

CONSENT CALENDAR

Recording Secretary Bonnie Filipovic read the following written comments recently received via email:

Mary Brunkhorst urged the Commissioners to delay any action until the community can meet to discuss the proposed changes.

Mei-Ling Stefan voiced concerns about removing trees, building expansion and diesel generators and advocated for employees to telecommute.

Commissioner Howe requested to pull Agenda Item 2.A from the Consent Calendar for discussion. Vice Chair Simons accepted.

- 2.A** [20-0524](#) Forward Recommendations to City Council to Approve Changes to the Civic Center Modernization Project as Described in the Addendum to the Civic Center Environmental Impact Report

Assistant City Engineer Allison Boyer presented the staff report.

Commissioner Howe complimented Assistant City Engineer Boyer on her staff report and stated that he took the item off of the Consent Calendar to allow for additional public comments. He stated that it is understandable that changes might be needed since the project's inception and that the changes are minor and better addressed now.

Commissioner Weiss thanked Assistant City Engineer Boyer and asked where the Civic Center building would be expanded. Assistant City Engineer Boyer stated that the building would expand by 10% with all floors expanding west. Commissioner Weiss asked if the design considers the possible continued need for social

distancing and telecommuting. Assistant City Engineer Boyer responded that staff has not made any permanent decisions about how to respond to the pandemic with the design but has explored precautions such as higher cubicle walls, adding that there will be a need for staff to return to work. Commissioner Weiss asked if the emergency generators can be solar powered. Assistant City Engineer Boyer stated that the Emergency Operations Center and Civic Center buildings require diesel generators but that solar powered back-up batteries would run before the diesel generators are required.

Commissioner Olevson asked about the proposed project's schedule, stating his concern for the rising cost to taxpayers if the completion is delayed. Assistant City Engineer Boyer answered that the proposed project has been delayed a couple of months, with staff soliciting bids at the end of 2020, construction starting at the end of 2020 or beginning of 2021 and completion taking place by the end of 2022, as consistent with the Civic Center Master Plan timeline.

Commissioner Harrison asked how staff determined the 10% Civic Center building expansion. Assistant City Engineer Boyer stated that the city grew more than the 2015 staffing plan in the Master Plan predicted, so staff re-evaluated the potential for staff growth based on more recent information.

Vice Chair Simons opened the Public Hearing.

There were no public speakers for this agenda item.

Vice Chair Simons closed the Public Hearing.

Vice Chair Simons stated his concern for the proposed project's funding due to the pandemic and commented that it would be prudent for the design to incorporate the need for extra space between staff members. Vice Chair Simons confirmed with Assistant Director Andrew Miner that staff does not anticipate for the proposed project to return to the Commission again before the final review. Vice Chair Simons stated that it would be advisable to review the buildings' air treatment process as people might be concerned about the issue long term.

MOTION: Commissioner Howe moved and Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion for the Recommendation - Recommend City Council Approve Changes to the Civic Center Modernization Project as Described in the Addendum to the Civic Center Environmental Impact Report.

Commissioner Howe remarked that staff has thoughtfully designed the proposed project and that it would be an asset to the City, adding that the suggested changes are only minor modifications and are appropriate.

Commissioner Harrison agreed with Commissioner Howe's comments.

Vice Chair Simons stated that he will support the motion and acknowledged concerns about how the pandemic might change the construction. He recommended that staff review the buildings' air treatment process which could be impactful.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Howe
Commissioner Harrison
Commissioner Olevson
Commissioner Rheaume
Vice Chair Simons
Commissioner Weiss

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Chair Howard

Assistant City Engineer Boyer stated that this recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration at the July 14, 2020 meeting.