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Police Department

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Chief of Police

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City of Milwaukee Common Council  
200 East Wells Street, Room 202  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Council Members:

In compliance with Common Council file 081006, the Milwaukee Police Department respectfully submits for your approval the Phase II renovation plan for the 4715 West Vliet Street facility, more commonly known as the Old Third District Station. This facility is to hold the operations for the Neighborhood Task Force, formed in 2008.

Phase I, which is expected to be completed by February 9, 2009, consists of minimal first floor renovations, allowing only for legal occupancy of that floor. These renovations include an ADA accessibility ramp for building access, HVAC controls, fresh air intakes, power drops for work stations, general painting, patching, cleaning, and various fire safety related systems.

It is the desire of the Milwaukee Police Department to extend its use of the building to the currently vacant second floor. Phase II of the project would renovate the current office space so that all members of the Neighborhood Task Force can be accommodated in the building.

After recently meeting with the Department of Public Works, DCD Development Center, Project Architect, and the Budget Office, we were able to reassess the original Phase II cost estimates to find additional savings for the most necessary renovations. I have attached the updated renovation plan for your review and approval.

Phase II renovations are considered a "level 2 alteration," meaning that upgrades will be made to building elements such as the interior finish to walls and ceilings, fire protection, means of egress, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and light and ventilation.. The primary codes that dictate design and construction requirements are the 2006 International Existing Building Code (IEBC), along with the 2008 Wisconsin Commercial Building Code (WCBC), 2006 International Mechanical Code (IMC), and the International Electrical Code (IEC).

As a result of the recent meeting, we were able to agree upon the elimination of constructing a new elevator in the building while still being within applicable codes. This change alone will save almost \$400,000. As the project progresses, all opportunities to create additional savings will be acted upon.

The 2009 capital budget contains \$550,000 of general obligation borrowing to continue with this Phase II project. While the current estimate totals \$977,000, our plan is to utilize Asset Forfeiture funds to cover expenses in excess of the available capital appropriation. This coincides with the process used for Phase I.

If you have any questions regarding either phase of the project or how we plan to use the building for the Neighborhood Task Force, please feel free to direct questions to the Acting Chief of Staff, Captain Diana Rowe. I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
EDWARD A. FLYNN  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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