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City Manager's Report
September 25, 2018, City Council Meeting
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Item #: 12.4



Subject: In conjunction with action taken by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, dissolve the Blue Ribbon Committee which was formed to explore the potential re-uses for the Main Street Courthouse once the court functions were relocated to the New Courthouse

Purpose: To acknowledge service and dissolve the Court House Blue Ribbon Committee which was formed to review and recommend reuses for the Main Street Courthouse once court functions are moved to the new Courthouse.

Background:

On September 9, 2014, the City Council approved a recommendation which directed staff to coordinate with El Dorado County to form a "Blue Ribbon Committee" to explore potential re-uses for the Main Street Courthouse once the court functions relocated to the New Courthouse next to the County Jail in Placerville. At the time that the Blue Ribbon Committee was formed, the New Courthouse was scheduled for completion in 2018.

On June 27, 2018, when the 2018 Budget Act was passed, the judicial branch courthouse construction program was allocated \$1.3 billion for the continuing phases of 10 courthouse capital projects. Unfortunately, El Dorado County was not one of the 10 counties allocated funding under this program. Additionally, the Budget Act changed the source of funding from the Immediate and Critical Needs Account (ICNA) of the State Court Facilities Construction Fund to the General Fund. Moving forward, there will be a funding challenge for all courthouse capital projects as they will have to compete for General Fund dollars.

Senate Bill 847 was attached to the 2018 Budget Act and mandated that the Judicial Council conduct a reassessment of all its capital projects that were not fully funded through the 2018 Budget Act. This reassessment to develop and submit a new Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan for funding is due by December 31, 2019. The Judicial Council will be visually inspecting all of El Dorado County's (both state and county owned) trial court facilities to update their court facility condition assessments and translate this updated information into a Facility Condition Index that could be factored into the scoring of a future capital project.

Discussion:

Staff has reviewed the new provisions and discussed these with County Staff. Due to these changes relative to the Courthouse funding, the future of the New Courthouse is unknown. We

will not have any indication of potential funding for a new courthouse until 2020. Due to the length of time between now and any future possibility, Staff recommends that the Blue Ribbon Committee be disbanded at this time. Once the new Trial Court Capital-Outlay plan is completed and if El Dorado County is granted funding for a New Courthouse, the need for a Blue Ribbon Committee will be re-assessed.

Options:

1. Disband the Committee as recommended.
2. Do not disband the committee and give further direction to the committee.

Cost: None

Budget Impact: None.

Recommendation: In conjunction with action taken by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, dissolve the Blue Ribbon Committee which was formed to explore the potential re-uses for the Main Street Courthouse once the court functions were relocated to the New Courthouse


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Attachments:

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