

ITEM 9.A.

MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: The Honorable City Council

FROM: Hugh R. Riley, Assistant City Manager 

DATE: August 20, 2010 (CC Meeting of September 1, 2010)

SUBJECT: Consider Scheduling a Special City Council Meeting for October 13 2010 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 have been developed by the architect. The most significant modification suggested was to incorporate a new Library into the master plan. However that plan has been set aside due to the probable cost for a new building in favor of an expansion to the existing library. 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 the renovation of the existing library as part of the project. In Addition, a Report on LEED Certification Design Considerations was also prepared and provided to the City Council on November 9, 2009.

Staff is prepared to discuss the LEED Report, 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 multi-family housing project.

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Staff is proposing a special meeting on October 13, 2010 for an in-depth presentation of the LEED Report and 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.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Schedule Special Meeting for City Council Workshop for the Civic Center Project on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Apricot Room.