

STAFF REPORT*CITY OF OCEANSIDE*

DATE: August 16, 2006

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED FIRE STATION NUMBER 1 AT CIVIC CENTER DRIVE AND FREEMAN STREET**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the conceptual plan for the proposed Fire Station Number 1.

BACKGROUND

This project is the design for a new Fire Station Number 1 on the property bounded by Civic Center Drive, Freeman Street, Sportfisher Drive and the alley east of Freeman Street – the property temporarily occupied by the City Code Enforcement Division. The current Fire Station Number 1 is housed at 714 Pier View Way. The Development Plan for the Oceanside Museum of Art provides for the expansion of the museum into the current Fire Station No. 1 facility.

Last year, staff developed a program delineating what facilities will be required at the new Fire Station No. 1. Because this fire station is in a high-service area, the Fire Department intends to house two engine companies, a medic company, and a battalion chief - a total of eleven personnel housed at the site on each shift.

On June 15, 2005, the City Council approved a professional services agreement with Jeff Katz Architects of San Diego, in the amount of \$390,500 for preliminary and final engineering services for Fire Station Number 1. Since then, Mr. Katz has met with the Fire Department staff several times, responded to Fire Department and Planning staff comments on several alternative designs and prepared the conceptual site plan, floor plan and elevations that are attached.

ANALYSIS

The conceptual plans are for a two-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 three single bays and two double bays for fire apparatus. The exterior style is compatible with architect Charles Moore's City Hall exterior style. Once the conceptual design is approved by the City Council, the architect will begin the final construction documents.

The current project schedule is as follows:

City Council approval to advertise:	May 2007
City Council awards construction contract:	July 2007
Construction begins:	August 2007
Construction ends:	September 2008

FISCAL IMPACT

The current design is about 18,650 square feet. The estimated cost of the building is \$8.5 million including furnishings and construction management. The FY 2006-2007 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget includes \$4 million for construction and design; the FY 2007-2008 CIP budget allocates another \$4 million for construction. No additional funding is required at this time.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Not applicable.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

On July 20, 2006, the conceptual plans were presented to the Police and Fire Commission, who unanimously approved the concept.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

City Attorney analysis does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the conceptual plan for the proposed Fire Station Number 1.

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Exhibit A