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MEMORANDUM

To: Nick Kieser
From: Chief Michael Risvold
Date: October 9, 2020
Re: Security Fencing / Conditional Use Permit

Please accept this memorandum as additional information as a part of a 2020 Development Application to construct a 7' tall security fence around a portion of the west, lower level parking lot at city hall adjacent to the police department. In 2019, as a part of the 2020 budget process at the request of police administration, dollars were allocated by the Wayzata City Council for a project to secure the police department parking lot.

The Wayzata Police Department has only three garage stalls for squad cars. The other four marked squads are parked outside with complete access to the public. They are vulnerable to vandalism and/or sabotage. As an example, the Orono Police Department had three squad cars vandalized with spray paint and windows broken in one incident, and two squad cars destroyed by arson in another before securing their lot and building a garage. Other unmarked administrative vehicles are also parked in the lot unprotected. Police employee's vehicles face the same risks. Reports of lug nuts being loosened on employee vehicles have been made in another Minneapolis suburb. Most metropolitan area police departments have secure areas where police vehicles and employees park. Employee safety is also a concern, especially in evening and overnight hours when fewer people are at city hall.

The 7' tall fence would include an automatic 16' gate for vehicles to enter and exit. There would be two locked 4' pedestrian gates at the north and south ends for employee ingress and egress, The fence would be similar in style to other city owned black iron rail fences in Wayzata. The 7' height of the fence is necessary so that it is not easily scaled by trespassers. The secure area will also include the four west facing windows leading directly into the police department and will be signed so that trespassers can be prosecuted in the clearly contained and defined area. The fence will serve to protect city owned property, employee property, and will enhance employee safety.