



**FIRING RANGE BUILDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

Present: Chairman Carl Chisem, Police Captain John Lozefski, Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger, Joseph Bibisi, Jennifer Mahr, and Chris Holden (*Deputy Director of Public Works*); and Councilmen Robert Santangelo

Absent: Deputy Chief Michael Timbro, Councilman Philip Pessina, and Barbara McAuliffe

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Carl Chisem called Meeting to Order at 6:00 P.M.

2. Approval of the Minutes (October 16, 2018)

Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger made a Motion to approve the Firing Range Building Committee (*FRBC*) Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2018; Seconded by Councilman Robert Santangelo. There being no discussion or objection, Motion approved.

3. Public Comment Opens

None

4. Old Business

A. Update from Chris Holden and Erich Thalheimer

Chairman Chisem moved this under Item 5. New Business, due to it being a conference call.

5. New Business

A. Discuss New FRBC Meeting Date for January 2020

After some discussion regarding different FRBC meeting dates, it was decided to leave it as is – the 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 6:00 P.M.

When the rescheduling of the January 2020 date came up, Councilman Santangelo commented that if this Committee is still running, they're in trouble. Chairman Chisem said they'll keep the January 2020 date as it is now; and in December (2019), they'll address it. Chief Kronenberger made the Motion to approve Chairman's decision; Seconded by Councilman Santangelo. There being no discussion or objection, Motion approved.

B. Update from Chris Holden and Erich Thalheimer (Conference Call)

Note:

On January 15, 2019 (2:20 P.M.), the Community Noise Study Report was E-mailed to all of the FRBC members, so everyone had an opportunity to review same.

Prior to the conference call, Chief Kronenberger asked Mr. Holden if anything jumped out at him (*from the report*). Mr. Holden replied that Mr. Thalheimer's number one option, reorienting the Range, seems very challenging. Chairman Chisem stated that they need to make this project...

1. Efficient for the Police Department;

2. Affordable for the City;

3. Feasible to bring down the noise

He added that on page 21 (*of the Community Noise Study Report*), it shows how much it brings down the noise reduction.

5. New Business (cont'd)**B. Update from Chris Holden and Erich Thalheimer (Conference Call)**

Mr. Thalheimer was phoned, and he reported that this report...

- 1. Covers how much noise is actually being generated by this Range and making its way to the surrounding community;**
- 2. Puts some quantitative numbers on those sound levels;**
- 3. Evaluates the acceptability or severity of those sound levels in accordance with what might be the most relevant regulations and guidelines;**

He explained that, in essence, this would determine the statutory requirement of "Is there too much noise or is there not?"; adding that it turns out there is too much noise. He said they went to the next step in the process, which is "What can you do about the noise? What sort of mitigation and attenuation possibilities might you consider?" Out of the many control measures in existence, he tried to focus on just the obvious "Big Bang for the Buck" controls that would not adversely affect the operation of the Range; and he tried to do it with consciousness of where the majority of the population is located, namely northeast of the Range; and to try to take advantage of some of the natural conditions that were presented in terms with topography.

He stated that this is a Feasibility Study at best; that this is by no means a Final Design Study; but, it's just to start to answer some of the fundamental questions "Is there too much noise? If so, what are some ideas that could be done about it?"

After his aforementioned summary, Mr. Thalheimer went over the Community Noise Study Report with the FRBC members. Once that was concluded, a Q&A took place where Mr. Thalheimer confirmed that short of covering the entire range and making it an indoor firing range, it's highly unlikely to get rid of the noise completely without adding to the cost. After further discussion, Mr. Thalheimer agreed to do a model reorient run, southwest, with a backdrop berm, to see how the noise would change.

Once the conference call ended, a very brief discussion took place.

6. Meeting Adjourned

Ms. Mahr made a Motion to adjourn; Seconded by Councilman Santangelo. There being no discussion or objection, Motion approved.

Next Firing Range Building Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Staff