

Long Term Debt Committee
May 6, 2019
Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

Chairman Darcy	Present
Councillor Fowler	Present
Councillor McMenimen	Present
Councillor Nabulime	Present
Councillor Vidal	Present

Chairman Darcy called the meeting to order at 6.00 p.m.

Councillor McMenimen moved approval of the April 16, 2019 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

1. The Mayor respectfully request approval of a loan authorization in the amount of \$10,000,000 for the renovations and construction of the Moody Street Fire Station.

Councillor McMenimen moved to hear from all off committee members. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Fire Chief Tom MacInnis appeared before the committee. Chief MacIniss informed the committee that he has a power point presentation to present. Councillor McMenimen yielded the floor to ward eight Councillor Harris. Off Committee Councillor Harris said the Chief and his team was here to answer any questions, and then would be looking for approval on this request. Chief MacIniss presented a slide show including the following;

1. A map of the City noting primary and secondary coverage provided by this fire station.
2. Pictures of the front and side views of the proposed fire station.
3. A listing of members who served on the City Station Committee.
4. First and second floor building layout design plans.

Chief MacIniss highlighted the following points;

The design of this building was committee driven, much feedback was received from fire fighters.

The additional four bays being added at this location will be very helpful.

The new ventilation system is very much needed.

The new locker rooms, laundry room, bunkers, gym and kitchen will be a benefit to the staff in the department.

Kyle Robinson, the project Architect from Saccoccio and Associates appeared before the committee. Councillor Harris asked him if there were any grants worth pursuing. Mr. Robinson said no. Mr. Robinson noted to the committee that although this project did not receive Leed certification it does follow Leed certification standards.

Assistant Planning Director James Lacrosse and Building Inspector Jon Millian appeared before the committee. Councillor Harris asked both gentlemen what are the next steps in the building process. Mr. Millian said this building proposal would have to go before the Board of Survey and Planning, the Zoning Board of appeals, and then be approved by MAAB (Mass. Architect Access Board). Councillor McMenimen asked why the project had to go before those boards. Mr. Millian said the board of S&P is needed for an A&R plan to have the lot line dismissed, the ZBA is for setbacks, and the MAAB is for Handicapped Accessibility.

Steven Habeeb the overall project manager from Habeeb & Associates appeared before the committee. Chairman Darcy asked for an estimated project time line. Mr. Habeeb said the process will start after the funds are approved. He expects renovations to start in June. Chairman Darcy asked when is the estimated completion date. Mr. Habeeb said he estimates November of 2020. Councillor McMenimen asked if he has done any similar projects. Mr. Habeeb said yes he has done one other similar project. Councillor McMenimen asked if they had a safety plan. Mr. Habeeb said yes. Councillor McMenimen asked Clerk Magno to verify that this loan order has been advertised. Councillor McMenimen made a request to ask the City Auditor how many years the 10M bond will be in effect. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen made a request that the City Auditor to provide the cost incurred at this facility over the last twenty years. A roll call was requested. Four voted yes, one opposed (Councillor Vidal) motion was approved by a 4-1 vote. Councillor Fowler said he was disappointed that we are not shooting for gold standards for our building projects. He said we are a green community and green communities are supposed to strive for gold standard buildings. Councillor Fowler asked if all the appliances will be commercial grade. Chief MacInnis said yes. Councillor Fowler asked how much additional funds are going to be needed to finish the building. Chief MacInnis said it should be under one million dollars. Chairman Darcy asked Mr. Habeeb if he could provide the committee with ongoing progress reports during the construction phase. Mr. Habeeb said yes he would. Councillor McMenimen made a motion to approve the ten million dollar loan order for a second reading. A roll call was requested. All members voted yes. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Councillor Vidal made a motion to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas J Magno - Clerk