessary (4 to 3). An interrogation room should go on the lower level. A dual-purpose room could include "interviewing" and a second-floor interview room would be reserved for mental health. Detectives can be located on the second level and the "coffee room" can be deleted.

Jamie suggested that the number of bathrooms throughout the facility be studied with efficient/money-saving stacking applied. Shared fire and police meeting rooms were questioned; the police conference room could be reduced to 8 people.

Joe stressed the point that each month of delay means roughly 1.83% escalation and, having missed a whole month, we are now 10 months out. Meeting timeframe was moved up.

NEXT MEETING

The Working Group will meet virtually on October 6 at 9 a.m., followed by the whole PSFC the following week on October 12 at 6 p.m. in hopes for a "clean version".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Peter moved, seconded by Kendall, to accept Minutes of August 30, 2022.
UNANIMOUS.

ADJOURNMENT Peter moved, seconded by Dan, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. **UNANIMOUS.**

