City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201



Agenda Item Number: REP 50-14

Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: May 19, 2014

Re: Report - Demolition of Old Fire Station No. 7 to Create a Recycling Drop-off Center

Documents Included With This Agenda Item

Council memo

Supporting documentation includes: Maps

Executive Summary

Staff is proposing to demolish the old Fire Station No. 7 building, located at 3601 South Providence Road, and create a recycling drop-off center on the site.

Discussion

In July of 2004, a Structural Evaluation Report was prepared by a local consultant based upon structural concerns of the Fire Station No. 7 building's slab on grade, and lateral capacity strength of the walls. Although there was not an immediate risk at that time, the building's condition continued to worsen. In November of 2005, voters approved an extension to the 1/4 cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax to fund fire service capital improvement projects. Part of the capital improvement package was a plan to replace the existing fire station, in part due to these structural issues, but mainly to move the station to a location allowing better coverage and response times.

In February of 2009, Fire Station No. 7 relocated from 3601 South Providence Road, near the intersection of Providence Road and Nifong Blvd, to the corner of Green Meadows and Bethel. Since then, the old fire station building has been used by the Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) for a short transition period before they moved into City Hall, and to temporarily store fire trucks. The building has been vacant for the past three years and continues to structurally degrade. Staff is proposing to demolish the building and use the site for drop-off recycling.

The Solid Waste Division has been working with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding an inspection report concerning a violation of our permit due to overflow issues caused by tremendous rains last spring during the initial stages of disposal cell 5 filling. The DNR will consider Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP) as partial settlement of violations of this nature. Solid Waste is proposing an SEP by building an additional recycling drop-off site to mitigate some of the impact of the Notice of Violation (NOV). Staff has been researching many properties, both City owned and private, and although there is still a need to serve more of the southwest part of the City, this site is an ideal drop-off location. The access is off of the west outer road of South Providence next to a grocery store. The lot has sufficient space to allow our operations to get in and out of the area, and the land is already owned by the City.

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Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The estimated cost to demolish the building, rebuild, and fence the site for drop-off recycling services is \$50,000, and will be funded through Solid Waste Operations.

Long-Term Impact: Very minimal costs to maintain the site.

Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

<u>Vision Impact:</u> Community Facilities and Services
<u>Strategic Plan Impact:</u> Health, Safety and Wellbeing
<u>Comprehensive Plan Impact:</u> Livable & Sustainable Communities

Suggested Council Action

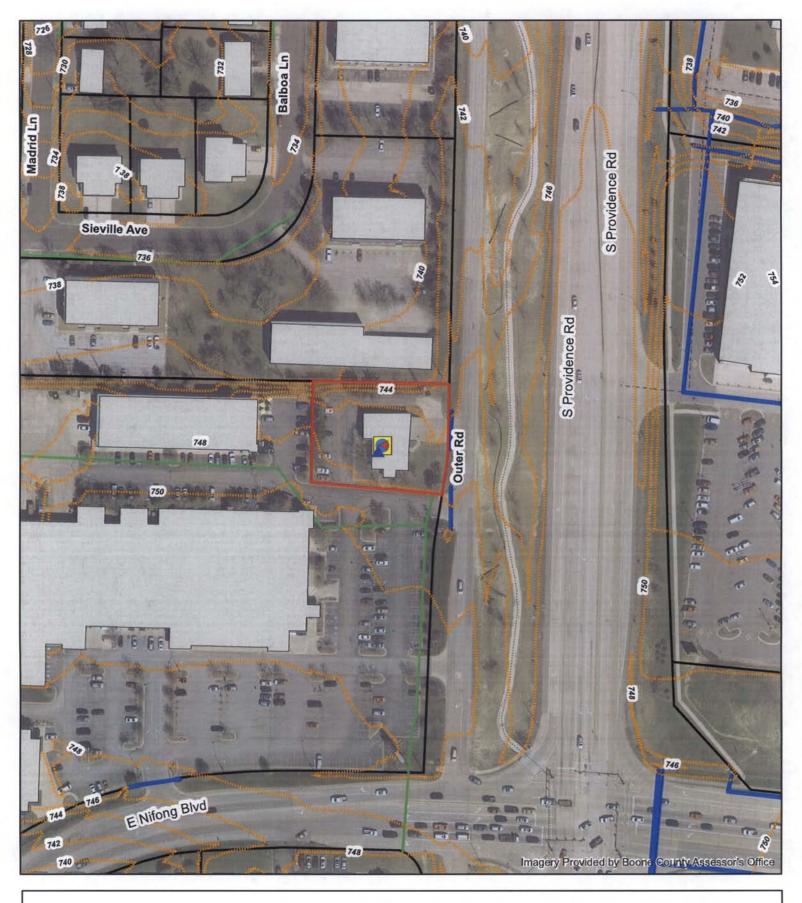
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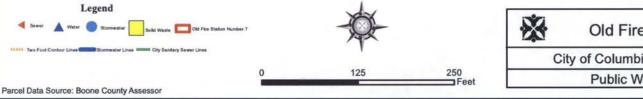
Legislative History

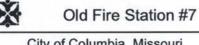
None

Department Approved

City Manager Approved







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