

POLICE STATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA

March 23, 2015, Noon

~~Steamboat Springs Police Department~~ Rooms 113/114
~~840 Yampa Street~~ Centennial Hall

1. Call to Order.
2. Set meeting schedule.
3. Select Committee Chair.
4. Discussion of Direction.
5. Adjournment.

Chief Rae will be available to provide a tour of the Police Department at the conclusion of the meeting.

- May 7, 2013 - Council Member Reisman moved and Council Member Kaminski seconded to state that a new Police Station is needed, size and cost to be determined. **The motion carried 7/0.**
- August 6, 2013 – 2014 preliminary capital budget approved which included the \$10.7 million transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund which allowed the Public Safety Building to move from the Parked Project list to the 6-year CIP.
- December 3, 2013 – 2014 budget approved with the \$10.7 million move to the Capital Fund and \$300,000 allocated for due diligence and design of a police station.
- November 11, 2014 – 2015 Budget approved including \$300,000 for the continued design of a Police station.
- January 6, 2015 - Reisman moved and Magill seconded to approve the conceptual design; a 15,000 square foot building with a total estimated construction cost of \$8.2 million. **The motion carried 3/2.** Macys and Ford opposed. Kounovsky and Connell stepped down.
- January 20, 2015 - Reisman moved and Kounovsky seconded to have the next conversation about the police station for the purposes of determining the boundaries of the citizens committee take place on February 24, 2015. **The motion carried 7/0.**
- February 24, 2015 Committee formation motions:
 - ✓ **MOTION:** Connell moved and Reisman seconded to establish that a new police facility is a necessity for this City. **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:** Macys added the language “size, scope and timing to be determined”. This was accepted. **The motion carried 7/0.**
 - ✓ **MOTION:** Myller moved and Kounovsky seconded to have the deadline be August 1 and the Committee can always ask for an extension. **The motion carried 4/3. Magill, Macys and Ford opposed.**

- ✓ **MOTION:** Reisman moved and Kounovsky seconded to approve the directive to be a scope review of the approved size and budget and to determine appropriate land placement for the building. **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:** Reisman to explore partnership with other entities as they see fit on relocation. This amendment was accepted. **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:** Connell: take out the words "land placement" because that dictates raw land, and insert "cost effective site location". This was accepted. **The motion carried 5/2. Macys and Ford opposed.**

- ✓ **MOTION:** Macys moved and Connell seconded to have the committee look at financing mechanisms and bring back pros and cons and a recommendation. **The motion carried 6/1. Reisman opposed.**

- ✓ **MOTION:** Kounovsky moved and Connell seconded to have staff bring back options for a facilitator. **The motion carried 7/0.**

- ✓ **MOTION:** Magill moved and Connell seconded to start advertising with the deadline of March 12, 2015. **The motion carried 6/1. Ford opposed.**

COMMITTEE COMPLIANCE WITH THE COLORADO OPEN MEETINGS LAW

The Committee to which you have been appointed is subject to the Colorado Open Meetings Law ("COML"). That means that if three or more members of the Committee want to discuss any "public business" related to the Committee, such discussion may only be conducted at a properly noticed meeting open to the public.

Your Committee is required to work with the City Clerk's office to ensure that proper notice is posted at least 24 hours prior to your scheduled meeting and that an agenda is posted as to the matters to be discussed.

The COML states that electronic communications addressing public business, including emails, text messages, conference calls, etc., when circulated among three or more members of the Committee, may constitute an illegal meeting, since those "meetings" would normally occur without proper public notice.

In other words, the COML prohibits you from sending emails or text messages, or participating in phone calls, to more than one other member of the Committee in which any public business is discussed. Emails or texts sent to, or phone calls made with, multiple members of the Committee in succession (so-called "sequential" communications) also violate COML. The courts have determined that such a course of conduct cannot be used to circumvent the rule.

In short, all public business must be conducted in a properly noticed meeting open to the public.