



Finance Committee

Briefing on the County Courthouse Regional Administration Building Project

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Receive a briefing on the Thurston County Courthouse Regional Administration Building Project

Report

Issue:

Whether to receive a briefing on the Thurston County Courthouse Regional Administration Building Project

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Background and Analysis:

The Thurston County Commissioners selected the existing Lee Creighton Justice Center site on Plum Street to relocate the County's Courthouse and Administration Buildings. This complex can also be used to co-locate City of Olympia court, probation, prosecution, public defense, and jail operations.

The Lee Creighton Justice Center was originally built in 1965. A 2008 Building Condition Assessment Report rated the overall building 4.1 on scale of 1 (excellent) and 5 (seriously deficient and needing extensive repairs). The City has addressed the most serious deficiencies and an updated condition assessment of this building will be presented to the Finance Committee later this year. The building

remains operationally deficient.

Partnering with the County and co-locating in the same facility presents the City an alternative to addressing the unfunded capital deficiencies and improving the operational functionality of the building. The preliminary planning-level estimate for the City's portion is between \$25 - \$30 million. This estimate does not include several items that need further analysis including: a geotechnical evaluation of the site, relocating the Public Works maintenance activities on the old fire pad, relocating jail operations during the two-year construction project, and calculating a more detailed estimate for required frontage improvements.

Rick Thomas from Thurston County will brief the Finance Committee on the assumptions used to calculate the planning-level estimate for the City's portion of the project. He will also update the Committee on the schedule and approach to completing the design and construction of the County Courthouse.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

N/A

Options:

Information only.

Financial Impact:

N/A

Attachments:

None