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Communications from the Fire Chief wishing to discuss transferring funding from Station 7 Roof Replacement (989.300.5040) to Building Repairs and Upgrades (989.300.5010) to facilitate repairs and upgrades at two outlying fire stations as part of our long term renovation plan for city fire stations.

As part of the 2009 Capital Improvement project the fire department obtained a quote on the repair and replacement of the roof at Fire Station 7 which is located at 3829 Washington Avenue. Portions of the roof were more than 70 years old and in desperate need of replacement due to numerous water leaks which was destroying the interior of the building in addition to creating a possible situation where mold could grow. The original estimate for the project was \$200,000. This was allocated in account 989.300.5040. Once the project received the final bid after the competitive bidding process the cost to replace the roof was \$135,000. Also as part of this project we included repair of water damaged plaster, and repainting of the fire station since it was last painted in the mid 1970's. Our estimated total cost for this project is \$160,000 including interior repairs and painting.

The Fire Department is requesting the reallocation of the remaining funds to the following projects to be completed in 2009:

- \$15,000 to replace the fire apparatus ramp at Station 7. The original apparatus ramp in front of the old section of the building was installed in 1936 and is in desperate need of replacement due to structural cracking in the concrete. Additionally the ramp in front of the new section of the building which was installed in the late 1970's is also deteriorating and in need of replacement. Water is now getting down in the cracks and causing the ramps to deteriorate more quickly. We have had this project evaluated by DPW and this replacement would be tagged on to other concrete projects now in progress citywide.
- \$12,000 to replace the driveway along the east side of Fire Station 8. This driveway was installed in 1954 when the building was constructed. Presently the driveway is flat with some pitch to storm water drains. We have experienced problems with water puddling next to the building and under heavy rain or snow conditions the resulting water seeps into the basement near the electrical panels. This project will pitch the driveway away from the building. We have had this project evaluated by DPW and this replacement would be tagged on to other concrete projects now in progress citywide.
- \$6,000 to replace worn and leaking large diameter fire hose. The fire department acquired and started using 5 inch large diameter hose in 1991. This hose is a supply line that is utilized to bring water from a fire hydrant to the scene of the fire through very low friction loss hose. Hose purchased in the early 1990's is now showing extreme wear and tear with numerous pinhole leaks in the jacket of the hose. In addition some of the 100 foot sections have been



shorted to less than 60 to 80 feet due to wear and tear on the portion of the hose where the coupling is attached. This project will replace the old 5 inch LDH hose.

- \$7,000 to complete the Video Conferencing System project by installing wireless audio noise canceling equipment. When the fire department installed the Video Conferencing System in early 2008 we could not fully complete the project due to limited funds that were budgeted in late 2005. One of the sacrifices that were made was to cut back on the audio equipment that goes along with the video conferencing system. This funding will allow us to adequately complete the project and insure the project will last for fifteen plus years.

Total reallocation request is \$40,000. We would defer to the finance department to set up the proper accounting of these reallocated funds.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Hansen, Fire Chief