



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 24-064

Date: April 11, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners

From: Greg Chavarria, City Manager 
Greg Chavarria (Apr 11, 2024 14:22 EDT)

Re: Fire Station 13 Design and Construction Project Delays

The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire Station 13 design and construction project has recently encountered significant challenges that will delay the construction and opening of the new fire station at 2871 E Sunrise Blvd. This memo is being provided to update the commission on the challenges we are facing while the team puts in place a plan to move this project forward.

On March 28, 2024, we were informed that the design team ACAI Associates, Inc who are under contract for the design of Fire Station 13, would be permanently closing their operations April 3, 2024. Staff had received 60% completion documents and were scheduled to receive the 90% completion documents when we were notified of the company's closure. Staff is working together with the city attorney's office to explore all option moving forward. A decision to begin the process of developing a design/build procurement criterion has begun in an effort to minimize delays.

The design team was also working on the platting of the site. Staff was informed this week that a land use amendment would be needed before the platting process could be completed due to the scope of the project. This process could take 12 months to complete.

We want to keep the commission informed on the challenges we are facing and will provide updates as we navigate these recent developments.

If you would like to discuss further or for more information, please contact Stephen Gollan, Fire Chief at SGollan@fortlauderdale.gov or call 954-828-6863.

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