

CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of the City Council workshop meeting held on March 29, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Kilsheimer
Commissioner Billie Dean
Commissioner Diane Velazquez
Commissioner Doug Bankson
Commissioner Kyle Becker
City Attorney Cliff Shepard
City Administrator Glenn Irby

PRESS PRESENT: John Peery - The Apopka Chief
Reggie Connell, The Apopka Voice

DISCUSSION

1. Fire Station #5 update and anticipated costs presented by the Fire Department and Miller Construction.

Chief Carnesale briefed the Council on the status of Fire Station No. 5, stating they are now in the final stages of design. Fire Station No. 5 will be located at 1685 Firehouse Lane, off of Jason Dwelley Parkway. He advised the station will be approximately 7,500 total square feet, including a living and sleeping area for up to six firefighters and a District Chief. The apparatus floor will consist of four parking bays and includes room for two ambulances, a fire truck, a brush truck, rescue squad and district chief vehicle. Chief Carnesale said they were currently undergoing the hiring process for the eighteen firefighters that will be required to staff this station. These individuals will start the first week of July at which time they will start training. This station's response area will cover everything north of Ponkan Road. He advised the back access road, Brush Drive, will be a great asset cutting the response time to the Rock Springs Ridge area by more than half. Chef Carnesale advised last budget year \$300,000 was budgeted for Fire Station 5 and this budget year an additional \$825,000 was budgeted and approved by Council. Last year an RFQ for an architect was done and the Lunz Group was approved by City Council. This budget year an RFQ was done and Miller Construction was approved as the CMAR. Chief Carnesale advised there is currently \$1,075,000 available in the budget for Fire Station 5.

Todd Albagh, Miller Construction, said they completed 60% drawings, went out to bid and came up with the estimated budget grand total of \$1,583,000. He said there were some items that the City may want to bid on their own. He reviewed the drawings for Fire Station No. 5 showing the layout and exterior elevations. He advised they did detailed scope sheets and they are working directly with the architect on the final design.

In response to Commissioner Becker questioning the position of the station, Chief Carnesale said this minimizes the risk of accidents when pulling out of the station. He advised it also requires less engineering and retaining walls due to the slope of the land.

Mayor Kilsheimer pointed out that this Station will have four bays to accommodate future growth.

Glenn Irby, City Administrator, said there was a deficit of approximately \$500,000 to \$600,000 from what is currently budgeted. He stated there were a couple of options to address the deficit. One option would be to authorize a budget amendment for the shortfall, and the second option would be to commit to pay this amount out of next year's budget when the building receives the certificate of occupancy.

Commissioner Becker inquired about impact fees to which Mr. Irby confirmed impact fees can be used to pay for the building, but the City does not have a revenue stream to rely on at this time. The impact fees recently adopted will start to be collected April 19, 2017.

Chief Carnesale said the City was in discussions with Florida Hospital regarding land for Station No. 6 that would have the Harmon Road extension for frontage. He stated Station No. 6 will require another eighteen firefighters. The station will be identical to Station No. 5. He advised for the upcoming budget, they were currently discussing with Florida Hospital to station a fire engine with three firefighters at the Hospital for the first year, therefore, he will be asking for nine firefighters for this temporary station.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Joseph E. Kilsheimer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda F. Goff, City Clerk