



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: September 7, 2021

Re: Public Hearing for the Proposed Construction of City of Columbia Fire Station #11.

Executive Summary

A public hearing is being held for the proposed construction of City of Columbia Fire Station #11 located on lot 53 of Deerfield Ridge Subdivision, north of the intersection of Scott Boulevard and State Route K. A virtual Interested Parties (IP) meeting was held July 12, 2021 through July 23, 2021, and an in-person IP meeting was held on August 9, 2021.

Discussion

With the growth in the southwest area of the City of Columbia, it has been determined that an additional fire station is required to provide coverage in that area. Previous Fire Chief Randy White, along with other fire department staff and City of Columbia Public Works staff began a search for property in this area in late 2018, as the project was approved by City of Columbia City Council for the fiscal year 2019 budget.

At the June 1, 2020 City Council meeting, Council authorized the purchase of 2.5 acres located off Scott Boulevard, Lot 53 Deerfield Ridge Subdivision, Plat No. 2, for the new station. Funding for the land was secured with Capital funds, a purchase price of \$347,027 was negotiated, and the contract was approved at this meeting.

At the December 21, 2020 meeting, Council authorized a professional architectural services agreement with Peckham and Wright Architects d/b/a PWArchitects Inc. (PWA) for design services related to the construction of the facility. PWA was selected based upon their experience and expertise designing public safety facilities.

A virtual IP meeting was held July 12, 2021 – July 23, 2021 and received two (2) comments, one (1) in support of the project and one (1) wanting a mini-library to be built in the southwest part of town. An in-person IP meeting was held August 9, 2021 in City Hall, four (4) citizens, two (2) members of the press, 5th and 6th Ward City Council Members, Fire Chief Woody, the President of the Fire Fighters Union and the Building Facilities Manager attended. Seven (7) pages of approximately 30% design plans and model renderings were set up for review by the public. No written comments were received, but general conversations indicated a positive reaction to the plans and an excitement of a station being built in that area of the City.

The total project investment (design, utilities, construction, and construction administration) is \$2,500,000. The project will be funded with Capital Improvement Sales tax (CIST).



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total project investment (design, utilities, construction, and construction administration) is \$2,500,000. The project will be funded with Capital Improvement Sales tax (CIST).

Long-Term Impact: Maintenance

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Secondary Impact: Reliable Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Resilient Economy

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management, Tertiary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility

Legislative History

Date	Action
08/16/2021	R137-21 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of Fire Station #11 to be located north of the intersection of Scott Boulevard and State Route K.
07/01/2020	B130-20 Authorizing a contract for sale of real estate with DFR, LLC for the acquisition of Lot 53 in Deerfield Ridge Plat 2 Subdivision located north of the intersection of Scott Boulevard and State Route K for the intended purpose of future construction of a fire station.
12/21/2020	R163-20 Authorizing an agreement for professional architectural services with Peckham & Wright Architects, Inc., d/b/a PW Architects, Inc., for design services relating to the construction of Fire Station #11 to be located north of the intersection of Scott Boulevard and State Route K.

Suggested Council Action

After the public hearing and Council discussion, direct staff to move forward with construction plans and specifications for the construction of City of Columbia Fire Station #11.