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TO: Brian Rehrig, Chairman, Public Use Working Group
FROM: Wayne Springer, Deputy Fire Chief
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SUBJECT: Highland Fire Station Relocation

The fire department is in the planning stages of renovating and reconstructing the department's three fire stations. One of the proposals that is being discussed within the department membership is to relocate the Highland Station from 1007 Massachusetts Avenue to the Symmes Hospital plot of land fronting on Summer Street between Hospital Road and the property at 185 Summer Street.

The fire department command staff is currently located in two buildings. The Chief of the Department, the Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention and Investigation and secretary are located in the Community Safety Building with the police command staff. The fire department Training Officer and the On-Duty Deputy Chief/Incident Commander are located at the Headquarters Station in Monument Park. This disjointed staffing situation creates obvious management challenges to those who are responsible for the development and supervision of a 21st century department of fire services.

The Division of Inspectional Services is currently occupying the crowded first floor office space of the Department of Public Works at 51 Grove Street. This division consists of the building inspector, assistant building inspector, wiring inspector, plumbing inspector and a secretary/receptionist.

The proposed state-of-the art facility would be a multi-use building providing:

- ❖ office space for the fire department's command staff;
- ❖ office space for the Division of Inspectional Services;
- ❖ fire apparatus (Engine 2, Ladder 2, Rescue 1, Rescue 2, HazMat trailer and M-2, maintenance pickup truck);
- ❖ a classroom/meeting room;
- ❖ training facility;
- ❖ living quarters for the fire fighters;

With the anticipated abolition of the Department of Community Safety, pending approval of the state legislature this fall, it is important to consider the need to incorporate the staff personnel of these three departments' (fire, police and inspection) into locations that provide effective and professional delivery of services to the community.

Respectfully,


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