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## CITY WILL PURSUE TWO-STORY POLICE AND MUNICIPAL COURT BUILDING

**Bainbridge Island, Wash.**, (August, 2017) – During their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 8, the City Council voted unanimously to pursue a two-story option for the Police and Municipal Court Building that could be located to the north side of New Brooklyn Road and just west of Fire Station 21's helicopter evacuation pad.

The two-story option would replace the current outdated and undersized police station located at the intersection of Winslow Way, SR 305 and Olympic Drive. This option would also include a permanent home for the Municipal Court, presently located in a leased space in Rolling Bay, and a firing range. The police department currently pays to utilize the firing range at the Bainbridge Island Sportsman's Club and a facility in Bremerton. Estimated project costs for the two-story option came in at \$28,383,042, and were slightly less than the estimates for the one-story option. Increases in costs compared to earlier 2014 estimates were attributed to the market-driven rise in construction costs, better understanding of site development costs, and other factors described by the cost estimator. The current estimates do not include the costs of land acquisition or any potential project cost off-set that could be achieved through the sale of the property where the station is now located.

The City Council plans to have additional conversations around project costs and financing specifics at subsequent meetings. Community engagement opportunities are also planned as the project progress toward 60% design.

The <u>Police and Municipal Court Project page</u> on the City website will be updated as the project moves forward. Residents can also sign up to receive email alerts regarding the project by visiting the City website <u>Notify Me</u> page and selecting Police and Municipal Court building.



Figure 1- Two-Story Preliminary Concept Drawing for Police and Municipal Court Building

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