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**City Council Work Session Minutes
Police Station**

**Monday, January 13, 2010
6:30 p.m., Community Auditorium**

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Council approved minutes as presented February 24, 2020.***

1. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Peter Truax called the Work Session to order at 6:44 p.m.

ROLL CALL: COUNCIL PRESENT: Timothy Rippe; Ronald Thompson; Elena Uhing; Mariana Valenzuela; Adolph “Val” Valfre; Malynda Wenzl; and Mayor Peter Truax.

STAFF PRESENT: Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager; Paul Downey, Administrative Services Director; Michael Hall, Police Captain (in the audience); Colleen Winters, Library Director (in the audience); and Anna Ruggles, City Recorder.

2. WORK SESSION: POLICE STATION

Downey and VanderZanden facilitated the above-noted work session, noting the purpose of the work session was to provide an update on the current schematic design for the proposed Police Station and present revised estimated costs resulting from the schematic design and estimated bond rates as well as to determine if staff should proceed with the timeline of preparing the proposed ballot measure material to be submitted to voters in May 2020, Primary Election, noting Council must approve the Ballot Measure by February 24, 2020, Council Meeting in order to meet the County Election’s March 21st filing deadline. Downey presented a PowerPoint presentation overview recapping the revised estimated costs resulting from the current schematic design for the proposed Police Station as noted below:

Construction Costs	\$16,800,000
Architect Fees Remaining	\$800,000
Furniture, Permits, SDCs	\$800,000
Transportation Development Tax (TDT)	\$1,200,000
Bond Issuance Costs	\$400,000
Total Estimated Costs	\$20,000,000

Downey advised staff is reviewing a transportation study that may result in the elimination of the TDT; however, staff proposes to keep the estimated costs at \$20 million. In conclusion of the above-noted staff report, Downey estimated that the first year costs of the bond is estimated to be \$155 based on an average \$230,000 assessed value, noting the assumed debt rate is \$0.64 per \$1,000 assessed value.

Council Discussion:

Mayor Truax opened the floor and roundtable discussion ensued as Downey and VanderZanden responded to various Council inquiries and scenarios pertaining to the current schematic design, estimated costs and estimated bond measure rates outlined above. Downey and VanderZanden also responded to various Council inquiries and concerns pertaining to the attendance data from the public forums held so far, if there was favorable response and if considerable public outreach has been successful; and consultant's polling and results of the 2019 Police Facility Bond Voter Survey, which projections indicated weak support for a bond measure in May 2020, and because there has not been sufficient public support data submitted to Council that indicates voter support in May, the bond request should be considered for submittal to voters perhaps at the earliest November 2020. In addition, there was Council discussion concerning the current lack of understanding of what a new police station would provide to the community and concerns that the measure could be in conflict with other upcoming money measures in May 2020, i.e., Metro and Washington County. In response to whether staff should proceed with preparing the ballot measure material for May 2020, Primary Election, Council collectively concurred to postpone the ballot measure proposal to a later date so that it would allow more time for a robust education campaign focusing on the reasons and needs for a new police station. In conclusion of the above-noted discussion, VanderZanden advised staff will continue its education campaign and work on the ballot measure material for future consideration, to which Council collectively concurred, noting the ballot measure would have greater success if the issues continue to be discussed.

Council took no formal action nor made any formal decisions during the work session.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Truax adjourned the work session at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anna D. Ruggles, CMC, City Recorder