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City Council Considering New Police Station

Creve Coeur City Council is currently considering options to address the city's long-term facilities' needs. The Government Center was originally constructed in 1951 as Weber Elementary School and has not received major renovations since its conversion to the Government Center more than 25 years ago.

City Council hired Bond and Associates architects to conduct a Government Center Needs Analysis in 2014 and created a citizen Needs Analysis Task Force to advise on facilities' needs. The report outlined several shortages with the current building including lack of adequate meeting, office and storage space; multiple safety and security concerns; ADA compliance issues; foundation settlement concerns; and wayfinding challenges. The study also identified several issues specific to the Police Department including an inadequate Emergency Operation Center; insufficient space for training, evidence storage and private interviews with victims; extensive and costly plumbing deficiencies; and unsafe parking configuration which creates hazards between patrol vehicles and pedestrians.

To address these needs, Bond and Associates proposed multiple options ranging from extensive renovations to new facilities. After extensive review of the options by the citizen task force and City Council, the Council is focusing on the option which includes building a new Police Station and subsequently renovating the existing Government Center.

The estimated cost of the new Police Station, including all site work is approximately \$10 million. A voter-approved bond issue would likely be required to finance the project. Based on current interest rates, the tax levy would be approximately \$0.085 per \$100 assessed valuation. The average home with a market value of \$400,000 would



The proposed new Police Station as viewed from Ballas Road facing northeast.

see an estimated increase of \$64.60 annually in property taxes. A final decision has not been made, but if City Council continues in this direction, a vote on the bond issue would likely take place either in August or November of 2016. Financing for a subsequent renovation to the Government Center, estimated at \$5.5 million, would not require a tax increase, with existing reserves and capital improvement fund revenues serving as the proposed revenue sources.

The City Council, Planning & Zoning Commission and Finance Committee will be reviewing the proposed plan. Meeting schedules and other information on the project is available at www.creve-coeur.org/cityfacilities. Citizens can provide comments or ask questions through the city's web page as well. For more information, contact Mark Perkins, City Administrator at mperkins@crevecoeurmo.gov or (314) 872-2511.

Heart to Heart Run/Walk Saturday, June 4

Join us for the 12th Annual Heart to Heart Run/Walk on Saturday, June 4. The race begins at 8:00 a.m. at the Government Center, 300 N. New Ballas Road. Distances include 5K, 10K or 1.5 mile family fun run/walk.

Registration includes timing by Big River Running Company, T-shirt and post-event snacks. Awards are provided to the top three

male and female overall and age divisions. The event is held rain or shine. For registration and pricing information, call (314) 432-3961 or visit www.creve-coeur.org/hearttoheart.



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