

RESOLUTION #23-43C

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF SANDY CITY, SUBMITTING TO THE SANDY ELECTION OFFICER AN ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION BALLOT PROPOSITION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A FIRE STATION

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2023, the governing body of Sandy City adopted Resolution 23-38C, a resolution providing for a special bond election to be held on November 21, 2023, for the purpose of submitting a proposition to the voters regarding the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance constructing and equipping a fire station; and

WHEREAS, after a special bond election has been called, UCA 59-1-1604 requires that the governing body of a taxing entity shall submit to the election officer an argument in favor of a ballot proposition; and

WHEREAS, the city council is the governing body of Sandy City; and

WHEREAS, as the governing body, the City Council finds the *Argument for the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds* (Exhibit “A”) to be a sufficient description of the need and reasoning for a fire station and for the issuance of general obligations bonds to finance the construction and equipping of a fire station.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SANDY CITY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council, acting as the governing body of Sandy City, hereby submits the *Argument for the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds* (Exhibit “A”) to the Sandy City Election Officer.
2. The Sandy City Election Officer is hereby directed to publish, mail, and otherwise notice the *Argument for the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds* (Exhibit “A”) in compliance with all requirements found within applicable federal, state, and local statutes.
3. Effective. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Sandy City Council this ___ day of _____, 2023.

Brooke D’Sousa, Chair

Sandy City Council

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Exhibit "A"

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Arguments FOR the Bond

Maximizes Investment:

- The existing Fire Station 31 has far passed its designed useful life and is now experiencing cracks, leaks, and has structural foundation failures. Firefighters' living quarters are not up to code and experience chronic problems with plumbing. The building is not ADA compliant for firefighters or the public and it is too small for a growing city to support residents' calls for service. It would be a better investment for the City to build a new fire station that addresses modern-day emergency needs and anticipated future growth of the fire department rather than try and repair or remodel the existing deteriorating building where space is limited.

Better Response Time:

- Sandy City's overall emergency response will improve with a new facility that accommodates additional personnel and properly houses emergency equipment. Relocating the station away from a railroad crossing and light rail lines and into the City's downtown will significantly improve response times.

Accounts for Growth:

- Fire Station 31 is Sandy City Fire's busiest station, with the most call volume demand of all City fire stations. As the Fire Department Headquarters, that volume is expected to increase capacity demands.
- Fire Station 31 will be built to account for current and future growth thereby minimizing the City's need to remodel the Department's headquarters in the coming years and adding additional debt to residents. The new fire station will accommodate additional emergency response resources such as a second fire truck and additional personnel which will be necessary in the future.
- Tiller engine towers will be included in the design of the new Fire Station 31 to access the new building heights in the City's center.

Centralized Location:

- City owned property is designated for a construction of the new fire station in the City's downtown Cairns District, the heart of new business, high-density apartments, large-scale sporting events and entertainment venues.

Top Priority:

- The mayor, city council, and City department heads have identified Fire Station 31 as the City's top building need.