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**PUBLIC GROUNDS, BUILDINGS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2015**

Present: Committee members Kenneth Brady, chairman; Lynda Appel and Michael O'Donnell.

Also present: Councilmember Nick Nunnari, Director of Engineering Robert Kelly, Field Engineer Jim Smolik, Fire Chief Jim Hughes, Assistant Director of Planning Will Krause, Jim Larsen, A.I.A. and Jim Ptacek from Larsen Architects.

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

I. Discuss the fire station study.

Director Kelly and Field Engineer Smolik reviewed the background information regarding the study, and Jim Larsen and Jim Ptacek presented a draft of the Westlake Fire Station Facilities Assessment. The study indicated that both fire stations are about 25 years old; systems are reaching the end of service life; and building codes, life safety requirements and technology have changed. They performed a condition assessment and operational effectiveness of both stations and developed a recommended list of maintenance work with an estimated cost of \$1.1 million.

Larsen and Ptacek then reviewed a detailed list of recommended changes to improve the operation at both stations, which included expansion and renovation at both stations at an approximate cost of \$3.1 million.

Director Kelly indicated that the study should be completed by the end of the month.

II. Discuss the Weston/Lilly house feasibility study.

Director Kelly reviewed the status of the condition of the Weston/Lilly house and indicated that a more detailed historical building renovation and feasibility study would cost approximately \$22,000.

Will Krause, representing the Westlake Historical Society, indicated that they are seeking to make the house warm, safe and dry with some displays. He also indicated that their available funds are around \$10,000.

After much discussion about the potential use of the facility and the cost for improvements, Councilperson O'Donnell moved and Councilperson Appel seconded that

the committee recommend the administration research the city's obligations according to the acceptance agreement and work with the Historical Society on a proposed recommendation.

The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Brady
Chairman