

Agenda Report



MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

TO: City Council

FROM: FIRE CHIEF LOPEZ
ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST MEYER
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER GUZMAN

SUBJECT: APPROVE PLANS AND SPECS AND CALLING FOR BIDS FOR
THE RESTROOM RENOVATION AT FIRE STATION 1 PROJECT,
NO. ST 24-15065

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt a resolution approving plans and specifications and calling for bids for the Fire Station 1 Restrooms/Showers Renovations Project, No. ST 24-15065.

BACKGROUND:

In 2009, Watsonville Fire Department (WFD) worked with Beverly Prior Architects to conduct a Fire Facilities Needs Assessment and develop a short term, mid-term and long-term facility master plan. The overall purpose of this assessment was to study the existing buildings and building configurations at both Fire Stations and determine their ability to support current and future operations one of which was providing gender neutral restroom facilities. The current showers/restrooms at both fire stations are locker room style with Fire Station 1 having one large room with glass door showers as the only privacy offered to those showering. If a firefighter of another gender is using the shower, the door to the room is closed to all other personnel until that person is done. This creates a potential delay in readiness impacting operations. This may also impact firefighter health and safety if they need to shower to remove any contaminants they have been exposed to after an incident.

DISCUSSION:

On August 10, 2023, a Request for Qualifications for Architectural Design Services was released to 5 local Architect firms to provide professional services for the design and preparation of construction drawings for proposed tenant improvements to upgrade the shower rooms at Fire Station 1, located at 115 Second Street in Watsonville. Reid Lerner Architects was selected, and former City Manager Rene Mendez approved the contract on September 26, 2023. The project consists of performing the following, including, but not limited to:

The remodeling of the Fire Station 1 restrooms on the first and second floor including the reconfiguration of a new laundry and shower rooms. Improvements include but are limited to carpentry, plumbing, electrical, drywall, paint, doors and floors.

The project drawings are completed and have been reviewed by the City's Building Department. The schedule has the project going out to bid in February 2025 with the bids opening in March 2025, and the project starting at the beginning of April. The Engineer's estimate for this project is six hundred thousand (\$600,000).

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This recommendation is consistent with the following Council Strategic Goals:

2-Infrastructure & Environment

5-Public Safety

7-Efficient and Well-performing Government

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Financial Impacts: The Engineer's estimate for this project is \$600,000. This project will be funded from the following funds:

- \$600,000 Measure Y Funds

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

The City Council may choose not to call for bids. Project bidding would be delayed, and showers/restrooms would not support operational needs for firefighters.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

None