

Public Safety Facilities Oversight Committee

Parkview Room
201 N. Broadway
Escondido, CA 92025

Minutes
May 10, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Safety Facilities Oversight Committee meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2007, in the Parkview Room at Escondido City Hall by Chairman Carl Skaja.

ATTENDANCE:

The following members were present: Chairman Carl Skaja, Darol Castor, Jim Fraker, Randy Goodman, Gene Heyer, Larry Lynch, and Richard Marino.

Also present were:

Scott Alvord, Fire Division Chief; **John Houchin**, Police; **Fred Luedtke**, Deputy Director of Public Works; **Joyce Masterson**, Assistant to the City Manager; **Sam McCuskey**, McCuskey Group; **Cory Moles**, Police Captain, **Lisa Palmer**, Accountant, **Vic Reed**, Fire Chief; **Gil Rojas**, Finance Director; and **Robb Zaino**, Deputy Director of Engineering

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 8, 2007

APPROVED

2. INSTALLATION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

City Clerk, Marsha Whalen, installed new committee member Randy Goodman.

3. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report ending March 31, 2007, was presented by Lisa Palmer. There was discussion by all members of the committee on various topics including trends in

construction costs, schedule of Police and Fire Facility, use of contingency funds and the possibility of the City becoming a Charter City as a means to possibly lower construction costs. Fred noted that this option has been explored before in the past but never acted upon. Joyce indicated she'll talk with the City Attorney's office to obtain more information about this and report back to the committee.

5. UPDATE ON POLICE AND FIRE FACILITY

As noted above, an update was provided by Sam McCuskey and Joyce Masterson during discussion of the financial report. The following is a recap of that discussion:

Police and Fire Facility

1. Phase II Underground Wet Utilities has been awarded to Shaw Equipment Rentals. The bid was \$157,000 which was significantly less than the construction manager's estimate of \$200,000 - \$220,000. A Pre-construction meeting with Shaw has been held but the Notice to Proceed has not yet been issued since Shaw has not yet turned in their contract (still awaiting bonding before they can get their contract notarized)
2. Advertising for Phase III (Parking Structure) will begin in approximately two weeks.
3. Advertising for Phase IV may begin when the bidding is completed for Phase III. We will be selective in bidding the project, doing those items with long lead times first, such as steel, foundation work, etc.

6. UPDATE ON FIRE STATIONS PROJECT

Joyce gave the following update:

Fire Station 1:

1. Asbestos removal began last week. Utilities have not yet been disconnected but should be done by the end of the week. The actual demolition of structures should begin next week.

Fire Station 3:

1. The contract was awarded to Murray Builders in the amount of \$4.5 million which was \$300,000 higher than our estimate.
2. Plans for a groundbreaking ceremony will be set once signed contracts are on file and we know how soon Murray can mobilize.

Fire Station 6:

1. The grading work at Fire Station 6 has begun. Southland believes they will have a certified pad ready by the end of August. Staff anticipates awarding the construction bid in the middle of August.

Fire Station 7:

1. We anticipate advertising bids on May 21, and awarding the bid the end of June. We have received 3 out of 7 Right of Entry permission forms which will allow contractor to enter neighbors' property in order to construct perimeter walls.

2. We now have a signed settlement agreement with Le Chateau Heritage in the amount of \$209,000. This will be paid to them in 4 installments as they meet various progress milestones.

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 5:10 p.m.

Next Meeting **July 12, 2007, at 4:30 p.m.**