

Council Considers Options for Facilities Improvements



The city is in the process of developing a plan to address long-term facilities' needs. The Government Center, which includes the Police Department as well as the Community Center, was originally constructed in 1951 as Weber Elementary School. Although it has been modified several times over the years on a small scale, the building has not received a major renovation since its conversion to the

Government Center more than 25 years ago.

A Government Center Needs Analysis was completed in 2014, and a Government Center Needs Analysis Task Force has met periodically to provide input and recommendations to the City Council. Among the issues identified in the study are:

- A general lack of meeting room and office space, organized storage, and restrooms.
- Safety and security conflicts between uses on the site. Circulation through the site and building is not well defined. With the heavy use of the Community Center, the locations of these spaces within the building and on the site create conflict. Visitor parking and pedestrians are in direct conflict with the Police Department's need for quick access to New Ballas Road for emergency response.

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Farmers Market Plant Swap and Face Painting

Visit the Farmers Market to get your fill of fresh foods and goodies during October. The Farmers Market is held every Saturday, May through October from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Westgate Shopping Center, 12320 Olive Boulevard.

Farmers Market Plant Swap

On **October 10**, join us for a plant swap at the Farmers Market. Participants are asked to bring one to three "swaps." These can be perennial plants from their yard, seeds, bulbs, or fall flowers. Please do not bring invasive plants. A list of invasive plants is available at www.creve-coeur.org/landscapeguide.



Closing Day

Closing day for the Farmers Market is **October 17**. Join us for face-painting and other family-friendly festivities as we celebrate the last farmers market of the year.

For the latest information on all of the exciting events taking place at the Creve Coeur Farmers Market, visit www.creve-coeur.org/market or like the market at www.facebook.com/crevecoeurmarket.

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- Security and accessibility needs in the Council Chambers and throughout the building.
- Foundation settlement occurring at the northeast wing, with the floor visibly separating from the wall in some areas.
- Needed efficiency upgrades to mechanical systems.
- Challenges with site and interior way-finding. Multiple building entries create confusion for visitors. It can be challenging navigating between floors, especially between the Court and Finance departments.
- Inconsistent, disorganized file storage takes up a large amount of area in the building.

Options to address the facilities' needs include renovating the Government Center or constructing a new government center. Both options would include constructing a new Police Station as well as creating a police and personnel entrance off Magna Carta Drive. The two options would also include opportunities to implement construction in phases.

Option 1: Build New Police Station & Renovate Existing Government Center

Estimated Cost Range: \$10 - \$12 Million

Option One is to build a new police station and renovate the current Government Center, providing the following:

- Police Station and Emergency Operations Center standards and necessities are met.
- Police Station meets current standards, safety, surveillance and ADA requirements.
- Improved site access.
- Community Center improvements including additional restrooms.
- Complete redesign and enhanced Council Chambers.
- Departmental organization and grouping accomplished.
- Meeting, conference, public and storage space needs are greatly improved.
- Settlement issues corrected.

Option 2: Build New Police Station & New Government Center

Estimated Cost Range: \$18-\$20 Million

Option Two is to build a new Police Station and Government Center, providing the following:

- Police Station, Emergency Operations Center and Government Center necessities are met.
- Building standards, safety, surveillance, parking and ADA needs and requirements achieved.
- Improved site access.
- Reduces long-term maintenance costs with more efficient design.
- All departments are organized and function as a whole and a team.
- Community Center facilities are replaced.
- Enhances municipal presence and identity.
- Way-finding and public access improvements.

The city is working with Bond and Associates architects to further define the scope and cost estimates of both options. As this is a major city initiative, a voter-approved bond issue will likely be required to finance either option.

Stay Informed

Residents are encouraged to stay informed on this important initiative. Additional information, including a timeline of the project as well as the complete Needs Analysis Report, is available at www.creve-coeur.org/facilities. Residents are also encouraged to use the online form to submit feedback on this initiative.

The city will also host a **Facilities Tour** on **Thursday, October 22** at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Creve Coeur Government Center, 300 N. New Ballas Road. Community stakeholders are encouraged to attend to view the facilities first hand and to learn more about the city's facilities' needs. RSVPs requested to RSVP@ci.creve-coeur.mo.us.

For more information about the tour or about the facilities improvement options, contact George Seifried, Project Manager, at gseifried@ci.creve-coeur.mo.us or (314) 872-2527.

Government Center Facilities Tour

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Remove Honeysuckle This Fall

October is the perfect time to rid your property of invasive Honeysuckle. The shrub is one of the last to defoliate, making it easier to identify and eradicate. Smaller bushes can be dug up with a shovel, but older plants will need to be cut down with a hand saw or chainsaw. Spray with glyphosate (e.g., Roundup) immediately and check treated stumps in the spring for regrowth, spraying glyphosate if necessary.

