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Alderman Calls for Analysis of Proposed Police Administration Building Renovation

Alderman Bauman wants all options discussed before investment is made

When Police Chief Edward Flynn presented his 2010 proposed capital improvements budget to the Capital Improvements Committee last month, it included a more than \$46 million dollar request for a renovation to the police administration building at 951 N. James Lovell St.

Alderman Bauman called for a complete analysis of the project before the city commits to it. "If there is truly a need for the upgrades in space and equipment, we should investigate whether we could spend the same money and relocate the facility elsewhere, spurring economic development in other parts of the community."

Alderman Bauman said there has been a plan developed by the UW-Milwaukee School of Architecture and Urban Planning that redesigns MacArthur Square and enhances the commercial value of that site. "There may be other property the city already owns that could support the facility," Alderman Bauman said. "We just can't commit such significant funds without analyzing all of the available options."

Alderman Bauman has proposed a Police Administration Building Task Force to study the available options. Members will include the chairs of the Public Works Committee, the Capital Improvements Committee and the Finance and Personnel Committee as well as representatives from the police department, the Department of City Development, the Department of Public Works and a representative of the mayor's office.

Once the task force resolution is adopted, the group will have three months to report their findings. The next Capital Improvements Committee meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2010.