

City of Wichita  
City Council Meeting  
January 17, 2017

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**SUBJECT:** Police Station Facility Assessment and Patrol East Security Remodel (District II)

**INITIATED BY:** Wichita Police Department

**AGENDA:** Consent

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**Recommendation:** Approve the project budget, adopt the bonding resolution and authorize the necessary signatures.

**Background:** The Police Department operates with a decentralized patrol model and operates out of four neighborhood stations. These stations house support staff, officers and supervisors with 100-130 employees working out of each station. The Patrol East station is located at 350 South Edgemoor and was opened in 1989 and was built to house a staff of 25-30. The facility is shared with Wichita Fire Department Station 9. Of the four police stations, the Patrol East station serves the largest number of patrol bureau staff with about 140 personnel. The space is inadequate and substandard for the number of people who work there. The East location is also the smallest station, with 4,500 square feet. There is no space for investigators, no interview rooms, lunchrooms and the station does not meet the needs of a modern, urban police agency. Patrol East is the only Police station that does not provide a safe and secure lobby area for the receptionist and desk officer. Regular police business is conducted in all of the stations, where residents can file and obtain police reports and take care of other police business.

**Analysis:** Prior to the architectural design and construction of a new Police substation, a facility needs assessment will need to be completed. The facility needs assessment will provide the department and City with a best practice approach, utilizing industry standards in the design and construction of a modern and efficient police station. This design will be used for the additional three stations as they are all in need of updating. The facility needs assessment will be completed by spring 2017.

The current design of the Patrol East station does not include a safe and secure lobby area for the receptionist and officers working in the facility. A building remodel is needed to make this area secure which includes adding security glass and proximity card entrances for the officers and the public. The remodel has an estimated cost of \$35,000. Community policing will take over the current space since other private commercial space is being rented for community officers which is located in less than ideal locations.

**Financial Considerations:** The 2016-2025 Adopted Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes \$2,573,000 in GO at-large funding in 2017 for a new police patrol station. At this time, staff is requesting the initiation of \$125,000 for a preliminary building needs assessment and a short term building remodel for staff security.

**Legal Considerations:** The Law Department has reviewed and approved the bonding resolution as to form.

**Recommendation/Actions:** It is recommended that the City Council approve the project and budget, adopt the bonding resolution, and authorize the necessary signatures.

**Attachments:** Bonding resolution.