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Creve Coeur Residents to Vote on Police Station Bond Measure November 8

On November 8, 2016, Creve Coeur citizens will vote on Proposition P, a bond measure that, if approved, would fund construction of a new police station. 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?”

The Creve Coeur City Council unanimously approved the ordinance placing the measure on the ballot at their meeting on Monday, August 22.

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.

A 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.

"A new police station is a natural extension of the services that our officers currently provide, and the overall security of the community in which we live," said Mayor Barry Glantz. "I consider Proposition P an investment in the future - ensuring the continuation of the high-quality professional law enforcement services that our residents have come to know, and 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.

At the August 22 meeting the City Council also authorized the hiring of an Owners' Representative to manage the project, provide cost and quality control and ensure the project is completed on schedule and within budget, if the bond measure is approved by voters.

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