



Budget Engagement Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE:** JANUARY 16, 2020
FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARDS:** ALL
SUBJECT: MEASURE Z – IMPROVEMENTS AT ORANGECREST FIRE STATION NO. 11 to ACCOMMODATE ALL GENDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Recommend that the City Council approve a supplemental appropriation from the unallocated Measure Z fund balance to fund improvements to accommodate all genders at the Orangecrest Fire Station No. 11 in the amount of \$100,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Budget Engagement Commission recommend that the City Council approve a supplemental appropriation from the unallocated Measure Z fund balance to fund improvements to accommodate all genders at the Orangecrest Fire Station No. 11 in the amount of \$100,000.

BACKGROUND:

Prior to the 1980s, most fire stations were planned and built with a single-gender workforce in mind. Many of these buildings are now being used by a workforce that includes both women and men. As more women have joined the fire service, fire departments have needed to provide living arrangements to accommodate firefighters of all genders. All City of Riverside fire stations are currently configured to accommodate both male and female firefighters, with the exception of Orangecrest Fire Station No. 11, located at 19595 Orange Terrace Parkway.

DISCUSSION:

Constructed in 1991, Orangecrest Fire Station No. 11 houses a single engine company serving the neighborhoods of Orangecrest, portions of Alessandro Heights, portions of Mission Grove and portions of the Meridian Joint Powers Authority (JPA). It is staffed 24/7 with one (1) fire captain, one (1) fire engineer, one (1) firefighter and one (1) firefighter/paramedic. The station is configured with private sleeping quarters and restroom for the fire captain. However, the fire engineer, firefighter and firefighter paramedic share an open concept dormitory space, separated by 6 foot dividing walls. A proposal to modify the open dormitory space to provide separate sleeping quarters, lockers, showers and restroom facilities to accommodate both genders has been on the unfunded Capital Improvement Program list for several years. The recent assignment of a female

firefighter to this station makes the needed gender improvements urgent.

Project Scope

The gender improvements project consists of demolishing the current sleeping quarters, which consist of six (6) individual beds and night stands, and constructing five (5) sleeping quarters which can accommodate one (1) single bed, night stand, lockers and a privacy door. Each room will have its own independent ceiling light, wall power outlet and heating and air conditioning ventilation. Separate restroom and shower accommodations will be provided by designating one (1) of the two (2) common area restrooms for women.

The Fire Chief concurs with this report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost to complete gender modifications at Orangecrest Fire Station No. 11 to create private sleeping and privacy changing areas is \$100,000. A supplemental appropriation is needed from the unallocated Measure Z fund balance for this project.

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Approved as to availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer
Approved by: Carlie Myers, Deputy City Manager

Attachment:

1. Measure Z – FYE 2019 Actuals