

CITY OF TALLAHASSEE	
<u>CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM</u>	
ACTION REQUESTED ON:	July 1, 2009
SUBJECT/TITLE:	Approval to Purchase One-Half Interest of the Public Safety Complex Site from Leon County
TARGET ISSUE:	N/A

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

On December 13, 2006, the Leon County Board of County Commission (Board) and City of Tallahassee City Commission (Commission) Memorandum of Agreement was executed formalizing the creation of the Public Safety Communication Board (PSCB) to move forward with the consolidation of dispatch systems and the development of the Public Safety Complex.

The Board on December 9, 2008, and the Commission on December 10, 2008, approved the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to share equally in all costs associated with the design and construction of the Public Safety Facility, (now being referred to collectively as the Public Safety Complex (PSC). Included in the MOA was a provision that the City would purchase from the County one-half interest of the PSC site at Easterwood Drive and Weems Road.

Due to the high priority placed on the project by the Commission and the desire to resolve this issue prior the Commission's summer break, this item requests approval to purchase one-half interest in the PSC site and that approval be given to the City Manager to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Option 1 — Approve the purchase of one-half interest of the Public Safety Complex site at Easterwood Drive and Weems Road from Leon County for \$512,500.00 plus closing costs, and approve the City Manager to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the City's one-half share of this site will come from the Public Safety Complex project account.

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 Public Works Department

Anita R. Favors Thompson
 City Manager

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL/ISSUE ANALYSIS

HISTORY/FACTS & ISSUES

In April 2006, the Commission, Board, and Sheriff Campbell agreed to the creation of a joint dispatch operation for public safety agencies, which included the Leon County Sheriff, Leon County Emergency Medical Services, Tallahassee Police Department, and Tallahassee Fire Department.

The Commission, along with the Board and the Leon County Sheriff authorized the creation of the PSCB as the oversight body for public safety communications. The PSCB replaced the Management Oversight Committee, established by the July 23, 1999 agreement regarding the 800 MHz system. On December 13, 2006, the Memorandum of Agreement was executed formalizing the creation of the PSCB to move forward with the consolidation of dispatch systems. It is the goal of the PSCB to improve services to the public by more efficient handling of both emergency and non-emergency calls and by providing effective deployment of resources. The PSCB also selected the preferred site for the joint dispatch center at Easterwood Drive and Weems Road at Tom Brown Park.

The Board on December 9, 2008, and the Commission on December 10, 2008, approved the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the City and County to share equally in all costs associated with the design and construction of the Public Safety Facility, consisting of the Tallahassee-Leon County Public Safety Communications Center, City Regional Transportation Management Center, City Fire Administration Headquarters, County Emergency Management Services Headquarters, and the County Emergency Operations Center, now being referred to collectively as the Public Safety Complex. Included in the MOA was a provision that the City would purchase from the County one-half interest of the PSC site at Easterwood Drive and Weems Road.

The City and County have completed negotiations on the City's one-half share value of the site for the Public Safety Complex and have nearly completed the Limited Partition process for dividing this portion of Tom Brown Park into three parcels; Red Cross, Public Safety Complex and the remainder having the joint stormwater facility and required conservation areas.

On March 10, 2009, the City's Real Estate Committee voted to recommend the purchase of one-half interest in the PSC site at a cost of \$512,500.00, less any credit for stormwater costs associated with the joint stormwater facility utilized by the site, as negotiated and approved by the Public Works Director and City Manager. Through subsequent negotiations it was determined that no additional credit for stormwater costs was warranted and the final negotiated price was settled at \$512,500.00.

Because of the Public Safety Complex's priority, the Commission meetings' summer schedule, and the need to complete the purchase so the Limited Partition process can be completed, staff requests City Commission approval for the purchase of one-half interest of the site from Leon County.

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OPTIONS

1. Approve the purchase of one-half interest of the Public Safety Complex site at Easterwood Drive and Weems Road from Leon County for \$512,500.00 plus closing costs, and approve the City Manager to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

Pros:

1. Approval of the site purchase is required to advance the development of the Public Safety Complex.
2. Continues and advances the design of the Public Safety Complex.
3. Advances the efforts to accommodate the RTMC, and enables the City to be reimbursed for project costs by the Department of Transportation.

Cons:

1. Funds for this project could be used for other projects in the future.

2. Do not approve the purchase of one-half interest of the Public Safety Complex site, and provide direction to staff.

Pros:

1. There would be no fiscal impact to the City.

Cons:

1. Jeopardizes using the selected site for a centralized joint dispatch.
2. County can move forward with relocating Sheriff, EMS, EOC and other County facilities on the site thus squelching the joint dispatch use of the site.
3. May require finding an alternative site for the RTMC.
4. May delay the completion schedule of the Public Safety Complex.

ATTACHMENTS

None