



Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Steve Powers, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Police Facility

Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

ISSUE:

Shall the City Council refer to Salem voters at the May 16, 2017, election a question of issuing general bonded indebtedness to finance the construction of a new police facility and related costs?

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider reducing the cost of a police facility and refer the Council-preferred option to the May 16, 2017 election.

Staff has reviewed ways to reduce the cost of the police facility below the \$82 million measure that was not approved in November.

Option 1: If Council chooses to refer only a police facility question, the recommendation is a 127,000 sq. ft. building for a \$69.1 million bond measure.

Option 2: If Council determines that seismic upgrades should be included with a police facility question, the recommendation is to include the library (at \$15.3 million) and reduce the police facility to 115,000 square feet (at \$63.9 million) for a \$79.2 million bond measure.

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

Following the November 2016 election, staff reviewed the financial and planning feasibility of constructing a police facility and making seismic and other improvements to the library and civic center. Based on that review, staff is presenting two options for Council’s consideration.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

Following the November 2016 election, staff reviewed the financial and planning feasibility of constructing a police facility and making seismic and other improvements to the library and civic center. Staff considered planning assumptions and program changes that would result in a smaller police facility. By reducing the sworn officer growth assumption, reducing parking, and removing the Willamette Valley Communications Center (9-1-1 Center), the estimated cost for a police facility can be reduced.

If the growth factor is reduced to 1 sworn officer per year, the estimated cost is \$63.9 million.

If the growth factor is reduced to 1.8 sworn officers per year, the estimated cost is \$69.1 million.

Please see attachments 1&2 for additional information on the options. Neither option includes the 9-1-1 Center.

Either option is a considerable improvement over the current Police Department space. A facility that allows for greater employee growth is preferred.

Also, as directed by Council, a seismic evaluation was completed for the civic center, and an existing seismic evaluation of the library was reviewed and updated. The evaluation and review was completed by an engineering firm with expertise in seismic work. The estimated cost for the library seismic and needed deferred maintenance is \$15.3 million. The estimated cost for seismic work and associated expenses for the civic center is \$29.2 million. (attachment 3). An executive summary of the civic center seismic evaluation is included as attachment 4.

Steve Powers, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Alternative Program Budget Analysis (option 1)
2. Alternative Program Budget Analysis (option 2)
3. Police Cost Summary
4. Seismic Report