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## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

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AGENDA TOPIC: Civic Center Update  
DATE: February 15, 2024  
DEPARTMENT: Public Works and Engineering Services  
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### **INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:**

In June 2023, the City entered into a professional services agreement with Lopez Salas Architects, Inc. (LSA) for facility planning and design services for the Civic/Community Center. As part of the facility planning phase, the consultant conducted a workshop with City Council on July 19<sup>th</sup> to prioritize intended uses for the new Civic/Community Center and met with intended users to gain input on space needed and other specific facility requirements. A second Council workshop was held on September 9<sup>th</sup> to present the input received, share the proposed functional and support space requirements, adjacency diagrams, and receive authorization to move on to the schematic design phase.

At the November 16, 2023, regular meeting, staff and LSA presented the schematic floor plan and hand-drawn exterior renderings. Councilmembers requested several changes which have been incorporated into the plans and summarized below:

- The conference room has been enlarged by relocating the janitor closet and moveable partition. The conference table now seats 14 people which accommodates expected executive session needs. In the event additional seats are needed, there is space to add chairs along the wall adjacent to the dais.
- The janitor closet has been relocated to Storage Room 2. An enclosed area within Storage Room 2 is provided for the mop sink and shelves for cleaning supplies.
- IT has been relocated to the small storage room near the main entrance.
- Although not requested by councilmembers, staff has added an emergency exit at the rear of the dais for councilmembers.

This workshop will present the revised schematic floor plan, preliminary design development phase plans, including the floor finish and reflected ceiling plan, exterior renderings that better capture the City Campus character of the facility, and a project schedule update. Currently, construction costs are still estimated at \$425 per square foot.

Although no action is requested as part of this workshop, staff seeks direction to ensure that the Architect's vision for the facility aligns with Council expectations. In addition, staff plans to use slides from this workshop, after incorporating any Council feedback, at the upcoming Townhall on February 27, 2024.

**POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:**

- Supports Priority 3.5 Enhance and Ensure Continuity of Reliable City Facilities of the Strategic Action Plan including Project 3.5.5 to Plan and construct a civic center

**LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

N/A