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Report regarding Measure W update. (*Marian Lee, Assistant City Manager*)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council review the information in this staff report. This is an information item. There are no actions for consideration at this time.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At the City Council Study Session held on April 19, 2016, staff provided site plan options for replacing the City's Municipal Services Building (MSB) facilities with a new Community Civic Campus at the following two locations:

- The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) site located at the northeast corner of El Camino Real and Chestnut Avenue; and
- The Pacific Market site located at the northwest corner of El Camino Real and Westborough Boulevard.

Based on in-depth discussion, City Council provided direction to further develop and discuss with the community site plan options prepared for the PUC site. The PUC site showed more advantages for the City as it is situated on publically-owned property. On June 14, 2016, a Town Hall meeting was held to share with the community progress on Measure W and to engage in discussions about the proposed Community Civic Campus. The following information provides key findings from the Town Hall meeting and general updates related to Measure W.

Town Hall Meeting Summary

Approximately 350 community members attended the Measure W Town Hall Meeting. It was good to see that many of the participants were new faces to staff. The meeting was conducted in an open house format with four booths dedicated to: police and fire services; five-year street paving plan; Community Civic Campus site plan options; and programming for the joint library and recreation facility.

Information collected at the Town Hall meeting will be available on the City's website by July 27. The Town hall presentation boards are currently available on the city's website at <http://www.ssf.net/2317/Measure-W>.

Public feedback was particularly solicited on: site plan options which reflected various surface/structure parking configurations and open space availability; and programming of the joint library and recreation facility. Regarding the site plan options, there was more enthusiasm for the options with structured parking because they maximize open space. They were more costly but the community felt that it was important to maximize indoor and outdoor space for the multiple programming needs of the City. Regarding programming activities, input reflected desire for a diverse range of activities and amenities for all age groups. Outdoor activities/amenities included fitness, community events, trail network, casual seating, play yard, active/passive recreation, outdoor gathering, interactive features, public art, and maintained/naturalized landscaping. Indoor activities included fitness/health/wellness, large events/gatherings, performance, life-long learning, community connections, technology/innovation, collection/quiet reading, recreation, creative arts and collaboration/group study.

Community input confirms that we are headed in the right direction with Measure W. The interest areas are consistent with previous input gathered during the preparation of the Library and Park and Recreation departments' long-term plans

as well as outreach associated with the Measure W ballot. Almost all of the desired programs can be accommodated at the Community Civic Campus. Space planning to determine exactly what programs and how much will need to be prepared and is one of the key next steps for this effort. It is important to know that two recreational facilities important to the City, swimming pool and soccer field, will need to be advanced at other City locations. Staff concurs that these facilities need to be improved or newly built and is continuing to work with City Council and City partners to address these needs.

Discussions at the police and fire services booth and the five-year street paving plan was focused more on information sharing. It provided a venue to inform community members about the proposed five-year street paving plan to repair and maintain our street network in a state-of-good-repair as well as the police and fire functions in the City. The information was generally well received. The community expressed appreciation for the City's services in these areas and also provided staff with concerns that need staff's more immediate attention, such as sidewalk areas that are buckling from tree roots to traffic safety issues at particular intersections. The collective concerns were noted and have been forwarded to the appropriate departments for follow-up.

Schedule Overview

At this time, construction is anticipated to begin in 2017/2018 with completion in 2019/2020. These milestone dates are approximate and will be updated once the project delivery method is selected by the City. For the remainder of the 2016 year, staff will focus on space planning of the indoor and outdoor activities identified above, environmentally evaluating the project, forming the Citizens' Oversight Committee, and selecting the Program Management Team.

Citizen's Oversight Committee

The Measure W Citizen's Oversight Committee is scheduled to be established in September 2016. The role of the Committee is to oversee correct spending of Measure W moneys collected and spent. To date, the Committee by-laws have been adopted by City Council. In August, applications will be made available with selection by City Council scheduled for September. Information regarding the Committee will be distributed through the City Clerk's office as well as the City Manager's Office. Interested candidates can submit their contact information to the City Clerk's office at this time.

Program Management Services

Based on City Council direction, staff is currently seeking consultant services for Program Management. These services will assist the City in overseeing the Community Civic Campus project and manage the designers and builders. A Request for Qualifications was released in June and five qualifications were received. In August, a pre-proposal conference will be conducted, qualified teams short-listed to participate in the Request for Proposal process, with final selection anticipated in November.

Next year, during the first six months of 2017, staff will focus on completing the environmental process, amending the Specific Plan and procuring the design/builders. The remainder of 2017 will focus on finalizing design and preparing for ground breaking.

FUNDING

There is no funding impact. This is an information item.

CONCLUSION

The next update for City Council will be in approximately three months. Upcoming City Council Measure W related

action items will be selection of the Citizens' Oversight Committee members in September and selection of the Program Management Team in November.