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City Manager's Report

November 29, 2022 City Council/EDC Fire Protection District Special Meeting

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Item #: 6.1

Subject: Receive and file the final report and provide direction to staff regarding the Public Safety Building Needs Assessment Study project (CIP #42020).

Purpose: To assess the current Placerville Police Department public safety facility in connection with consideration of potential pursuit of a joint Public Safety Building with the El Dorado County Fire Protection District.

Strategic Plan Strategy: Maintain and Improve Infrastructure and Facilities to provide a safe community – Public Safety Building.

Background: On April 7, 2021, the public safety team, consisting of Placerville Police Department (Police) and the El Dorado County Fire Protection District (Fire) received joint approval from their elected officials to develop a needs assessment that considers not only the existing facilities current facility needs and future facility needs, but also open the broader discussion of the unmet and crucial needs of each facility. A contract to Dewberry Architects, Inc. was awarded at that meeting.

Discussion: Findings summarized in the report are as follows:

1. Options to renovate and expand either facility fail to meet the current and future staffing needs, code requirements, equipment sizing, storage, and basic operational needs of both Police and Fire.
2. A joint public safety facility offers a multitude operational, functional, and community benefits by efficiently using space that serves both Police and Fire while enhancing community services and controlling construction costs through value-engineering design.

Staff's recommendations are to receive, file, and provide direction based on these findings that include pursuit of funding opportunities and initiate project delivery including environmental clearance, right of way, and design. Based on that direction, another item will be brought to each of the elected boards at their respective regularly scheduled meetings in January of 2023 for funding appropriations and direction as needed.

Options:

1. Receive and File this report and direct staff to proceed with next step to determine funding feasibility.
2. Discontinue project at this time and provide direction to staff.
3. Explore options for a stand-alone Police Facility using the existing site.
4. Explore options for a stand-alone Police Facility on a new site.

5. Direct staff to take other actions.

Environmental: This project is in the feasibility stage only and therefore not a project under CEQA guidelines. Environmental clearance will be obtained if the project moves forward.

Cost: None

Budget Impact: None

Recommendation: Receive and file the final report and provide direction to staff regarding the Public Safety Building Needs Assessment Study project (CIP #42020).



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Joe Wren, Chief of Police



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Attachment:

A: Public Safety Building Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study (Electronic format only)