

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance amending the 2021-2027 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan to increase the budget for Station 6 Renovations (Levy) (CIP Plan No. PS-68) by \$500,000 and decrease the budget for the Fire Warehouse & Special Projects (Levy) (CIP Plan No. PS-67) by \$500,000.

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Fire Department

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance amends the 2021-2027 General CIP Plan to increase the budget for Station 6 by \$500,000 and decrease the budget for the Fire Warehouse & Special Projects by \$500,000.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6663

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In November 2016, Bellevue voters approved a levy to fund improvements to fire facilities. The approved levy increased the City's regular property tax levy by \$0.125 in 2017. This increase is allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW for each year remaining in the levy.

The Fire Warehouse & Special Projects proposal addresses the Fire Facilities Master plan that recommended that the Bellevue Fire Department (BFD) acquire adjacent, additional land to permit expansion of the fire training center facility and grounds. This is of high priority to the BFD due to an increase in recruit academy training and joint training opportunities with the East Metro Training Group. This proposal would allow for the first right of refusal for the existing warehouse and property adjacent to the current training center. This acquisition would allow the BFD to make positive strides in fulfilling the Fire Facility Master Plan. The current occupant of the warehouse property adjacent to the Public Safety Training Center has extended their lease through August 2025, thus delaying the proposed purchase allowing for the reallocation of \$500,000.

The Station 6 proposal provides initial funding for Fire Station 6 design and construction. The facility is unique and has special requirements necessary to operate efficiently and respond to fire and medical emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week. With increased development and population density in the Spring District, coupled with the completion of the light-rail system, a new fire station is needed to maintain a safe working environment and to maintain effective emergency response to the citizens and businesses located in the greater Bel-Red area and throughout the City. This project provides funding for initial site selection, design, and construction of Fire Station 6, which was constructed in 1983. The \$500,000 would be used to fund a feasibility study that would be concluded by the end of Q4 2022.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

The goal of the Fire Facility Master Plan is to ensure that the fire department has safe, survivable, and appropriate facilities that will enable it to maintain its current capacity for providing excellent fire and emergency medical response to the community. Both projects are identified in the Fire Facilities Master Plan and are earmarked with levy funds.

Fiscal Impact

This action will authorize a budget transfer from Fire Warehouse & Special Projects (Levy) (CIP Plan No. PS-67) to Station 6 Renovations (Levy) (CIP Plan No. PS-68) of \$500,000. There are sufficient funds in CIP Plan No. PS-67 to complete this transfer.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance amending the 2021-2027 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan to increase the budget for Station 6 Renovations (Levy) (CIP Plan No. PS-68) by \$500,000 and decrease the budget for the Fire Warehouse & Special Projects (Levy) (CIP Plan No. PS-67) by \$500,000.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Vicinity Map
 - B. CIP Project Description (PS-67)
 - C. CIP Project Description (PS-68)
- Proposed Ordinance No. 6663

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N/A