

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. **6**
CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: October 11, 2006

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE FIRE STATION 7 PROJECT LOCATED ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF MISSION AVENUE EASTERLY OF FOUSSAT ROAD AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO CALL FOR BIDS**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the plans and specifications for the Fire Station 7 project, and authorize the Public Works Director to call for bids.

BACKGROUND

The new Fire Station 7 is proposed to be built on the northerly side of Mission Avenue easterly of Foussat Road. The current Fire Station 7 is housed in temporary facilities at the City's 110 Jones Street site. This temporary building houses only three firefighters. Because of the centralized location of the proposed station, along Mission Avenue with immediate access to Highway 76, the Fire Department intends to house two engine companies, a medic company and a battalion chief for a total of eleven personnel housed at the site on each shift.

On December 15, 2004, the City Council approved a professional services agreement with Jeff Katz Architecture of San Diego, in the amount of \$360,000 for preliminary and final engineering services for the Fire Station 7 project. On September 21, 2005, the City Council approved the conceptual plans for the fire station, which were essentially the same as the final plans. On July 24, 2006, the Planning Commission approved the conceptual plans. The Building Division has reviewed and approved the final building plans.

ANALYSIS

Fire Station 7 will be a one-story fire station capable of housing two engine companies, a medic company and a battalion chief for a total of eleven personnel housed at the site on each shift. There are also four double bays and one single bay for fire apparatus. The exterior style selected by the Fire Department is Mission style as appropriate for a station within the Mission Valley area.

The current project schedule is as follows:

City Council approval to advertise:	October	2006
City Council awards construction contract:	January	2007
Construction begins:	March	2007
Construction ends:	June	2008

FISCAL IMPACT

The final Fire Station 7 design is 18,362 square feet. The estimated cost of the building is \$8.3 million plus an additional \$700,000 for furnishings and construction management for a total cost of \$9 million. Council adopted the Capital Improvement Program for FY 06-07 on June 21, 2006, with \$6 million from the General Fund for FY 06-07 and an additional \$2 million for FY 07-08 for a total of \$8 million. In July 2006, it was discovered that the City was eligible for a \$3.5 million U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 108 loan. If the \$3.5 million is received as anticipated, the General Fund's obligation will be reduced and there will be the additional \$1 million available for the furnishings and construction management. At this time, it is anticipated that the project will be funded with \$5.5 million in General Fund reserves and \$3.5 million in the HUD Section 108 loan. If any additional funds are needed based on the bids received, an additional budget appropriation will be requested at the time of award.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Not applicable.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

On September 15, 2004, the conceptual plans were presented to the Police and Fire Commission, which approved the design.

On July 24, 2006, the conceptual plans were presented to the Planning Commission, which also approved the design.

The conceptual plans were also presented to the Loma Alta Neighborhood Association, which provided a letter of support.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

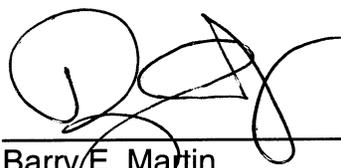
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