



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA – City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: May 4, 2026

ITEM TITLE: Fire Department Expansion Project Update

DISCUSSION:

Kyle Martin from Martin Gardner Architecture will present an update to the Council.

Of particular interest, we would like to get a general consensus from the Council on moving forward with two items:

1. Structural work – To have a structural evaluate the existing retaining wall next to the parking area to ensure we can build on top or adjacent to it, as well as to evaluate a 2nd story option on the last existing addition to prevent unnecessary snow loads on the new addition would be a cost of \$8,000.
2. Civil work – To have Fehr-Graham start working by doing the following at a cost of \$9,000:
 - a. Complete an in-person site visit of the project location to review the site, collect visual evidence, and compile site photos
 - b. Visual review of the existing retaining wall on the north side of 310 2nd St. SE
 - c. Review of utility mapping and information provided by the City to determine potential impacts on adjacent utilities.
 - d. Prepare a detailed budget summary for anticipated site improvements.
 - e. Meet with the City of Independence to discuss the anticipated budget and assumptions.
 - f. No field survey, geotechnical services or design work will be completed in this phase

The above items would cost \$17,000, and it's important to note that this is not a full schematic design, just enough to develop costs, analyze, and ensure that we can continue with the path that we believe we can.

There are also attached building renderings showing what the building *could* look like. **Note that these may not be the *final* renderings.**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.