



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 08, 2005

Council Session

## Item I3

**#2005-75 - Approving Acceptance of the Site and Need Study and City Administration Recommendation for Fire Station #1 and Fire Training Center Facilities**

Staff Contact: Gary Greer

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Gary D. Greer, City Administrator

**Meeting:** March 8, 2005

**Subject:** Approving the Fire Station and Fire Training Center Study and Authorizing the City to Proceed with Administration Recommendations for Replacement of Fire Station No. 1

**Item #'s:** I-3

**Presenter(s):** Gary D. Greer, City Administrator

## **Background**

At the March 1<sup>st</sup> study session, a presentation was made to the City Council by consultants retained by the city to render advice on the location of a new fire station and a new fire training facility. At the conclusion of the consultant's presentation a recommendation was made by administration for a three bay fire station to be located at a site on Fonner Park property. Administration also recommended that the city locate the new fire training center on land adjacent to the east side of the College Park property.

## **Discussion**

At the conclusion of the presentations made by the consultants for the location of a replacement for Fire Station #1 and for the Fire Training Center, city administration recommended that the new fire station be located at a site on Fonner Park property. Administration also recommended that the fire station be a three bay building of approximately 12,000-15,000 square feet and estimated that the cost would be approximately \$2,400,000. Administration further recommended that the fire station be financed out of accumulated sales tax revenues so that the project would not need to be bonded. Council member Pielstick, at the conclusion of the study session, recommended that administration proceed with its proposal for the new fire station facility.

At the study session, a discussion was also entered into regarding the location of the fire training center. A consensus appeared to be reached among the council members that a good location for the fire training center would be on property east of and adjacent to the College Park property on the north of Highway 34 in Grand Island.

City administration is also recommending that the city begin the process of doing the preliminary work for site acquisition for the fire training facility. The resolution being proposed will establish a direction for the city to take on these projects and authorize the city to proceed with fixing a location at Fonner Park for Fire Station #1 and proceed for planning for that station and would also authorize the city to begin the process of site acquisition for a fire training facility. The resolution being recommended will also accept the fire station study and the fire training facility study.

### **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve the resolution accepting the fire station and fire training facility study and authorizing the city to proceed with Fire Station #1 and the fire training facility.
2. Modify the resolution to meet the wishes of the council.
3. Take no action on the issue.

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the resolution authorizing the city to proceed with site acquisition and design of a new Fire Station #1, to begin the process of site acquisition for a fire training facility, and accepting the fire station and fire training facility study.

### **Sample Motion**

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the city to proceed with a replacement facility for Fire Station #1, to begin the process of property acquisition for the fire training facility, and accepting the fire station and fire training facility study.

RESOLUTION 2005-75

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2004, by Resolution 2004-289, the City Council of the City of Grand Island approved the proposal of RDG Schutte Wilscam Birge, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska (hereafter "RDG") to prepare a Site and Needs Study for the Fire Department for a new Headquarters Fire Station and a new Fire Training Center; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2005, at the Grand Island City Council Study Session, RDG presented such study for review and discussion; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of such presentation, City Administration recommended (a) that a replacement fire station be built without headquarters on donated land on Fonner Park property, (2) that such fire station be constructed and purchased in cash, (3) that the fire station located in the northeast portion of the City be studied further, and (4) that city staff pursue the acquisition of land east of Central Community College for the construction of a fire training facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that:

1. The City hereby accepts the Site and Needs Study prepared by RDG Schutte Wilscam Birge, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska, outlining the future facility needs of the Grand Island Fire Department.
2. The City hereby accepts and approves the recommendations of the City Administrator made at the City Council Study Session of March 1, 2005 as set out above.
3. City staff is hereby authorized to pursue the acquisition and development of a fire station without headquarters to be located on donated land on Fonner Park property to replace Fire Station No. 1.
4. City staff is hereby authorized to pursue the acquisition of property east of Central Community College for the construction of a fire training facility.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, March 8, 2005.

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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March 3, 2005	☐ City Attorney