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CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

SUBJECT: Future direction for the three city-owned Western Avenue Properties

STAFF PRESENTER(S): Dan Cotterman, Deputy City Manager

OTHER PRESENTER(S):

Summary: Receive direction on the future usage of the three city-owned Western Avenue Properties.

Recommendation:

Split the three Western Avenue parcels into two parcels; transfer Parcel 1 (Old City Hall/Fire Station) to the United Goodyear Firefighters 4005 with a deed restriction to historical preservation/museum use and sell Parcel 2.

Fiscal Impact: The proceeds received from the sale of Parcel 2 will become onetime general fund resources. Staff time, costs to survey the parcels, and appraisals will be necessary. These costs will come from the City Manager's contingency.

Background and Previous Actions

The city owns three parcels along Litchfield Road. The buildings, located at the northeast corner of Western Avenue and Litchfield Road, include the Old Squad Room, Old 911, and Old City Hall. In May 2018, Council directed staff to move forward with the sale of the property south of this complex. The property sold in September 2018.

Council reviewed the three parcels along Litchfield Road in a Work Session in July 2017, December 2017 and May 2018, as well as the Regular Meeting of February 2019.

Staff Analysis

Staff collaborated to prepare and present the two-parcel option in an attempt to address Council's desired property use. The buildings have been vacant for a number of years. The United Goodyear Firefighters 4005 have championed the reuse of the structure on Parcel 1 and have pledged to invest in the property and preserve its historical value. Additionally, they have agreed to take on the maintenance and associated costs associated with the property. By selling Parcel 2, it will alleviate the need for continued maintenance and will help revitalize this area of the city.

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Attachments

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