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July 14, 2025

To: Town Council President Jason Plunkett

CC: Mayor John Stehr

From: Fire Chief James VanGorder

Re: August 4th Town Council Agenda --- Additional Appropriation for Fire Stations Land

Purchase

The top priority of the most recently completed Fire Station Feasibility Report is land acquisition for future fire stations to ensure the health and safety of the community. In this report we identified locations that would best serve our community. We have also met with and secured Letters of Intent to purchase two such locations, one in Western Zionsville and one in Eastern Zionsville.

The cost to purchase land for both of these locations would be \$ 3,855,200.00. Fire Department Staff met with the Mayor and his Financial Committee and concluded the best approach to secure this purchase would be to utilize cash balances. A review and analysis of available funds with cash balances that would permit the purchase of land for the fire stations were completed.

We plan to utilize \$ 200,000.00 contained within the 2025 Fire Department Budget and need an additional appropriation to fund the balance of this purchase. I would respectfully request approval to advertise an additional appropriation from the following funds, and to present the recommendation before the Town Council at your August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

 Special LOIT Fund
 \$ 264,956.21

 Food & Beverage
 \$ 1,000,000.00

 General Fund
 \$ 2,390,043.79