

**Public Safety Building Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**November 21, 2017  
Tuesday – 2:00 PM  
Cape May City Hall**

**AGENDA**

**Flag Salute**

**Open Public Meetings Law Announcement**

**Open Public Meetings Law P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 of the State of New  
Jersey (Sunshine Law)**

**UNDER THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS SENT TO  
THE CAPE MAY STAR AND WAVE AND THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY AND A COPY OF  
THE AGENDA WAS DELIVERED TO EACH MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL AND POSTED ON  
THE CAPE MAY CITY HALL BULLETIN BOARD.**

**Roll Call Committee Board Members**

- Jerry Gaffney, Chair - Yes
- Wister “Barney” Dougherty, Vice-Chair - Yes
- Fire Chief Alexander Coulter - Yes
- Police Chief Anthony Marino - Yes
- Rick Lundholm, OEM Coordinator - verify
- Louis Belasco, Cape May City Tax Assessor - verify
- James Matthews, Cape May Volunteer Fire Department President - verify
- Scott Griffith, Citizen - verify
- Robert Lamendola, Citizen - verify
- Rosanne Traficante, Citizen and Secretary - Yes
- Kathleen “Kate” Wyatt, Citizen and Secretary - No
- Deputy Mayor Shaine Meier, Council Liaison - Yes

**Meeting Purpose:** Presentation of Police Building Requirements by Robbie Conley and Associates (RCA) to City Council. The special council meeting convened at 4:00 pm. Present: council members, committee members & RCA. Mr. Conley presented photos and comments on the present police department, with specific comments on conditions within the department that may not comply with state standards. He then proceeded to present three conceptual plans for a new police station.

## Chairman's Remarks – Jerry Gaffney

1. The police and fire station located at the present site, with the buildings conjoined. A two- story police station with a two- story fire station adjoining. He also discussed the parking issue and the number of spaces that would be lost with this plan. The total estimated cost for this plan would be \$11,800,000.
2. The police station would be three stories adjoining a two story fire station at the present site. Parking would result in more spaces since the overall square footage for the police station would be reduced. The estimated cost would be same.
3. The police station would be placed facing Franklin Street with the fire department facing Washington Street. This arrangement might produce more parking spaces since the entrance to the present lot from Washington Street would be closed, resulting in only one entrance to the present city lot. The estimated cost would be the same.

Comments were made by the committee regarding other possible sites on city properties. (see attached report from the committee chair) Conley indicated this could be a significant increase in cost especially if the two buildings were at different locations. The additional cost estimate to separate the buildings at different locations might exceed \$500,000. An estimated cost for this plan would be \$12,500,000. Public comments followed. No date was set for the next meeting of the committee. (For immediate distribution) WGG 11/28/17

## Action Item Report

Analysis & recommendations by the Public Safety Building Advisory Committee:

After numerous meetings, a visit to the Avalon building (public safety complex) and a review of the conceptual plans, the committee has agreed on, or discussed the future of a public safety building complex as follows:

1. We unanimously agree on the need for a new fire and police station (not a renovation). The committee inspected both facilities at our first meeting and without exception, agree on this fact.
2. The committee agrees that the plans for one complex with the buildings conjoined is the most desirable.
3. However, there has been debate on the location. Is the present location of the existing fire station large enough for not only the entire complex, both fire and police, but adequate for the parking needs for the police and fire, as well as the city employees and visitors? Consideration should be given to a different location for the police department.
4. The suggestion of other sites has been considered with direction of the Mayor with review by the city assessor and engineer. The city resolution, 178-08-2017, clearly indicates that the committee should consider three alternative sites. If the complex was to be constructed at another location, such as the Madison Ave. park location, would this be acceptable by council and the public? If another location was chosen, the parking problem at the present city hall site would be greatly improved and enlarged.

5. Our committee stands ready to follow the direction of the Mayor and council in conformity with our city resolution. The next step might be a bid proposal for site engineering and architect designs. Also, the resolution indicates study for financial sources or possibilities. We, the committee, are prepared to continue to assist the council in this important endeavor.

Copies to Mayor and Council/ committee members/ interested public members

W. G. Gaffney (11/21/2017)

## **Correspondence Received**

None

## **New Business**

None

## **Public Comment**

For all comment – reference Live Stream

[https://livestream.com/CityOfCapeMay/events/7946433?origin=digest&mixpanel\\_id=13b6b95aca6738-050f20939638fd8-300d220c-1fa400-13b6b95aca7860&acc\\_id=7359133&medium=email](https://livestream.com/CityOfCapeMay/events/7946433?origin=digest&mixpanel_id=13b6b95aca6738-050f20939638fd8-300d220c-1fa400-13b6b95aca7860&acc_id=7359133&medium=email)

## **Adjourned**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Wyatt