

**Draft**  
**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**FIRE-RESCUE FACILITIES BOND ISSUE**  
**BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE**  
**100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE FORT**  
**LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301**  
**AUGUST 27, 2020 - 6:00 PM**

Cumulative Attendance					
1/2020 through 12/2020					
	Members	Appt By	Attendance	Present	Absent
1	Douglas Mead, Chair	IV	P	3	1
2	Frank Snedaker, Vice Chair	I	P	4	0
3	Charles Tatelbaum	III	P	4	0
4	Raymond Dettmann	III	P	4	0
5	Don Larson	II	A	3	1
6	Mark Booth	I	P	3	1
7	Patrick Dirindin	IV	P	2	0

**Staff Present**

Public Works Engineering Department

Irina Toka, Senior Project Manager, Staff Liaison

Danica Grujicic, Project Manager II

Jill Prizlee, Chief Engineer

Robert Bacic, Deputy Fire Chief

John Herbst, City Auditor

Betty Crews, Administrative Assistant

Brigitte Chiapetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Douglas Meade at 6:02 p.m. The roll was called, and a quorum was present.

**Communication to the City Commission**

The Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon Committee provides the following Communication to the City Commission:

The Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon Committee sent a letter to the Commission back in February 2020, in reference to fire impact fees on new construction in the down town area of Fort Lauderdale. The previous letter was received and reviewed by the committee. It was agreed that the letter should be revised and sent to the Commission for review.

**Motion**

Motion to advance the above communication to Commission made by Mark Booth, seconded by Frank Snedaker. Motion passed unanimously.

Date: August 31, 2020

To: Mayor Dean Trantallis  
Vice Mayor Steven Glassman  
Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie  
Commissioner Heather Moraitis  
Commissioner Ben Sorensen

From: Fire-Rescue Bond Blue Ribbon Committee  
Douglas Meade, Chairman  
Frank Snedaker, Vice-Chairman  
Mark Booth,  
Raymond Dettmann  
Patrick Dirindin  
Don Larson  
Charles Tatelbaum

Subject: Fire Impact Fees

Although we realize that this is beyond the current scope of the Fire-Rescue Bond Blue Ribbon committee, we would like to stress the importance of maintaining the current high-standards that the Fire Department of Fort Lauderdale is providing and that citizens expected when they approved the Forty Million dollar bond in 2004.

In light of the massive development that the city has had since this bond was approved and will mostly likely continue to have in the near future, it would be a reasonable expectable that additional Fire-Rescue facilities will be required along the Federal Highway corridor both north and south of the river (as well as other locations that might experience pockets of development) in order to maintain a proper level of service and not to strain the existing facilities.

As the citizens of this community have recently been asked to approve capital improvement bonds for the Parks and Police Station as well as the pending Stormwater increases, such that we feel that the capital improvements required for Fire-Rescue are expressly required to meet the demand that is specifically due to future development projects.

Historically, we have proposed a Fire-Rescue Impact Fee on September 27, 2018, on April 25, 2019 with no formal response from the Commission. We have unanimously resolved on August 27, 2020 to recommend this to the Commission again.

The Committee is aware of the recent legislation enacted by the Florida Legislature, which requires impact fees to be specific to the geographical area of the construction involved as well as the Commissions agenda to construct a EMS station on SE 11<sup>th</sup> Street and we feel that this aligns with the opportunity to finance certain projects with development fees.

**Draft Minutes from the August 27,2020 Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue  
Blue Ribbon Committee – Committee Review and Approval Pending**

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
FIRE-RESCUE FACILITIES BOND ISSUE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE  
VITRUAL MEETING  
100 N ANDREWS AVE  
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AUGUST 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - 6:00 PM**

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1/2020 through 2/2020					
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3	Charles Tatelbaum	III	P	2	0
4	Raymond Dettmann	III	P	2	0
5	Don Larson	II	P	2	0
6	Mark Booth	I	p	2	0
7	Patrick Dirindin	M	P	1	1

**Staff Present**

Irina Tokar, Senior Project Manager, Staff Liaison  
Danica Grujicic, Project Manager II  
Jill Prizlee, Chief Engineer  
Robert Bacic, Deputy Fire Chief  
John Herbst, City Auditor  
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- Roll Call

Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- July 23, 2020

Motion made by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Snedaker, to approve. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Staff Liaison Report

- Project Status – FS 8 and FS 13

Senior Project Manager Irina Tokar presented the fire bond expenditure report and asked if there were any questions. She noted that Fire Station 54 had been corrected to show it as complete.

Fire Station #8: Construction is 87 percent complete, based on the current billing. The estimated substantial completion date is currently projected on October 14, 2020. The work progresses on schedule. Currently, the contractor is working on epoxy flooring and interior doors installation, fencing, irrigation, and generator. The site has temporary power; heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system (HVAC) is operational.

Ms. Tokar directed the committee to Exhibit III for a progress pictures of the site.

City staff processed is working with Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) on an agreement to connect the new crossing warning system to their controller, to allow for signal synchronization. FEC reduced their initial fees from \$104,330 to \$98,330. As part of the emergency vehicle signalization scope, installation of approximately 508 linear feet of new two (2) inch conduit is required, including under the railroad tracks. The proposed cost from the contractor is \$34,711. This work will require FEC approval. FEC stated work under the existing permit may be possible.

Fire Station #13: ACAI Associates, Inc., the architectural consultant, is presently working on the schematic design. The consultant completed the site survey. All work is progressing as planned and on schedule, with construction anticipated to start in May of 2022.

Mr. Snedaker asked how many bunks the site would have. Ms. Tokar stated there would be 12 bunks and 24 parking spots. Discussion ensued regarding the availability of guest parking. Ms. Tokar stated she would speak with the Fire Chief regarding his wishes regarding use of extra spaces outside of shift change.

Chair Meade asked if the east side would be gated and the west gate not gated. Ms. Tokar responded that detail was not set yet.

Temporary Fire Station #13: Craven Thompson & Associates (CTA) continues the design development. The project is on schedule. CTA and City staff presented the design at a Public Purpose Meeting with the Central Beach Alliance (CBA) on August 8, 2020 and received a vote of support in favor of the proposal. Terracon Company completed a Cultural Resource Assessment Survey (CRAS). The goals of the required survey were to locate, delineate, identify, and evaluate any cultural deposits discovered in the area. As a result of the survey, no archaeological sites, isolated artifacts, or historical structural remains were encountered. It is the opinion of Terracon Company that the proposed project can proceed without further concern or impacts to significant cultural resources.

The project is scheduled to be presented to the Planning and Zoning Board on September 16, 2020. The current projected date to start construction is April 2021. Ms. Tokar showed drawings of the site.

Discussion ensued regarding parking available at the temporary site, including the location of handicap-accessible parking spots and meters.

Ms. Tokar asked if there was any further information committee members would like to see in the September update.

#### 4. Communication to the City Commission

Chair Meade asked if everyone had a copy of the communication to the City Commission that was sent out in February to discuss and revise.

Communication ensued regarding the fire impact fee recommendation and revenue which had been lost by delaying the matter. Mr. Dettman stated the issue had been sent to the Commission several times, and he would like to add language that specifically asked for a response.

City Auditor John Herbst asked for clarification. He asked if the committee was referencing an impact fee related to EMS facilities and explained the legislature had changed the law in the past year regarding impact fees. He stated the fees are now required to be collected and spent in the same neighborhood and provided background on the matter.

Mr. Tatelbaum stated that made sense from the standpoint of good government, but noted the new buildings going up downtown would impact service and said there must be a way that impact could be identified.

Mr. Herbst pointed out there was an item on the September 1, 2020 City Commission agenda for the purchase of land for the EMS substation. He stated details were not yet public, but there is a site before the Commission.

Discussion ensued regarding a previous site which had been investigated and the response from residents in Harbordale. Mr. Herbst noted the new location is where people have been calling for it to be.

Mr. Snedaker stated there is still a facility to be built and noted an impact fee would be a good way to address that. Mr. Herbst agreed that it was worth looking at items which were both timely and met the intent of the law and stated there are a number of proposals coming before the City.

Mr. Tatelbaum pointed out the request was outside of the scope of the committee but stated the letter to the City Commission should be a strongly worded recommendation from the group with a large amount of historical knowledge.

Mr. Dirindin asked how the City decides how many fire stations are needed in a given area. Deputy Chief Basic stated each community is different, and outlined the data driven ways in which the City makes decisions. Discussion ensued regarding meeting the needs of a growing population.

Mr. Herbst stated the City Commission agenda had just been published and the site up for approval was at 507 SE 11th Court.

Motion made by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Snedaker, to authorize the Chair to submit a letter to the City Commission on behalf of the committee. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding hard copies of plans and blueprints of the stations. Ms. Tokar stated they would be mailed as requested.

5. Adjournment – Next regular meeting: September 24, 2020

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.

[Minutes prepared by C. Parkinson, Prototype, Inc.]