



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

City Council Study Session Agenda Bill

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2021

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 Minutes

AGENDA ITEM: (7:00 PM) Discussion of Police and Court Facility Project - Executive,

SUMMARY: The City Council has discussed the Police and Court Facility Project several times in 2021, most recently at the March 9 Business Meeting. At that meeting, the Council set time on the March 23 meeting to discuss next steps for the project, but the discussion was delayed to April 6.

Given the timing and other project considerations, staff now recommends that the City continue with project preparation, but not take other steps until the new City Manager is ready to proceed.

AGENDA CATEGORY: Discussion

PROPOSED BY: Executive

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Discussion.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Good Governance

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount:	
Ongoing Cost:	
One-Time Cost:	
Included in Current Budget?	

BACKGROUND: Since the fall of 2020, there has been significant community and City Council conversation about the Police and Court facility project. Staff and the Council have reviewed many of the decisions about location and budget made in prior years which have brought us to the current date.

At this time, staff are nearly ready to advertise for bids for construction related to the Police and Court facility, a final step before awarding a construction contract. If the City advertises the project in early April, typical timing would indicate that staff would bring the contract to the Council for consideration of contract award in mid-May. At that time, the Council would need to take a vote to authorize the contract, which is likely to be the single largest remaining expense decision for this project.

Because we will have a new City Manager beginning his role at the City on May 17, and because of the ongoing Council and community conversation about the project, it may be prudent to wait until the new City Manager arrives and has ample opportunity to fully review and understand the project so that he can lead the City through

the final decision making and project delivery. Staff recommends waiting until May to advertise for bids to ensure that the Council and its new City Manager continue this very important community project with a shared understanding of its development and ongoing approach.

During this time, staff and consultants will continue to work to finalize the bid documents and building permit, so the project will be ready to proceed without further delay should the decision be made to continue as previously approved. We believe that this will put the City in the best position for accountability and successful project delivery.

Accordingly, the action now recommended is that staff continue with project preparation and to be ready to provide a briefing on next steps as soon as is practical after Blair King begins as City Manager.

Information about the Police and Court Facility Project is available on the project page on the City website:
<https://www.bainbridgewa.gov/528/Police-Station-and-Municipal-Court-Build>

ATTACHMENTS:

FISCAL DETAILS:

Fund Name(s):

Coding: