

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: June 10, 2019

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Damon C. Dequenne, Assistant City Manager
Trey Mayo, Fire Chief
S. Kirk Bjorling, Real Estate Administrator

Council Action Requested:

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of a Vacant Lot on Bethel Methodist Church Lane for a New Fire Station (South Ward)

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Secure Community

Strategic Objective: Improve Public Safety Service Quality

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

In order to provide increased fire protection in the southwestern portion of the city, it is necessary to build a new fire station in the area. The prime location for this fire station is in the area of Burke Mill Road. Little vacant land is available in the area, but a suitable lot has been located on Bethel Methodist Church Lane. The lot is owned by Bethel United Methodist Church (Church). It contains 4.05 acres and is further identified as Tax PIN 6814-41-6315.

The lot was appraised for \$281,475. The Church has need of infrastructure improvements on their church property and has agreed to accept \$210,050 in cash. In lieu of accepting the balance of the appraised value of \$71,425, the Church has agreed to forego this balance in exchange for having rights of usage of the multi-purpose/community room to be constructed as part of the new fire station for their shared use for church fellowship meetings. Expenses related to the operation of the multi-purpose/community room would be paid by the fire department. The Church's request for usage of the space would be booked in advance so as not to conflict with any fire department, general government, or community functions. This lease usage agreement would continue until such time that the Church's corporate existence ceases, the Church ceases to occupy the adjacent property, or a functioning City fire station ceases to exist on the subject property, whichever comes first. This arrangement decreases the initial project costs of the fire station construction while furthering community interaction.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 6/10/19 Public Safety 6/10/19	Action	Forwarded to Council
For	Council Member Clark, Council Member Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Larson	Against	Opposed: None; Abstaining: Mayor Pro Tempore Burke

Remarks: