

MINUTES
Council Committee Meetings
March 14, 2017

Council was **CALLED TO ORDER** in Special Session by Council President Greg Skaljac at 5:04 P.M. in Ralph W. Biggs Council Chambers.

Members Present: L. Carouse, Jr., M. Harwood, N. Murphy, G. Skaljac, K. Veras.

Members Absent: G. Broski, L. Redinger

Others Present: Mayor Jerry N. Hruby
Asst. Law Director S. DiGeronimo,
Service Director R. Weidig,
Purchasing Director R. Riser,
Council Clerk M. Scullin, T. Tabor.

Committee of the Whole Meeting: Motion by Skaljac, seconded by Carouse, to convene a Committee of the Whole meeting at 5:05 P.M. Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Murphy, Skaljac, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Executive Session: Motion by Skaljac, seconded by Carouse, to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss matters of real estate and legal matters regarding the Poilce Station after which no formal council action will be required. Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Murphy, Skaljac, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Motion by Skaljac, seconded by Carouse, to adjourn the Executive Session at 5:24 P.M. Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Murphy, Skaljac, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Committee of the Whole Meeting Reconvened: Motion by Skaljac, seconded by Carouse, to reconvene the Committee of the Whole meeting at 5:24 P.M. Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Murphy, Skaljac, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.



Councilperson Harwood introduced Philip Robbie, Senior Project manager- Perspectus Architecture, as the architect working on the Police Station design. Councilmember Harwood reported that all of the items that will be shown today have been discussed with Service Director Weidig, Tony Graham of the Service Department, Mayor Hruby and Police Chief Goodrich. Mechanical layouts have been discussed with Director Weidig and Tony Graham for location and type of equipment. Karpinski is incorporating all of the comments from the previous meetings. The full set of drawings should be done by mid-week. Those plans will go to Director Weidig and Tony Graham. Then there will be another meeting, plans will be red lined. Councilmember Harwood added that the remaining items to be decided will be the finishes. Councilmember Harwood further explained that the Mayor wanted the finishes, interior and exterior to be presented and a cupola was added. The building is situated on the lot so that you will see three sides of the building.

Mr. Robbie presented conceptual drawings for the interior spaces of the new Police Station and Dispatch Center. There are six major areas in the building. Mr. Robbie started the presentation with the central area of the second floor where all of the circulation will flow. There is an atrium with natural light and staircase to the lower level where the locker room is. There will also be a kitchenette. The handrails for the stairs and some wood accent features will be a natural beech wood and the floors in this area will be terrazzo.

Mr. Robbie continued with the roll call area. This is not a public area, this is the back of house area. Mr. Robbie described the roll call and dispatch area in relation to the stairway on the second level. The area will have acoustic ceiling panels, terrazzo floors with a durable finish. Mr. Robbie explained that the walls will be a painted gypsum board with Acrovyn® wall finish that protects walls from scuffing. The area is designed to be a bright open space. The windows will face to the north where the patrol car parking area will be. The roll call area is located in the center of the building. An LCD projector will be recessed into the soffit and a jumbo screen made up of 5 x 3 screens will be along the wall. A glass wall separates the roll call area and allows the natural light from the atrium in. Mr. Robbie explained that the table and chair design is not fixed to allow for changes to the layout. The carpet will be a dark coal carpet tile, which is durable but easily replaced if damaged. The back wall cases will be made of the same natural beech wood used in the stairway handrails and the counter on top of the beech cases will be a white quartz finish. The back wall will have acoustical, tack-able fabric in light gray. The Eco-Veil® roll down shades are designed to block 95% of the light when needed. Mr. Robbie explained that there is additional power and data cable installed in the walls for future expansion. LED lighting will be installed throughout the facility. The patrol area will have floor to ceiling glazing. The area will have gypsum walls with a mixture of light gray and dark gray carpeted areas. The modular furniture will also feature the same beech wood accents.

Councilmember Skaljic asked if the finishes will be in the cubicle areas.

Mr. Robbie stated that the furniture has not been decided upon yet.

Mayor Hruby explained that Purchasing Director Riser will be working with Chief Goodrich and City Desk to purchase furniture through the state purchasing contract.

Mr. Robbie added that all of the doors would be made of wood.

Mr. Robbie explained the lower level, which will be the main lobby, the public entry door and the museum area. There will be pass through windows for the dispatch area made of bullet resistant glass, bullet resistant walls, granite counters and terrazzo flooring. The concrete masonry unit (CMU) walls have wood detailing to warm up the space. There are doors that will take you out to the parking area. The transaction windows are forward and have wood trim around them.

Mayor Hruby explained that on the design plan, to the left of the door is the museum area and there are two safe rooms.

Mr. Robbie described the track lighting and lockable glass cases for the museum area. There will be one fixed shelf. The plan is to use stainless steel labels to identify the items in the cases. The area will have hard shell furniture and terrazzo floors to withstand the public use.

Mayor Hruby stated that the City is hoping to have families of previous law enforcement officers assist with the museum displays.

The break area, for employees is located on the lower level. Employee parking will be outside the break room area. Terrazzo floors with polished CMU walls will be installed in this area. Quarts countertops, open areas and acoustical ceilings will finish the area.

Councilmember Skaljac asked if Mr. Robbie has an estimate of the square footage of the space. Mr. Robbie said that he did not know the calculation of that particular area.

Mr. Robbie noted that the exterior surfaces will be very durable. The roof of the sallyport will be used as an outside area. The exterior of the building will be a cast stone used on the window sills and a brick exterior similar to existing City buildings. The roof material chosen will be a dark gray asphalt shingle. There will be bullet resistant glass for the dispatch center. The glass will be tinted so that the employees will not be seen from outside.

Mayor Hruby said that it may be similar to the library. Mayor Hruby asked if the original elevations were available, what has been changed since the first meeting with council.

Mr. Robbie said that he did not have the original elevations. The front door looked like where the public might want to enter. At the entries, simple austere entries, simple gable and a vestibule were added. The vents have been changed from a rectangular shape to a round mechanical louver design and a cupola was added to the roof. The design allows for safe separate areas and well defined entrances for the public and employees.

Councilmember Harwood stated that three sides of the building can be seen from Brecksville Road.

Councilmember Carouse asked if the outdoor courtyard area was still visible. Mr. Robbie explained that there is a sidewalk, shrubbery and fencing to create privacy. Mr. Robbie stated that the building is a concrete box, the architectural details and roofline define the building.

Councilmember Skaljac asked where the employee entrance was. Mr. Robbie noted an area to the rear of the building and said that there are well defined employee entrances.

Mr. Robbie explained that there will be two main mechanical rooms for the facility. Councilmember Skaljac asked if the firing range would cause a noise problem for other parts of the facility. Councilmember Harwood said that the concrete deck should keep out the majority of the noise. Mr. Robbie explained that there is a two inch layer of concrete separating the area and an eight inch concrete plank over the area. Gypsum board suspended ceiling and insulated panels.

Councilmember Murphy asked what the square footage of the building will be. Mr. Robbie stated that the entire facility is approximately 28,500 square feet.

Mr. Robbie displayed a sample of the wall tiles proposed for the locker room areas.

Councilmember Carouse asked what the overall capacity of the facility is. Mayor Hruby stated that he believed it is four times the current available space at the existing police station. Councilmember Harwood explained that there will be five work stations initially. The design allows for expansion including an addition over the sallyport if necessary. The building is designed for approximately 55 employees plus future expansion.

Councilmember Carouse asked whether efflorescence has been addressed? Mr. Robbie explained that the building is been designed with an air cavity behind the brick to move air so that the moisture is controlled and vented through the roof.

Councilmember Carouse asked if there could be any enhancements to the exterior. Maybe stone could be installed around the windows. He noted that the building looks bland. Mr. Robbie stated that the exterior renderings will look different. The current views do not portray the exterior well.

Assistant Law Director DiGeronimo asked if the walls would be pre-fabricated. Mr. Robbie stated that everything will be built on site, none of the structure is pre-fab.

Councilmember Skaljac commented that he likes the colors that have been chosen and the wood balances well. Councilmember Skaljac asked if a different color brick was considered for the outside. Mr. Robbie said that the brick is what is traditionally used in the community.

Councilmember Murphy asked about the carpet durability in roll call. Mr. Robbie stated that the roll call area will not be a public space and the carpet planks that have been chosen are durable and easily replaced.

Councilmember Veres asked what the hardware will look like, door handles, hinges, etc. Mr. Robbie stated that the design had not been chosen yet, however it will probably be a stainless steel to match the other metal aspects.

Mayor Hruby added that the furniture colors have not been chosen yet.

Purchasing Director Riser stated that she has a meeting with Ohio Desk, The Mayor and Chief Goodrich on March 27th. Ohio Desk has the state purchasing contract for office furniture.

Perspectus has given suggestions for colors, however seeing the items in person will help to make a decision.

Safety measures that have been considered include the location of air intake, concrete walls behind brick exteriors and concrete bollards in front of entrances. Councilmember Harwood explained that there were many safety issues discussed. There will be card readers that will be used for access to the areas.

Council Clerk Scullin stated that the materials have a timeless classic design. Mr. Robbie said that much consideration and thought has gone into the materials. The products selected have a timeless design that will last. The surfaces will have a new look with minimal maintenance.

Mr. Robbie said that church buildings, residential and government buildings all have a different presence. There is a stronger sense of simplicity in the government buildings.

Director Weidig explained that a lot of issues have been dealt with and there have been responsible design changes. Terrazzo floors are in the Blossom building and are beautiful. Mr. Robbie stated that the building has a new look with minimal maintenance.

Assistant Law Director DiGeronimo asked if the windows were fixed and what type are they. Mr. Robbie stated that the windows are fixed and are insulated with a low-e film in the cavity. This design makes them quieter and energy efficient. The bullet resistant windows located in the dispatch area are not insulated. Assistant Law Director DiGeronimo asked how fresh air is obtained. Mr. Robbie stated that there are several air quality zones that replace the interior air. There are also exhaust fans that vent directly outside in odor causing areas.

Director Riser stated that the color scheme is very classy.

Councilmember Harwood stated that the technology has improved and all of the mechanicals are state of the art.

Mayor Hruby said that a lot of work has gone into to designing the space from thirty-nine thousand (39,000) square feet to about twenty-eight thousand five hundred (28,500) square feet. There have been a lot of changes and much thought went into the design and planning of each area. The current and former police chiefs have provided a lot of input to the plan.

In reference to the dispatch center area Councilmember Harwood said there will be five console stations but will have room for expansion to ten. The redesign of the layout provided even more area for work stations.

Mayor Hruby said that there may be other communities that will join the dispatch center and additional communities will lessen the cost.

Councilmember Skaljac asked what the process will be for City Hall when the police station building is completed.

Mayor Hruby explained that Director Riser, Director Weidig, CBO Packard and himself have come up with a design for the Building Department to move out of the lower level and into the area of the current police station. The parking and entrance for the Building Department will be on the south side of the building. The Clerk of Courts will remain in City Hall and probably move to the lower level, consideration may be given to expanding parking near that entrance and people coming to court may come in through the lower level. The community room might become the court room. The Council Clerk's office may be expanded and also give Council a larger caucus room than the existing. Council Presidents office and maybe another office could be created. Each department may have a little more space. Director Weidig and his guys will be doing a lot of the work, probably dismantle the jail.

Director Weidig said that the infrastructure of the building will allow construction on the police station side of the facility without disturbing City Hall.

The Mayor said that our dispatch might operate out of the City of Independence for a short time for training before moving into the new police station and that would allow for earlier construction on alterations to City Hall.

Committee of the Whole Meeting: Motion by Skaljac, seconded by Carouse, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:37 P.M. Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Murphy, Skaljac, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

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