



TO: Mayor and Council

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DATE: November 13, 2018

SUBJECT: November 15, 2018 Council Meeting Agenda Item 73: New Fire/EMS Stations

In May 24, 2018, Council passed a resolution that directed the City Manager to develop a six-year timeline to fund, construct, and staff five permanent fire/emergency medical services (ems) stations. These stations are to be located in the areas of greatest need, as identified by the Austin Fire Department. The five new stations will service the areas of:

- Del Valle/Moore's Crossing area (78617 District 2)
- Travis Country area (78735 District 8)
- Loop 360/Davenport area (78746 District 10)
- Goodnight Ranch area (78744 District 2)
- Canyon Creek area (78726 District 6)

Following this direction, we provided the Mayor and Council with an expedited capital delivery process and timeline for construction for the two highest priority fire stations: Del Valle/Moore's Crossing and Travis Country. Staff indicated that construction of the Del Valle station would begin within 12 months and be completed within 24 months. For the Travis Country station, land would be secured within 12 months and construction would be completed within 36 months.

Staff has been working diligently to meet the timeline associated with this project. On June 14, 2018, Council authorized the use of a Design-Build project delivery method for the New Fire/EMS Stations project. Item 73 on Council's November 15th agenda is staff recommendation and request for approval of award of the Design Build Contract. The amount of authorization being requested to begin this project is \$12 million. The funding is derived from:

- June 14, 2018, Council amended the Austin Fire Department Capital Budget to increase appropriations by \$6 million for new fire stations.
- September 11, 2018 as part of the annual budget Council appropriated an additional \$6 million to the Austin Fire Department Capital Budget

After Council consideration and approval of the Design Build Contract, staff will work with the selected team to negotiate and finalize a contract so that the Contractor may begin work as soon as possible. As progress is made to deliver the stations in the time frame requested by Council, additional Council

authorization will be requested. Future contract amendments, to add the remaining stations, will be subject to the approval of the additional authorization.

Originally, a recommendation and request for approval of award for this contract was posted on the November 15, Council agenda as item 6. Due to changes in the authorization amount, this contract recommendation is now captured as item 73 on the agenda. Staff will request that Council Agenda item 6 be withdrawn.

Staff will continue to provide Council regular updates on this project. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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