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Creve Coeur City Council considers bond measure for new police station

Creve Coeur City Council is considering an ordinance to place Proposition P on the November 8, 2016 ballot for voter consideration. If approved, the ballot will read as follows:

“Shall the City of Creve Coeur, Missouri, issue its general obligation bonds in an amount up to \$10,690,000 for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new police station on the current government center property and making safety, security and accessibility renovations to the existing building?”

Second reading of the ordinance is scheduled for August 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Creve Coeur Government Center, 300 N. New Ballas Road.

This ballot measure is the culmination of more than two years of study by the citizens’ Needs Assessment Task Force, the City Council and city staff. The task force reviewed numerous options presented in the form of a professional needs analysis before making its recommendation to City Council identifying construction of a new police station on the existing Government Center property as the best course of action to ensure a continuation of high-quality police services well into the future.

The new police station will address several deficiencies outlined in the needs analysis including:

- Providing additional work space for police officers, detectives, crime prevention officers and support staff. When the Police Department moved into the existing Government Center after remodeling of the grade school building in 1989, the city’s population and corresponding policing staffing and needs were substantially smaller.
- Addressing inadequate police training facilities, evidence storage and private interview rooms used with victims of crime.
- Eliminating the unsafe parking lot configuration which creates hazards between police vehicles and community center patrons, both drivers and pedestrians.
- Addressing safety, security and accessibility deficiencies in the current building.

- Providing a vastly improved Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which is a critical component to managing public safety and security during major incidents. The squad room currently serves double duty as the EOC, lacking adequate space, technology or the physical strength to withstand natural disasters.

“Our department places the highest priority on providing excellent service to the residents of Creve Coeur,” said Chief of Police Glenn Eidman. “A new station will equip our officers with the facilities, tools and resources they need to continue to provide our residents with the high-quality service they have come to expect.”

If approved by the required four-sevenths majority of voters, the measure will provide funding for a new police station as well as safety, security and accessibility improvements to the Government Center. General obligation bonds totaling \$10.69 million will be issued upon voter authorization, resulting in an estimated real and personal property tax levy of \$0.080 for twenty years. This will result in an estimated increase in real estate taxes of \$60.80 annually on a home with a market value of \$400,000.

The city is in the process of hiring an Owners’ Representative to refine current estimates, manage the project, provide cost and quality control and ensure the project is completed on schedule and within budget.

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