

SUBJECT: Public Safety Building

PREPARED BY: Finance & Police

DATE: February 7, 2000

FOR AGENDA OF: February 14, 2000

SUMMARY: This IM is a companion to Ordinance No. 00-15 and is for the purpose of explaining the use of the funds expended through Ordinance No. 00-15.

The need for a Public Safety Building has been well known for the past three years and the acquisition of such a facility has been an ongoing project with past council involvement. Currently the police department uses a little over two thousand square feet and we are extremely crowded and unable to store everything we need to. We are also out of room for officer workstations and file storage space. With the recent addition of two officers, we have maxed out any space we have access to. There is the additional problem of space for the Reserves. We have none. We also need space for training, interview and interrogation, evidence and storage of ammo, flares and other types of materials that need secure storage. The purchase of the proposed vacant commercial structure is a good deal because of its location and size. There is no doubt in my mind that at the present rate of growth we are experiencing, we will grow into this building. The plus for the city and its residents is that we can get into this building for about half of what a new building would cost.

The \$1,300,000 cost of the project will be funded internally with General Fund Balance reserves. It is the intent of administration to internally pay back the General Fund Balance reserves over 10 years at \$130,000 per year. The proposed \$130,000 would be a line item in the police department's operating budget over the next ten fiscal years just as is the Dispatch Communication costs.

FISCAL IMPACT: No Yes, amount requested: \$1,300,000

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Council Consideration


Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Attachments: Ordinance No. 00-15

Presented with: Ord 00-15 / Res 00-15
Date: 3/13/00 Verified by: [Signature]