



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of April 8, 2014
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of April 22, 2014

DATE: March 20, 2014

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Resolution
Police Vehicle Impound Yard and Garage Phase 2
Forensics Building

CAPTION:

Resolution determining that to construct a portion of the Police Vehicle Impound Yard and Garage Phase 2 – a Bond 2012 Project (Project) at its originally proposed location would be unwise and unnecessary; authorizing the City Manager or designee to proceed with construction of forensics building portion of the Project at an alternate, more suitable, and less costly location.

PURPOSE:

To seek City Council approval authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to proceed with construction of forensics building portion of the Project at an alternate, more suitable and less costly location.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Proposition 7 of Bond 2012 authorizes the design and construction of the Vehicle Impound Yard and Garage Phase 2, which was originally proposed as “an expansion of the current vehicle impound lot, including a 3,000 square foot forensics garage for investigative work on vehicles and holding area for

vehicles involved in crime scenes”. The forensics building portion of the Project would be placed on the unimproved portion of the site. Staff has reviewed the preliminary design work and found that to place the forensics building portion of the Project on the unimproved portion of the site, as was originally envisioned, would require large utility installation cost and a larger than normal engineering and construction effort.

Due to the site’s history as a landfill, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requires very specific construction methods for any building on the site, including a 2-foot air gap between the existing grade and the foundation of the building, which would require the garage floor to be suspended instead of on-grade. Construction of this type would cost substantially more at this location therefore, staff recommends placing the new forensics building at the location of the old vehicle impound lot located at the City’s Service Center. To design and construct the forensics building or garage portion of the Police Vehicle Impound Yard and Garage Phase 2 Bond 2012 Project (Project) at its originally proposed location would be unwise, unnecessary, and costly.

The City Manager or designee is authorized to proceed with the design and construction of the Project, and any portion thereof, using alternate, more suitable locations that would accomplish the intent of the Project. This authorizes the placement of the new forensics building on the site of the old vehicle impound lot located at the Service Center.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not provide authority to proceed with construction of forensics building portion of the Police Vehicle Impound Yard and Garage Phase 2 – a Bond 2012 Project.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

The Resolution conforms to the City's Charter.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Not applicable

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Police Department

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Fiscal Year 2013-2014	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		\$350,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$525,000.00
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$0.00		\$0.00
BALANCE		\$350,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$525,000.00

Fund(s): CIP Bond 2012 Proposition No. 7 Public Safety Improvements, Sequence No. 1

Comments: N/A.

RECOMMENDATION:

Passage of the Resolution determining that to construct a portion of the Police Vehicle Impound Yard and Garage Phase 2 – a Bond 2012 Project (Project) at its originally proposed location would be unwise and unnecessary; authorizing the City Manager or designee to proceed with construction of forensics building portion of the Project at an alternate, more suitable, and less costly location.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Location Map
Presentation
Resolution