East Side Fire Station Building Committee Regular Meeting

Firefighters Training Room at Fire Headquarters

72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Call to Order: Mayor Richetelli called the meeting to order at 1705 hours. A quorum was present.

1. **Roll Call**

   Committee members John Healy, Carmen Corvino, Alderman Bill Bevan, Judith Tooey, William Brennan, and Alderman Phil Vitro. Also present were Mayor James Richetelli, Chief Louis LaVecchia, Assistant Chief Bill Healy, Assistant Chief Al Zingaro, Dan Wahl, and Eric Moore.

2. **Opening remarks**

   Mayor Richetelli thanked all present for volunteering their time for the committee. The Chief remarked that the Mayor had been on the building committee for Station 8 before he was the Mayor. The Mayor offered his knowledge and experience in working in that committee to the present committee members.

3. **Matters of Organization**

   A. **Election of Chairman**

      Committee members Brennan and Corvino made and seconded a motion to elect Committee member Healy as Chairman. *Motion carried unanimously.* Committee member Healy was elected Chairman.

   B. **Election of Vice Chairman**

      Chairman Healy and Committee member Tooey made and seconded a motion to elect Committee member Corvino as Vice Chairman. *Motion carried unanimously.* Committee member Corvino was elected Vice Chairman.

4. **Administrative Matters**

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Chairman Healy commented that he hopes the Committee can move the process along expeditiously. He then asked the Chief to explain the need for the new station.

The Chief explained that he had recently given a full report to the Board of Aldermen. He explained the system as to how the fire stations were originally built so they could service a two-mile area in all directions. The Red Bush Lane/Connecticut Post Mall/Woodmont Road area are not currently covered by any station in particular, thus the need for the new station.

The Chief also explained that

5. **Committee Reports**

Assistant Chief Johnson reported on the Marine 1 and other trucks.

6. **Chief's Report**

Chief LaVecchia presented to the Board the budget for the coming year, also to be presented to the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor. Discussion was held by all. Commissioner Healy commented that the composition of the budget was very well done.

7. **Unfinished Business**

None.

8. **New Business**

The Chief opened the floor to discussion regarding the Entry-level Firefighter Test. He explained the current test components and the history of the current test requirements. Currently, the Department is working off of a two-year cycled list of potential new recruits.

The Chief also explained that there will be some positions opening in the Department by the expiration of the current recruit list, which is July 29, 2010.

Commissioners Brennan and Smith made and seconded a motion that any position that come available for hire on or before July 29, 2010, the expiration date of the current list, shall be made from the current list. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Commissioners Healy and Smith made and seconded a motion to amend the agenda to include discussion about current recruitment. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Assistant Chief Zingaro explained to the Board his current recruitment plan. Discussion was held by all as to changes that can be made to the current recruitment process.

9. **Comments/Concerns of the Commissioners:**

Commissioner Brennan mentioned the new maintenance truck that the Department bought. He explained that a boom is necessary to avoid injury, and explained the difference in electric and hydraulic booms.

10. **Adjournment**

Commissioners Smith and Stein made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 2034 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by C. Birney