

RESOLUTION R-5163

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ADOPTING A PLAN FOR IMPROVING FIRE/EMS SERVICES AND FOR NEW, RENOVATED OR ENHANCED FIRE STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

1 WHEREAS, the City Manager has developed a plan that outlines
2 short and long term strategies for improving fire and emergency medical
3 services (EMS) in Kirkland, sets the foundation for improved fire and
4 emergency medical services and facilities throughout the entire city, and
5 which continues the implementation of recommendations contained in
6 the Kirkland Fire Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover study; and
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8 WHEREAS, the City Manager is recommending that the existing
9 six firefighters at Station 27 be retained at that station to serve Juanita
10 and Kingsgate; and
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12 WHEREAS, the City Manager is further recommending that the
13 current staffing of a fourth firefighter at Station 25 continue to provide
14 improved fire and EMS services to Finn Hill until the new Station 24 can
15 be constructed; and
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17 WHEREAS, the City Manager is further recommending that the
18 Road Barrier Removal project proposed in the Preliminary 2015-2020
19 Capital Improvement Program be moved to "unfunded" and the funding
20 be repurposed to support property acquisition for the Station 27
21 relocation project; and
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23 WHEREAS, the City Council concurs with the plan recommended
24 by the City Manager and desires to formally adopt and have staff
25 implement the plan to improve fire and EMS services in Kirkland and fire
26 stations throughout the City.
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28 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City
29 of Kirkland as follows:
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31 Section 1. The plan recommended by the City Manager for
32 improving fire and EMS services in Kirkland and fire stations throughout
33 the City which is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by this
34 reference is adopted.
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36 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
37 meeting this 20th day of October, 2015.
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39 Signed in authentication thereof this 20th day of October, 2015.

Amey Wale
MAYOR

Attest:

Ketav Anderson
City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Goal: *Invest Fire District #41 and City resources to fulfill response time commitments to Finn Hill, maintain and improve service to Juanita and Kingsgate, and set the foundation for improved fire and emergency medical services and facilities throughout the entire city.*

Immediate Actions (2015)

- *Approve the Fire District #41 Interlocal Agreement "clarification" to retain Station 25 and Station 24 without financial penalty.*
- *Renovate Station 25 with a portion of the \$5.2 million from Fire District #41 (estimated cost of \$3.8 million).*
- *Purchase property for a new Station 24 (estimated cost of up to \$2.5 million) near Juanita Elementary School using the remainder of the Fire District #41 money and a portion of the \$3 million the City has budgeted for the North End Fire Station.*
- *Continue staffing the 4th firefighter at Station 25 until the new Station 24 is built. Convert the temporary funding of the 4th firefighter to on-going funding as resources allow to begin to provide funding for staffing at the new Station 24 when it is completed.*
- *Leave existing six firefighters at Station 27.*
- *Include Fire Station renovation and expansion projects in the Capital Improvement Program as the basis for potential ballot measures or councilmanic debt in 2016 or subsequent years.*
- *Move the Road Barrier Removal project from funded to unfunded in the CIP.*
- *Reallocate the remaining portion of the City's \$3 million from the Road Barrier Removal project to purchase land for a new Station 27 East of I-405, and allocate any additional money needed for the purchase as part of the CIP adoption.*

Next Steps (2016 and beyond)

- *Evaluate placing a Fire Station Bond Measure on the ballot that may include:*
 - *Construction of new Station 24 near Juanita Elementary on purchased property.*
 - *Construction of a new Fire Station 27 east of I-405 on purchased property.*
 - *Renovation and/or expansion of Stations 21, 22, and 26 as identified in the CIP.*
- *During the evaluation the Council should consider multiple options for accomplishing the capital facilities objectives, ranging from a single, comprehensive ballot measure to phased approaches, use of Councilmanic debt and strategic partnerships.*
- *Evaluate a companion operating levy to help staff the new Station 24 and other identified operating needs.*
- *Move the 4th firefighter from Station 25 to the new Station 24 when it is completed.*