

Budget Engagement Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS DATE: JULY 11, 2019

FROM: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: MEASURE Z - MUSEUM RENOVATION UPDATE AND SUPPLEMENTAL

APPROPRIATION REQUEST IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 FOR INVESTIGATIVE AND DESTRUCTIVE TESTING REQUIRED FOR ENGINEERING PORTION OF PHASE I DESIGN OF MUSEUM RENOVATION

ISSUES:

Receive an update on the Museum renovation and recommend that the City Council approve a supplemental appropriation from Measure Z available fund balance in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for investigative and destructive testing required for the engineering portion of Phase I design of the Museum renovation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Budget Engagement Commission:

- Receive an update on the Museum renovation; and
- 2. Recommend that the City Council approve a supplemental appropriation from Measure Z available fund balance to Measure Z Riverside Metropolitan Museum Account Number 9901709-462050 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for investigative and destructive testing required for the engineering portion of Phase I design of the Museum renovation.

BACKGROUND:

On November 16, 2016, City of Riverside voters approved Measure Z, a one-cent transaction and use tax projected to generate approximately \$51 million annually for public safety and infrastructure projects.

On January 31, 2017, at a special meeting, City Council reviewed a proposed Measure Z spending plan that estimated \$15 million for a Museum renovation. This sum was confirmed at a May 16, 2017 City Council meeting approving a Measure Z spending plan for the five-year period of 2016-2021. The approved Measure Z spending plan includes a debt service estimate in anticipation of the need to finance the project so that construction can be completed by or before 2022.

On December 19, 2017, the City Council amended the Measure Z five-year spending plan, authorizing reallocation of \$1.3 million from the Museum Department renovation budget of \$15

million to the new Main Library budget to construct a City Archive. This decision reduced the allocation for the Museum renovation to its present estimated \$13.7 million.

On August 30, 2018, Request for Proposal (RFP) 1851 for the Rehabilitation of Riverside Metropolitan Museum was issued. The process resulted in the selection of Pfeiffer Partners Architects, Inc. to perform the work. On April 23, 2019, City Council approved a supplemental appropriation of \$99,220 from Measure Z available fund balance for Phase I design services.

DISCUSSION:

The Museum, established in 1924, has occupied the 3580 Mission Inn Avenue site since 1948. The building was originally constructed as a U.S. Post Office. When it first began to occupy the building, the Museum shared the space with the Police Department. The Museum has occupied the site exclusively since 1965.

Efforts to renovate, expand, and/or relocate the Museum of Riverside have been undertaken upon several occasions in the past. These efforts have included:

- 1. A site analysis completed in 1989
- 2. A feasibility study in 1990
- 3. An expansion study in 2000
- 4. A major expansion plan in 2003
- 5. A relocation study in 2005
- 6. A site assessment in 2007
- 7. A library-museum merger study in 2008
- 8. Another site expansion study in 2008

No major renovation or expansion project has been pursued beyond the exploratory stage since 1965. Seismic retrofits, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-related renovations, and other maintenance projects have occurred as required.

The 3580 Mission Inn Avenue site has been selected as the subject site for the construction project, which is currently in the early stages of planning. The lot size is six-tenths of an acre, backed by a city-owned parking lot, Lot 16. Square footage of the building is about 21,375 on two (2) floors in addition to a basement. The historic building was constructed in 1912 with later additions and interventions in 1928 and 1954. A minor addition in 1967 added 552 square feet off the back of the building. In early 2018, a needs assessment conducted internally and with reference to peer institutions' space allocations resulted in an estimated 29,555 square feet for the renovated and expanded museum, or an increase in usable functional space of about 38%.

At its initial planning meeting with Museum and City staff on June 3, 2019, Pfeiffer Partners conducted a preliminary examination of the building. This examination raised questions that require investigation of the structure by an engineer, including some destructive testing to expose concealed areas of structural concern.

The attached presentation discusses the history and the current status of the Museum renovation project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact will be an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Upon appropriation of the supplemental appropriation, sufficient funds will be available in Measure Z Riverside Metropolitan Museum Account Number 9901709-462050.

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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 3rd Quarter Budget to Actuals

2. Presentation