



BRECKENRIDGE CITY COMMISSION AGENDA SUMMARY FORM

Subject: Discussion and any necessary action regarding Fire Station location

Department: Administration

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Title: City Manager

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Kevin Simmons (Stephens County Memorial Hospital Board Chair) and Gena Spears (Stephens County Hospital Executive Director) are requesting the City to re-consider the location of the new Fire Station, recommending the City's original decision to demolish the current Fire Station on Elm Street and build the new building on that site. They are concerned with the traffic of the Fire Station in such close proximity to the users of the YMCA and the new planned community for which they have received grant funding.

As a reminder, Kevin Simmons served on the Ad Hoc that was created to develop a solution to address the living quarters for City of Breckenridge Firefighters in alignment with our Strategic Plan Goal of Investing in our Employees. The original recommendation was a three phased approach and was approved by City Commission August 6, 2024:

- Phase 1 – Place temporary living quarters on parking lot north of Fire Station
- Phase 2 – Demo existing Fire Station building
- Phase 3 – Construct modest metal building on remaining slab

Subsequently, the City Commission paused its decision to demo the existing Fire Station and explore several possibilities, landing on building a new modest fire station next to the YMCA and selling the existing Fire Station. The City has advertised the acceptance of a sealed bid for the Fire Station on two separate occasions but have not received any sealed bids.

As a review, the benefits and consideration for the existing location:

1. Ideal central location for response times
2. Would realize cost savings from the Walker Street location in that the bays would not have to be rebuilt; we would only build the 5,000 sq. ft. fire station.
3. Plenty of parking

4. Time-sensitive: The Certificates of Obligation funding has been issued, the Request for Qualifications has been issued, and the plan has been to begin construction in the first quarter of 2027.
5. Would maximize SCMH's use of the YMCA, restoring a treasured community building on a highly visible thoroughfare of the City of Breckenridge
6. Enhance our downtown area with a historic anchor for the community

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City issued \$2.5 million in Certificates of Obligation

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Consider approval of request to build new fire station at existing location and demo existing building.