



## CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

### AGENDA ITEM

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Report: Removal of Brick Façade at Fire Training Center Tower and Exterior Concrete Planter Boxes at Civic Center Parking Structure Project, Adopt Specification

1. Resolution adopting Specification No. 3970 for the Removal of Brick Façade at Fire Training Center Tower and Exterior Concrete Planter Boxes at Civic Center Parking Structure Project and directing the City Clerk to advertise for bids.

### COUNCIL ACTION

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**Item Type:** Consent Calendar

**Approved for** November 28, 2023 **Calendar**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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There is a current need to remove deteriorated concrete structures at the Fire Training Center and Civic Center Parking Structure. The intent of this item is to adopt project specification and advertise for concrete demolition at both facilities. These projects are necessary to mitigate hazardous conditions associated with the age of the structures and extent of the deterioration.

### RECOMMENDATION

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Approve the Resolution Adopting Specification No. 3970 for the Removal of Brick Façade at Fire Training Center Tower and Exterior Concrete Planter Boxes at Civic Center Parking Structure Project and direct the City Clerk to advertise for bids.

### ANALYSIS

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The Fire Training Center is located within the Public Works Corporate Yard at 541 W. Chevy Chase. The four-story, concrete training tower was originally constructed in 1960, and has served the city well, providing valuable training opportunities for new recruits, veteran firefighters, and other agencies. The tower includes a brick façade on two sides that has been noticeably separating from the structure for the past several years and continues to get worse with time.

Unfortunately, there is no practical means of repairing the façade and it is now necessary to remove it completely. Once the façade is removed, the concrete tower will be cleaned up, repaired, painted, and new handrails will be installed where the façade previously made-up the handrail. It is anticipated that these improvements will enable the use of this

vital training element for many more years.

The Civic Center Parking Garage is located at 650 E. Wilson Avenue and was originally constructed in 1986. The three-story parking garage includes exterior concrete planter boxes on several levels. Due to the inaccessibility of these planters, they are extremely difficult to maintain and therefore they have not been in use for over 25 years. During the Northridge earthquake of 1994, two of these planter boxes became detached from the structure and one fell through the upper-level deck to the level below causing extensive damage to the structure and several vehicles.

Due to the lack of use, age of the structure, and potential for damage, it is recommended to remove all the 15 concrete planter boxes. In addition to the planter box removals, this project includes pressure washing the exterior of the structure, and patch and paint of the planter box attachment points to blend with the exterior walls. To ensure the safety of staff and public using the parking structure, all demolition work will be done on weekends.

### **STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH**

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All work will be coordinated with associated departments to minimize impacts to operations, staff, and public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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There is no fiscal impact associated with this report. The work for the Civic Center Parking Garage is already funded in the Parking Fund (2210). The work at the Fire Training Tower is unfunded so staff will request a resolution of appropriation from the Building Maintenance Fund (6070) to adequately fund this portion of the project during contract award.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)**

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This project is Categorical Exempt under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class 1, Section 15301.

### **CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE**

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This item is exempt from campaign disclosure requirements.

### **ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Alternative 1: Do not approve the resolution adopting specification for this project. Doing so many require all or a portion of these structures to be cordoned off to protect persons and property.

Alternative 2: Consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

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**EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS**

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None