

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: The Honorable City Council

FROM: Hugh R. Riley, Assistant City Manager 

DATE: November 5, 2009 (CC Meeting of November 18, 2009)

SUBJECT: Consider Scheduling a Special City Council Meeting for December 9, 2009 to Review Proposed Revisions to the Campus Master Plan and Building Site Design Concept for New Civic Center and City Hall

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

One of the City Council's top ten priority projects is the development of a new Civic Center and City Hall. City Council selected GKK Architects for the design of the new Civic Center and City Hall in 2005 and as a result a Campus Master Plan and building site design concept for the new permanent facility on High Street was prepared by GKK Architects and presented to the City Council on June 21, 2006. The City Council approved the basic plan and established an Ad Hoc Committee (Councilmember Millhouse and former Mayor Hunter) to work with the architect and staff to incorporate Council suggestions into the design.

A number of modifications to the plan were discussed and alternative design schematic plans were developed by the architect. The most significant modification was to incorporate a new Library into the master plan. Over the past months, staff has been working with the architects to finalize the building program based on potential staffing needs and develop alternative plan schemes including an additional option to renovate the existing library as part of the project. Staff is now prepared to present several alternative plan schemes for the City Hall and Library as well as an expanded Campus Master Plan that include the new post office and possible use of property that may be acquired from the Essex Partnership as part of their proposed multi-family housing project.

Staff is proposing a special meeting on December 9, 2009 for an in-depth presentation of the alternative plans to the City Council so that the project may move forward. As proposed the meeting would be in a "workshop" format on the floor of the Apricot Room but not televised. This format would be more conducive to exchange of ideas and public review and comment on the plans prior to Council discussion.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Schedule Special Meeting for City Council Workshop for the Civic Center Project on Wednesday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Apricot Room.