

**CITY OF GOODYEAR
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT (CAR)**

SUBJECT: Review of proposed Fire Station 181 location with City Council.	STAFF PRESENTER: Paul Luizzi, Fire Chief
	CASE NUMBER: None
	OTHER PRESENTER: None

PROPOSED ACTION:

Council will receive an update on the proposed location of Fire Station 181 from the Fire Chief.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS:**Fire Station Study**

On February 24, 2014, January 25, 2016, and February 29, 2016 during Council work sessions, Fire Chief Paul Luizzi presented changes being made for new fire station triggers and thresholds and provided updates on the fire department's response to two of the city's growth areas (the Estrella development south of the Ray Road alignment and West Goodyear). Previous to these discussions, the Sonoran Valley Public Safety Master Plan (2008) portrayed a more aggressive growth pattern occurring in the city, however due to the recession, the rate of growth contemplated in that plan has not materialized. The new triggers and thresholds took into account calls for service, actual growth of the city, setting more realistic response time goals, and the distance new development will likely occur from existing stations.

During the FY17 budget process the City Council approved a Fire Station Study to review fire needs for the entire city. As a result of one-time funding being made available a Request for Proposal (RFP) process resulted in the selection committee awarded the study to Operational Research in Health, Inc. (ORH). ORH is a management consulting company established in 1986 that assists entities with resource planning in the public sector. Since their inception, ORH has conducted more than 600 reviews aimed at optimizing resources for efficient and effective operations. ORH and the Fire Chief presented the results of the Fire Station study to City Council on December 12, 2016 which included optimal locations for Fire Station 181 as well as fire stations in South and West Goodyear.

STAFF ANALYSIS:**Site Identified for replacement Fire Station 181:**

A site has been identified for a new replacement Fire Station 181. The identified site is located in Palm Valley Crossing south of the southeast corner of 137th Avenue of Auto Drive. According to the Operational Research in Health, Inc. (ORH, Inc.) Goodyear 2016 Fire Station Study the optimal site for a replacement Fire Station 181 is located at Van Buren Street and Litchfield

Road (Exhibit G1). This proposed replacement site lies 1/3rd of a mile southeast of the optimal point and is in the “Good” zone for a replacement fire station (Exhibit G2b). The “Good” zone is similar in nature to site locations explored south of the new Police Operations Building and at the northwest corner of 143rd Avenue and Celebrate Life Way.

Development Agreement:

The opportunity to negotiate acquiring this site, at minimal to no expenditure of city funds, was discovered through work being done related to the cataloging of Development Agreements.

The original Development Agreement No. 1 for Palm Valley was signed in August of 1989. This agreement contemplated one fire station for the Palm Valley development. Subsequent to this agreement Amendment No. 3 to the Development Agreement No. 1, related to fire and public safety, was negotiated and signed in May of 1993. This amendment contemplated two fire stations in the Palm Valley development. In 2000 the first Palm Valley fire station (Fire Station 183) opened at Avalon Drive and Litchfield Road near Goodyear Community Park. The second of these Palm Valley Fire Stations was contemplated to be constructed east of the southeast corner of McDowell Road and Clubhouse Drive in Palm Valley Phase VIII (Sarival West).

Furthermore, Robson Communities developed PebbleCreek in a portion of Palm Valley. The Development Agreement for PebbleCreek Resort Community Phase II signed in May of 2005 negotiated the land sale for an additional fire station, now Fire Station 185 west of the southwest corner of PebbleCreek Parkway and Clubhouse Drive.

The city identified an opportunity to work with our development partner, Sunbelt Holdings, to modify the outstanding obligation, and acquire a different Sunbelt site in Palm Valley Crossing that can better support Central Goodyear as well as the southern areas of Palm Valley. Through working with Sunbelt we are able to acquire a replacement Fire Station 181 site, at minimal to no expenditure of city funds, thus adding value to the current obligation. This is a testament to the commitment of our development partners to support the city’s changing needs, the city’s commitment to better tracking and monitoring our development agreements, and the city’s ability to find an opportunity that will save approximately \$350,000+ in costs related to fire station land acquisition and construction.

The next steps in this process will be to amend the Palm Valley Development Agreement(s), rezone the replacement Fire Station 181 property in Palm Valley Crossing to allow a fire station, rezone the previously contemplated fire station site in Palm Valley VIII to allow for the development of compatible land uses (Mixed-Use Commercial – C-2), and acquire the replacement Fire Station 181 site from Sunbelt in Palm Valley Crossing.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Fire Station Project Cost, \$5,871,800 of which \$5,000,000 will come from GO Bonds (Series 2017). The balance of that money will come from the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Move forward with the relocation of Fire Station 181 to the area of 137th and Auto Drive.

ATTACHMENTS:

12.01.16 Fire Station Study