



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)**

TO: City Council

FROM: Deputy Mayor Robert Thoms, Council Member Conor McCarthy, and Chief Policy Analyst Anita Gallagher

COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Mark Lauzier, Assistant City Manager; Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager; Bill Fosbre, Acting City Attorney; Executive Leadership Team; File

SUBJECT: Fire Station 5 Renovation

DATE: August 1, 2017

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda at the earliest available meeting of the Study Session:

We respectfully request that the City Council direct the City Manager to immediately staff Fire Station 5 in the tideflats with a 24 hour engine, to be operated out of the Training Center, until the station is operational in approximately 2019.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

The City has already committed to remodel Fire Station 5 and provide full staffing by sometime in 2019. However, the demand for fire services within the tideflats exists today and must be addressed without delay. Three fire stations have been closed in the tideflats and no fire station is currently located there. The lack of a fire station in the Port has negative impacts on the public safety of workers and businesses in the tideflats, as well as neighbors of the Port, including without limitation slow emergency response times and inadequate services in close proximity to Port industrial uses. This demand is particularly heightened given the current and proposed intense uses within the Port.

We respectfully request that the City Council direct the City Manager to immediately staff Fire Station 5 in the tideflats with a 24 hour engine, to be operated out of the Training Center, until the remodeled station is operational in approximately 2019. Funds in the approximate amount of \$240,000 for 2017 and \$2.06M for 2018 should be allocated from the City's Reserve Fund to pay for these services prior to the 2019-2020 biennium.

FUNDING REQUESTED:

In March of 2017, the City increased its percentage of Reserve funding from 15% to 16.3% resulting in approximately \$4M in additional reserve funding. Given that the City has already committed to make funds available for the 2019-2010 biennium, this one time request to fund Fire Station 5 for the 4th Qtr. of 17 through 2018 is appropriate and necessary. Funds in the approximate amount of \$240,000 for 2017 and \$2.06M for 2018 should be allocated from the City's Reserve Fund to pay for these services prior to the 2019-2010 biennium.

In you have a question related to the Council Consideration Request, please contact Anita Gallagher at 253-591-5156 or anita.gallagher@cityoftacoma.org

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:



Deputy Mayor, POS #2

SUPPORTING COUNCILMEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)

(Signatures demonstrate support to initiate discussion and consideration of the subject matter by City Council for potential policy development and staff guidance/direction.)

1.



POS # 7