

Public Safety Facilities Oversight Committee

Parkview Room
201 N. Broadway
Escondido, CA 92025

Minutes
January 11, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Safety Facilities Oversight Committee meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2007, in the Parkview Room at Escondido City Hall by Chairman Carl Skaja.

ATTENDANCE:

The following Committee members were present: Chairman Carl Skaja, Darol Castor, Jim Crone, and Larry Lynch.

Also present were: **Joyce Masterson**, Assistant to the City Manager; **Sam McCuskey**, McCuskey Group; **Fred Luedtke**, Deputy Director of Public Works; **Jim Maher**, Police Chief; **John Houchin**, Police; **Vic Reed**, Fire Chief; **Scott Alvord**, Fire Division Chief; **Gil Rojas**, Finance Director; **Lisa Palmer**, Finance; **George Bennett**, Fire Stations Project Manager, **Nancy Boyd**, Minutes Clerk; and two members of the public.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2006

APPROVED

2. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report through the month of November 2006, was presented by Gil Rojas, Finance Director.

Committee Member Jim Crone spoke about the financial report. He reported that he had looked at the financial invoices, but still has questions for Sam McCuskey, McCuskey Group, Inc.

Sam McCuskey gave an overview of a construction management project and responded to questions from members of the committee. Mr. Crone asked that the minutes reflect that he is still not comfortable with the McCuskey Group, Inc. contract. Mr. Castor asked to receive a copy of Mr. McCuskey's contract.

3. CLARIFICATION OF FINANCIAL AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

Joyce Masterson explained the misunderstanding with regards to the “audit” referred to during the last meeting.

Darol Castor reported that he had reviewed the City’s audit and has no problem with it. Gil Rojas explained his role to the Oversight Committee. He also notified the committee that financial information is now available on the City’s website and at the Library and the City Clerk’s Office.

4. UPDATE ON POLICE AND FIRE FACILITY

Phase I - As reported by Joyce Masterson, the rough grading and sewer relocation has been completed at the Police and Fire Facility location. Southland Paving is making progress on the street improvements and the traffic signal at Decatur Way and Centre City Parkway – it should be completed in the next 60 days.

Phase II , wet utilities on site, will go out to bid during February.

Phase III, the parking structure, will be constructed following the completion of Phase II. This will provide parking for construction workers during Phase IV of the project, the actual construction of the Police and Fire Facility.

5. UPDATE FIRE STATIONS PROJECT

Temporary Fire Station #1 Work is continuing on the relocation of Temporary Fire Station #1. The move-in will be coordinated with the demolition of Fire Station #1 and should take place about the end of February 2007.

Fire Station #1 The bid for the demolition will be going out next week. Demolition is expected to begin by early April

Fire Station #3 - Construction documents are being developed and bid packages are expected to be released in January or February. It should take approximately 10 months to complete once construction begins.

Fire Station #6 – The house, outbuildings and trees have been demolished. The grading plans are being developed and will go out to bid in March. It should take approximately 10 months to complete once construction begins.

Fire Station #7 – Construction documents are being developed and bid packages are expected to be released in January or February. It should take approximately 10 months to complete once construction begins. A nearby Homeowners Association, Le Chateau Heritage, has filed a lawsuit seeking a sound wall along the eastern and northern perimeter of their subdivision.

6. TERM OF OFFICE FOR OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Joyce reported that the two-year terms of office for Carl Skaja, Jim Crone, Larry Lynch and Richard Marino will expire on January 31, 2007. Van Bethea's term of office will expire the end of March. Applications for members who want to apply for re-appointment to the Oversight Committee were distributed and they should be returned to the City Clerk's Office by February 1, 2007.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

"Under State law, all items under Oral Communications can have no action and will be referred to the staff for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda."

This is the opportunity for members of the public to address the committee on any item of business within the jurisdiction of the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Next Meeting **March 8, 2007, at 4:30 p.m.**