

# **COUNCIL MEMORANDUM**

**Memorial City Hall  
24 South Street  
Auburn, New York 13021**

**TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council**

**FROM: Christina J. Selvek, Dir. of Capital Projects**

**DATE: June 11, 2020**

**RE: Auburn Public Safety Building Project Update Presentation- Timothy Bivens, AIA of Bivens + Associates Architects and Sean Foran of Hueber-Breuer Construction Company**

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## **Background:**

The Auburn City Council approved Bond Ordinance #1 of 2020, authorizing up to \$10 million for design and construction phases necessary to complete the Auburn Public Safety Building project. Since January 2020, the City of Auburn has hired Hueber-Breuer Construction Company, Inc. of Syracuse NY to be the construction administration and management firm for this project. In addition, the City has hired Bivens + Associates Architects to be the design firm on record for the project.

Over the last four months, the project design and management team have led bi-weekly schematic and detail design meetings with the City project team which consists of representatives from the engineering, city manager, fire and planning departments as well as the Mayor's Office. The purpose of the design meetings was to gather site and utility information as well as programming information to prepare a drawing set that is roughly 60% complete. At this time, the project funding agencies from NYS DEC and DOS would like the project publicly presented and made available for public comment on the design and project as a whole.

However, as of March 19, 2020 under NYS Governor Executive Orders, the design team has been unable to host in-person community level design charrettes. Therefore, in order to keep the project moving forward and still provide an opportunity for public input, City staff is proposing the following:

- June 11<sup>th</sup> City Council Work Session- 60% Design Drawing Presentation and Project Update with Proposed Schedule;
- June 12<sup>th</sup> Installation of Proposed Project Information Boards in windows at 31 Seminary Street- available through June 30<sup>th</sup>;
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup> Public Comment on the City webpage: [auburnny.gov](http://auburnny.gov);

- June 12<sup>th</sup>- June 30<sup>th</sup> Direct email/ phone call outreach to area/ neighborhood stakeholder groups.

Following the public comment period, the project team is anticipating moving forward with releasing the project for construction bids in July 2020 with a tentative construction start in late August 2020.

Attached are the 60% design plan proposal for the site construction layout and exterior elevations of the new building. City staff and project consultants look forward to presenting on the project's progress and having a discussion with council about progressing the project to construction.

**Fiscal Implications:**

The cost of the Auburn Public Safety Building project will be funded through the following sources:

\$ 2 million – NYS DEC grant

\$ 1.2 million – NYS DOS grant (DRI)

\$ 6.8 million – City of Auburn Bond Ordinance #1 of 2020