

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MARCH 3, 2020

FROM: GENERAL SERVICES WARD: 4

SUBJECT: MEASURE Z - IMPROVEMENTS AT ORANGECREST FIRE STATION NO. 11

DORMATORIES TO ACCOMMODATE ALL GENDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF

\$100,000 - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

On January 16, 2020, the Budget Engagement Commission recommended that the City Council approve a supplemental appropriation from the unallocated Measure Z fund balance to fund dormitory improvements to accommodate all genders at the Orangecrest Fire Station No. 11 in the amount of \$100,000, voting 11 Ayes, 0 Noes, and 0 Abstentions (Attachment 2).

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 fire captain, one fire engineer, one firefighter and one firefighter/paramedic. The station is configured with private sleeping quarters and a restroom for the fire captain. However, the fire engineer, firefighter and firefighter paramedic share an open concept dormitory space, separated by 6' dividing walls. A proposal to modify the open dormitory space to provide separate sleeping quarters, lockers, showers and restroom facilities to accommodate all 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 project consists of demolishing the current sleeping quarters, which consist of six individual beds and nightstands, and constructing five (5) sleeping quarters which can each accommodate one (1) single bed, nightstand, 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. It is anticipated that portions of the project, such as construction of the walls, will be competitively bid, with the balance of the work to be performed in house by General Services staff.

The Fire Chief concurs with this report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Currently, Measure Z is projected to end fiscal year 2019/20 with an unallocated fund balance of approximately \$12.9 million (Attachment 3). 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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Certified as to

availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer

Approved by: Carlie Myers, Deputy City Manager

Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachments:

- 1. Gender Improvements Layout
- 2. BEC Minutes January 16, 2020
- 3. Measure Z Spending Plan
- 4. Orangecrest Fire Station Photo