

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

ADD ON ITEM

SUBJECT: Rebuilding of Fire Station #3

AGENDA: X Regular Consent

Hearing Required: Public Quasi-Judicial No Hearing Required **X**

On June 9, 2005 the Penny For Progress list was approved by City Council which included \$1.5 million for renovations to all fire stations including the replacement of flooring, ceiling, concrete and various other interior renovations. That amount was later broken down by station and included \$300,000 for renovations at Fire Station #3. On February 7, 2008, City Council held a workshop to discuss the Penny for Progress list of projects which included \$100,000 for renovations at Fire Station #3. Staff explained that the decrease in funding allocated to Fire Station #3 was due to the fact that the scope of the Fire Station #6 project increased such that it was necessary to reallocate funding for the majority of the station renovations to deal with the Fire Station #6 issues. The Penny for Progress list of projects was approved by City Council on April 24, 2008.

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In 2008, the City performed an assessment of the Fire Station #3 structure and found no existing environmental issues, but decided to strengthen and anchor the roof. However, the need to rebuild Fire Station #6 was the priority and City Council approved moving the funds set aside for Fire Station #3 roof repairs to the Fire Station #6 building project on March 26, 2009.

On April 22, 2010, a revised LOST listing was approved by City Council which reflected changes based on actions taken by City Council throughout Fiscal Year 2010. Updates were made resulting from shifts in priorities and as a result, some projects were moved between years and some funds were shifted between projects. Included in the memorandum to City Council was a listing of three unfunded projects. The first and most critical was the renovation of Fire Station #3 which had similar water intrusion issues as Fire Station #6 and was in need of the same level of renovation. It was explained that funds previously earmarked for replacing the roof at Fire Station #3 proved to be insufficient given the new code requirements and those funds had subsequently been reallocated for other capital expenditures. At that time, the cost of renovation of Station #3 was estimated at \$1.3 million.

On April 7, 2011 City Council approved the re-appropriation of the remaining unallocated balance within the Penny for Progress plan of \$65,275 for a structural and environmental analysis of Fire Station #3. Based on the analysis of Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI), recommendations were made to address the environmental issues concerning Fire Station #3. All recommendations within the PSI report were addressed at that time. Since that analysis, Staff has continued to monitor the environmental conditions at Fire Station #3 as well as address and rectified any and all concerns as reported to the Facilities Manager at the Fire Department.

In the most recent collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Fire Union a provision was included that the City will eradicate any hazardous mold conditions that may exist at Fire Station #3 within 12 months (June 2016) following the Florida Legislature's approval of the jointly submitted pension changes as outlined in the agreement.

On April 24, 2014 City Council approved the proposed detailed project list for the extension of the LOST Series IV projects. That listing included \$3.0 million for the replacement of Fire Station #3. Subsequently on September 25, 2014, after a series of workshops, City Council approved the LOST Series IV Plan by categories, rather than a detailed project listing.

The Mayor's recommendation is to rebuild Fire Station #3 with a new state of the art facility. Planning, design and permitting will begin with a Request for Qualifications by June 2016. It is anticipated that Construction will begin in early 2017.

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City Council Policy found within the Fund Balance Policy (D)(3)(c)(1) found on page 3.13 as adopted by Resolution 31-10 with an effective date of January 10, 2011 provides for:

Council Reserve (General Fund) A minimum reserve of 15 percent of the General Fund beginning adopted appropriations (expenditure budget) should be incrementally established and maintained for use in meeting unanticipated needs and/or emergencies.

The Council Reserve Fund balance is currently \$8,702,042.66.

PRIOR ACTION:

September 9, 2010 – City Council, with the passing of Resolution 31-10, established the Fund Balance Policy of Governmental Funds; Committing the Council Reserves Fund Balance in the General Fund; Provided Severability, Provided for Repealer and Provided an effective date of January 10, 2011.

FUNDING:

Budget: \$3,300,000 (With Adoption of Supplemental Budget Resolution)

Actual:	\$3,000,000	Estimated Project Cost
	<u>\$ 300,000</u>	10% Contingency
	\$3,300,000	

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding the rebuilding of Fire Station #3 from the Council Reserve Fund will reduce the reserve fund to a balance of \$5,402,042.66. This fund will be replenished in accordance with Council Policy plus any additional interest that would have been earned on the \$3,300,000.

STAFF CONTACT:

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 31-10
2. Supplemental Budget Resolution
3. Supplemental Budget Resolution Explanation

PRESENTATION:

None