

b) **COM 0055 - Facilities & Revenue Options**

Following the staff presentation no one spoke at public comment.

Committee comments on different aspects of the presentation include the following:

Locations

A majority of the Committee commented that:

- There was general support for building a new fire station.
- Fire Station 71 has shortcomings which need to be addressed.
- Fire professionals have clearly demonstrated their needs.
- Community needs to be involved in the process.
- IPD space needs are also critical.
- Police and fire should not have to make do.
- Relocating Municipal Court to King County Court facility seems reasonable.
- Do not want to spend money on renting space for general government services without a clear plan.

Other Committee comments included the following:

- It is prudent to build a new fire station sooner rather than later.
- Concerned about public perception of moving the fire station across the street.
- Deferred maintenance has brought the City to this point.
- City needs to get ahead of facilities needs and not get so behind that it is in crisis mode.
- Committee had concerns about options for relocating/consolidating City Hall.
- A forward thinking plan for general government services needs to be developed.
- Would like staff to work out two or three scenarios to present to Council.

A minority of the Committee commented that:

- Not currently supportive of relocating Fire Station 71, Municipal Court, or City Hall.
- Only supportive of improvements to IPD facilities.
- The sale of City Hall Northwest does not improve the situation.
- Does not agree that Court space is in crisis and does not see economic gain in moving Court services to the King Council facility.

Deferred Maintenance

- Committee was concerned by the \$23 million assessment in deferred maintenance on city facilities.
- Communicate this clearly to the public so they understand the existing need.
- Facilities maintenance needs to be a priority.
- City should get out of the business of being a landlord to others.
- Facilities Condition Assessment indicated that better maintained buildings are most used.
- Start looking at cost/benefit of specific buildings. If not part of bond, then address them in the budget.
- Develop long term plans for building use and maintenance.

Financing

- Time to have conversation with the community about the fire station and police needs.
- Ask the public where the City should focus its spending around facilities.
- Committee generally in support of a bond measure.
- Don't go to the voters multiple times.
- Having an empty former fire station is not preferred. Present the idea of moving general government into that space to the public.
- Don't focus solely on fire and police needs. General government needs are also important.
- Some additional capital could be raised by selling unused city buildings.

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- Hire a consultant early in the process for public engagement. This should be part of the 2025 budget discussion.
- School District bond measure in November will be an indicator of public sentiment.

This topic will also be addressed further at the July 27 Council retreat.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember Marts:

Mentioned the Passing of City of Algona Mayor Dave Hill.

Councilmember Hall:

Thanked staff again for work on the facilities plan.

Council President Walsh:

Made announcements related to:

- National Night Out in August.
- Summer Employee Recognition Event July 25
- Council Retreat July 27
- Logo wear is available to Councilmembers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 PM.

Lindsey Walsh, Council President

Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk

