

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: REALLOCATION OF REMAINING 2016/17 FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS**

**BACKGROUND:**

All three Fire Stations were constructed without common signage. Though most current residents may be familiar with Fire Station locations, often new citizens and those passing through the City find it difficult to identify the stations, nor recognize them as part of Ames. The Fire Department is requesting signage for all three stations.

Signage for the Fire Stations identifying each facility as a part of the City of Ames, similar to what can be found at most other City owned facilities and parks, is what is being proposed. Staff from Parks and Recreation has agreed to erect and install a sign at each Station (including delivery and stone work), if the Fire Department purchases the supplies. The cost for each Station is approximately \$4,000 for a total of \$12,000.

In early 2015 City Council authorized \$145,175 in the Capital Improvements Plan to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) replacements. This project came in under budget, with more than \$16,000 remaining. **Therefore, staff is recommending that the remaining \$16,245 from the 2016/17 CIP be reallocated to cover the cost of adding new signs to all three Fire Stations.**

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve reallocation of remaining 2015/16 Capital Improvement Funds for new Fire Station signs.
2. Approve funding for these repairs from the General Fund Contingency Account.
2. Deny the reallocation of remaining 2015/16 Capital Improvement Funds for new Fire Station signs.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The approved 2015/16 Capital Improvement Plan included funds for SCBA replacements. The remaining \$16,245 in this project, if reallocated, could cover the necessary costs to purchase and install three Fire Station signs to match the other signage located at City-owned properties throughout Ames.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving reallocation of the remaining 2015/16 Capital Improvement Program funds for new Fire Station signs.