



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Golden Valley City Council Meeting

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Agenda Item

5B.1. Approve Architectural/Engineering Services Contract with Leo A Daly for the East Fire Station Design at 1875 Lilac Drive North

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Summary

The East Fire Station is the first facility in the City's Building Forward Initiative. This multi-year plan will modernize the City's core service operations with multiple investments:

- building a new Public Works facility at 6100 and 6110 Olson Memorial Hwy
- consolidating Fire Stations #2 and #3 into a new East Fire Station at 1875 Lilac Dr
- reimagining the Civic Center Campus, which includes: the new Public Safety facility, a new Hennepin County Library, consideration of a new City Hall, a public plaza, and new water tower

Architectural Selection Process for East Fire Station

The City of Golden Valley issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for architectural services for the East Fire Station on March 17, 2026. The City received nine proposals from qualified architectural firms. A selection committee comprised of the City Administrator, Finance Director, Community and Economic Development Director, Fire Chief, and Assistant Fire Chief reviewed all submissions and shortlisted three firms for further consideration. These firms were interviewed on April 16, 2026. Following the interview process and evaluation, Leo A Daly was identified as the recommended architectural firm for the East Fire Station. The selection was based on the firm's demonstrated company and team experience, thoughtful design approach, clear project deliverables, and strong communication plan.

Leo A Daly

The selection team was impressed with the high-quality proposal, presentation, and interview. It's clear that the team's focus is to raise the design excellence bar in all aspects of public safety design. The team produced multiple high-quality graphics to explain the opportunities available with the East Fire Station and Lilac Drive Realignment. Leo A Daly has a strong background in public safety industry research and attention to detail, knowing that Fire Stations are legacies for communities and the fire fighter profession.

Leo A Daly is committed to:

- Constant scrutiny of efficient operational design and decontamination processes

- Design thinking which improves the health, safety and wellbeing of firefighters.
- Leading sustainable design practices in Public Safety Architecture.
- Leading public safety training design acumen to improve training outcomes.
- Creating award winning, landmark architectural designs.

Their team members work locally and nationally, where they absorb and bring back to a wide range of perspectives and best practices for consideration. With dozens of fire station facilities, studies, and public safety training studies and designs, they have taken a deep dive into understanding fire fighter wellness. Enclosed for your review is Leo A Daly's proposed scope of services narrative and fee schedule for the East Fire Station.

Financial or Budget Considerations

The attached contract with Leo A Daly totals \$1,128,416 to provide Programming and Preliminary Design, Schematic Design, Design Development, Construction Documents, Guarantee Maximum Price (GMP) Documents, Construction Administration, Sustainability Design for B3, Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment coordination, and Audio Visual and Infrastructure and Electronic Design. The East Fire Station design will be funded with State Bonding dollars allocated to cover site acquisition and design costs. Soft and hard costs related to the construction of the fire station have been incorporated into the long-range financial management plan that was presented to the City Council on April 14, 2026. As discussed at that meeting, the budget numbers are preliminary and will be updated as the project progresses in design and scope and we will bring back updated costs at a future work session(s).

Legal Considerations

The City's Legal Division has reviewed and approved the agreement.

Equity Considerations

The City of Golden Valley is committed to providing a wide range of essential services to support the quality of life of all residents. Over the past several years, the City has been assessing its aging public buildings and determined that the Police, Fire, and Public Works buildings can no longer adequately support efficient delivery of City services to our residents. Based on resident input and independent analysis, the City is moving forward with a plan that will invest in modernizing its core service operations. The Building Forward project is based on numerous equity goals, including: providing safe and accessible workplaces for staff, modernizing buildings to provide for gender-neutral locker rooms and bathrooms, and improve energy efficiency and resilience. It will advance the goal of equitable customer service, as outlined in the City's Equity Plan. Additionally, the new buildings will provide ample space for modern equipment, protecting the City's investments. The ideal location of the East Fire Station will also allow for improved response times to emergencies throughout our community.

Recommended Action

Motion to approve an agreement for Architectural/Engineering Services Contract with Leo A Daly.

Supporting Documents

- [East Fire Station Leo A Daly Contract](#)