

# **TOWN OF PALM BEACH**

Information for Town Council Meeting on: January 11, 2022

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TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk. W. Blouin, Town Manager

FROM: H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works

RE: North Fire Station Renovation Update

DATE: December 9, 2021

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Town staff requests that the Town Council provide any direction deemed necessary.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

During the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 budget process, staff became aware of the immediate issue and concern for mold in the walls of the North Fire Station. While the air quality at the time was not a danger to staff, the concern was that at any moment the air quality could deteriorate and cause the need to evacuate the station. The Capital Improvement Plan budget had included \$5.5 million for the design and construction split between FY 2023 and FY 2024. Subsequently, Town Council approved expediting the design and construction into FY 2022.

Since this approval, staff has initiated weekly internal staff meetings. These meetings include Public Works, Fire Department, IT, Purchasing, and the Town Manager, as necessary. Once the air quality became a concern, staff realized that a temporary location for the staff located at the North Fire Station would be required. Also, in order to preserve Fire Department response time and life safety for the residents in the north end of the island, a temporary site for personnel and equipment needs to be fully operational prior to any renovation work commencing. Staff initially worked together weekly to expedite the temporary site location, the design for the temporary site, the monitoring of the air quality inside the station, and the necessary purchasing RFQ's. Now that the design contract and the Construction Manager at Risk contract has been awarded and purchase orders have been issued, staff continues to meet weekly to facilitate timely responses to any questions or issues. Monthly design meetings have also been initiated with the design architect.

As the project progresses, staff will continue to provide Town Council with updates as necessary. Staff will also be bringing future contractual items as necessary. For example, a partner item for this item is the approval of the acquisition of the equipment for the temporary site. Staff will be updating the schedule and budget as the design progresses. Please note, when the \$5.5 million budget was developed there was no conceptual design, therefore, a temporary site for the Fire Department staff was never considered. Also, Public Works' budgets do not include funds for fixture, furniture, and equipment. Jason Debrincat is the Senior Project Engineer managing this project.

### **FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding implications will be addressed with each contract presented to Town Council.

cc: Jason Debrincat, P.E., Senior Project Engineer