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Memo

To: Members of Dublin City Council
From: Terry Foegler, City Manager *TF/ Sgf*
Date: May 6, 2010
Initiated By: Paul A. Hammersmith, P.E., Director of Engineering/City Engineer
Barbara Cox, P.E., Engineering Manager – Development
Re: Dublin Road Water Tower Site Selection

Summary

Previously, Council members were provided a copy of the “Dublin Road Water Tower Site Selection Report” for their review. At the April 26th Council meeting, staff presented the report findings consisting of the technical analysis of this project, the proposed sites, and the public involvement and input for this elevated water storage improvement.

Council’s discussion reflected a preference for the Muirfield Village Golf Club property east of Dublin Road (Site 5) at Location B, the site recommended by staff. In order to provide perspective to the scale of the proposed water tower, Council requested that a balloon be tethered and raised at the recommended site. Balloon Masters, Inc. of Reynoldsburg is able to provide this service (for a two-hour minimum) at a cost of \$1,400. We have scheduled the balloon to be on site on Thursday evening, May 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. In the event that weather conditions are not favorable on Thursday, a second attempt will be made on Friday, May 7, at the same time.

To publicize the event, Community Relations has notified the local newspapers (*Dublin News, Dublin Villager* and *Columbus Dispatch*), local television stations, and eNews members. The information has been posted on the City’s website, Facebook page, and a Twitter announcement has been made. Council members were notified via email and phone calls. Engineering provided the information to the staff of the Muirfield Village Association and the Civic Action Committee and requested their assistance in sending a notice to their members. Comments or feedback received will be shared with Council at their May 10th meeting.

Recommendation

Resident feedback and input was valuable and has challenged staff to assess other potential sites for this project. However, after considering the sites proposed by the 2007 Community Plan and sites developed from the public input process, staff believes the Muirfield Village Golf Club parking lot property on Dublin Road (Site 5, Location B) remains the best option technically and for minimizing cost and visual impacts.

Staff recommends pursuing property acquisition at Site 5, Location B, located on the Muirfield Village Golf Club parking lot. This site: (1) will alleviate the modeled system deficiencies; (2) will be easy to access; (3) has appropriate outlet for site drainage and for discharging the water tower when needed; (4) is in an area of commercial development; (5) is cost effective; and (6) is adjacent to a treed area which will aid with screening of the water tower.