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POLICE DEPARTMENT – A NATIONALLY ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

MEMO

To: Gregg Mandsager
From: Chief Brett Talkington
Ref: Police Radio System Change Order #2 for Whelen Cencom Siren Controls
Date: 7-14-2011

Introduction:

In August of 2010 City Council authorized a purchase order be issued to Communications Engineering Company (CEC) in the amount of \$111,013.97 for a new radio system for the Police department. In January, 2011 an additional purchase order (change order #1) to CEC was approved in the amount of \$13,069.47 for enhancements to the radio system. This brought the total authorized cost to \$124,083.44. There was \$150,000 budgeted for this system and this amount was included in the June, 2010 bond issue.

Background:

At this time the Police department is requesting to purchase (5) Whelen Cencom remote siren controls to outfit the rest of the squad cars with the necessary equipment to be compatible with the new radio system. The department previously purchased (5) Whelen Cencom remote sirens that were part of the switchover costs for the new squad cars.

These Whelen Cencom remote sirens are a necessary replacement for the Motorola sirens that we are using now. The Motorola sirens are obsolete and parts will be increasingly difficult to obtain as more time goes by. Buying extra Motorola sirens to use as spares is no longer an option. The Motorola siren is also integrated to the older Spectra 800 MHz radios rather than the new VHF MotoTRBO radios so if the Spectra radio was removed or replaced, the siren would not function.

The Whelen Cencom remote sirens also add functionality through the use of newer options such as “park kill” which automatically disables the siren when an officer arrives at the scene and shifts the transmission into park. The “horn ring” option adds safety as it allows the officer to control the siren through the vehicle’s horn switch and this keeps his hands on the steering wheel during pursuits

Recommendation:

The Police department is requesting City Council authorize the issuance of a purchase order (Change Order #2) to CEC for five (5) Whelen Cencom remote siren controls in the amount of \$4,683.75. This will bring the total authorized cost of the Radio System to date to \$128,767.19. This is still well within the \$150,000 authorized for this project. Please include this request on the agenda for the July 21 Council meeting.



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

Planning,
Zoning,
Building Safety,
Construction Inspection Services,
Public Health,
Housing Inspections,
Code Enforcement

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Cc: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
From: Steven Boka, Director of Community Development
Date: July 15, 2011
Re: Zoning Change – National Guard Armory Property – 1421 Park Ave.

INTRODUCTION: On September 6, 2007 the City entered into an Agreement for the Lease and Conveyance of Real Property with the Adjutant General of Iowa on behalf of and as Chairman of the Iowa Armory Board (public document no. 90255) which granted the state a long term lease of 17.276 acres of real estate located in the southeast portion of the Muscatine Municipal Airport in exchange for the current National Guard Armory property and buildings located at 1421 Park Avenue. The acreage located on the airport property is currently being developed as a joint readiness facility for both the Army Reserves and the Iowa National Guard. When complete, the National Guard will relocate to the new readiness center and the property at 1421 Park Avenue will be transferred to the City.

BACKGROUND: The existing building and property located at 1421 Park Avenue is zoned R-3, Single-Family Residential. The Future Land Use Map in the Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2002 calls for the property to be developed commercially. In order for the City to realize the potential sale and development of the property, a zoning change is requested to C-1, Neighborhood and General Commercial. The zoning change was reviewed by the Planning Commission during their June 14, 2011 meeting and they have unanimously recommended the change of zoning as outlined herein.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE: Following the scheduled Public Hearing, It is recommended that the City Council take action to approve the ordinance changing the zoning for the property located at 1421 Park Avenue from R-3, Single-Family Residence to C-1, Neighborhood & General Commercial.

BACKUP INFORMATION:

1. Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE
OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE,
IOWA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the boundaries of the District Map, being a part of the Zoning Ordinance, which is Title Ten of the Ordinance of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, be and the same are, hereby amended to rezone the following described real estate, situated in the City and County of Muscatine, and State of Iowa, to-wit:

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY-FIVE (25), TOWNSHIP SEVENTY-SEVEN (77) NORTH, RANGE TWO (2) WEST OF THE FIFTH (5TH) PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION TWENTY-FIVE (25), 533.8 FEET SOUTH OF THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION TWENTY-FIVE (25), THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; RUNNING THENCE EAST TO THE EAST LINE OF PARK AVENUE IN THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA, TO A POINT 800 FEET NORtherly MEASURED ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID PARK AVENUE FROM A POINT WHERE THE NORTH LINE OF FAIR OAKS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA, INTERSECTS THE EAST LINE OF SAID PARK AVENUE, THENCE CONTINUING EAST A DISTANCE OF 400 FEET, THENCE NORTH 200 FEET, THENCE WEST TO A POINT ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH CENTER LINE OF SAID SECTION TWENTY-FIVE (25), 200 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING..

Said real estate be rezoned from (R-3) Single-Family Residence to the (C-1) Neighborhood & General Commercial Zoning District.

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 21st day of July, 2011.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MUSCATINE, IOWA

Attest:

By _____
Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor

Gregg Mandsager, City Clerk

1st Reading _____
2nd Reading _____
3rd Reading _____
Publication _____