

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2021

FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE PROPOSED NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

ISSUE:

Receive an update on the status of the proposed new Police Department Headquarters.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Budget Engagement Commission receive a status update on the proposed new Police Department Headquarters.

BACKGROUND:

The Measure Z Spending Plan approved by City Council includes \$35 million for a new Police Department Headquarters.

The preferred location by the Riverside Police Department is and has been at the current Orange Street location, which is owned by the County of Riverside (County). Due to the previous position of the County not to dispose of the property, as a result, a number of potential locations were identified by City staff, including a site in the Northside neighborhood. Because of the City's interest in making decisions based on data and information, on December 17, 2019, the City Council approved a Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Citygate Associates, LLC (Consultant) for Police Headquarters Siting, Facilities Optimization and Operational Study for an 18-month term in the amount of \$95,953.

The Consultant completed approximately 70% of the Study through November 2020. Completion of the study has been impacted by two occurrences: 1) the COVID-19 pandemic and 2) a renewed interest by the County and the City to discuss the continuation of the RPD headquarters at its current Orange Street location.

DISCUSSION:

Staff recently re-engaged with the Police Department to discuss the most desired aspects of the headquarters facility in relation to programming, operational and spatial requirements. The Police Department prefers that the new headquarters remain downtown, ideally at the current Police

Headquarters location at 4102 Orange Street. An approximate 35,000 sq. ft. facility will house current operations and allow for future growth.

In August 2021, staff reached out to the County to inquire whether they would consider selling the currently leased building at 4102 Orange Street back to the City. The current lease with the County expires on August 14, 2022, with an option to extend for an additional five (5) year term. Conversations are ongoing at this time.

Should the City acquire the existing Police Headquarters building, the next steps will be to evaluate whether it would be better to rehabilitate or demolish the structure. The approximately 40,000 sq. ft. building was constructed in 1965 and would require major renovation due to age and deferred maintenance needs.

The Police Chief concurs with this report.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to **Strategic Priority 2 – Community Well-Being, Goal 2.4** – Support programs and innovations that enhance community safety, encourage neighborhood engagement, and build public trust.

This item aligns with EACH of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

- 1. **Community Trust** The proposed new Police Headquarters has undergone a significant public outreach campaign, which included numerous public meetings and extensive collaboration with key stakeholders to receive public input and build community trust.
- 2. **Equity** The new Police Headquarters will serve the entire Riverside community.
- Fiscal Responsibility Following City procurement policy, construction and/or renovation for the new Police Headquarters will be competitively bid to ensure the lowest possible price.
- 4. **Innovation** The new Police Headquarters will be designed to not only meet current operation needs but to also provide for future operational growth.
- 5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** The new Police Headquarters will incorporate sustainable construction design and materials expected to last well into the future.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this report.

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