

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

09-0667R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH LHB ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR DESIGN OF THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,093,238.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officers are authorized to enter into an agreement, a copy of which is on file in the office of the city clerk as Public Document No. _____, with LHB Engineers and Architects, Inc., for the design of the proposed new public safety facility in the amount of not to exceed \$1,093,238, payable from Fund 450, Department 030, Object 5520, Project CP2009-0928B.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

Department Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

POLICE/ATTY REA:blj 10/20/2009

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes an agreement with LHB Engineers and Architects, Inc., for the design of the new proposed new public safety facility adjacent to the county's public safety building between Arlington Avenue and Rice Lake Road near the Chris Jensen facility.

Since the construction of City Hall in the 1920's, the city's police department has been housed primarily in that building, albeit having occupied garage space and other miscellaneous space in the Government Services Center in more recent years. In recent years it has become undeniable that the existing space was totally inadequate, in terms of size, configuration and facilities needed for modern law enforcement. Most recent analyses demonstrated that it would not be practically possible to retrofit the existing space to meet the department's needs. Consequently, it was determined to be necessary to construct a new facility to meet the needs and those anticipated for the foreseeable future and, on that basis, the City indicated its intention to issue up to \$18,000,000 in bonds to fund the new facility and related costs.

In order to implement this program, it is necessary to secure the assistance of a design team to help the City develop a firm program for the new facility and to evaluate the costs of the new facility and so the City solicited proposals from architectural firms for the necessary design work, specifying that a successful proposer would have to demonstrate proven knowledge of and experience in design of public safety facilities.

The selected proposer was the local firm of LHB Engineers and Architects, Inc. who submitted a proposal which included the services of SRBL Architects of Chicago, a firm with a proven record of successfully designing public safety facilities. The contract will cover all aspects of design, bidding and construction of the facility, with SRBL being most active in the "final programming" and "schematic design" phases of the project where their expertise will be best utilized. The contract calls for them to begin work as soon as the contract is approved, for construction to start in September of 2010 and for it to be completed before the end of 2011.