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Fargo Public Libraries Reducing Energy Usage and Increasing Savings with Lighting Improvement Project

The City of Fargo's Main Library and Carlson Library are undergoing a project that will replace all current lighting with LED lighting. The Fargo Public Library received an Energy Conservation Grant from the ND Department of Commerce that will cover \$28,791 of the \$57,583 total cost. This project will conclude by the end of March and The City of Fargo will see a return on investment in less than two years for both locations.

"The lighting is much more efficient and also requires less maintenance," said Director of Facilities Management Brock Morrison. LED lights are over 75% more efficient than incandescent lighting, and a single bulb can last for several years before needing replacement. This drastically reduces energy and maintenance costs while still providing the same measurable light output.

The City of Fargo is committed to increasing energy efficiency, climate resiliency and environmental stewardship in City operations and facilities, while continuing to provide quality functionality to residents.

The Fargo City Commission voted 5-0 to award Hope Electric with the Fargo Public Library lighting project.



Planning & Development Department Receiving Federal Funds to Assist Low and Moderate Income and Special Needs Residents

The City of Fargo has received a \$789,067 Community Development Block Grant and a \$495,115 HOME Investment Partnership funds. Successfully receiving these funds is the result of a focused five-year HUD Community Development plan (which was accepted in January by the Fargo City Commission) and will be used to advance the mission of the Planning & Development Department in efforts to promote affordable housing, end and prevent homelessness, reduce poverty, assist vulnerable populations and improve neighborhoods.

Planning & Development staff began conducting community outreach in fall 2019 to understand the objectives necessary to address in our community and to create the greatest positive impact on our residents. This HUD Community Development plan will continue to serve as the City's roadmap for Community Development Block Grants and other related funds over the next five years.

The Fargo City Commission voted 5-0 to accept the grant dollars, which will be used to support housing, community and economic development activities and assistance for low and moderate income and special needs residents.



Fargo Police Department Unveils Its New Vision, Mission and Values

The Fargo Police Department has unveiled its new vision, mission and values which will guide and represent the entire organization. This new vision is one of the advancements Chief David Zibolski has been striving to achieve since being appointed Chief of Police.

"Fargo is a growing, diverse and vibrant community. Through the efforts of our team, we have set a forward-thinking new bar in terms of vision, mission and values that will help set the stage for how we engage the public. I am very proud of the work of the department members who put this together, I'm sure you will be as well," said Chief Zibolski.

Vision – A safe and unified community built on trust, accountability and inclusion.

Mission – The Mission of the Fargo Police Department is to provide the highest level of service through community partnerships, being a well-trained police department and forward-thinking policing to improve the quality of life for all.

Values – FARGO PD

F – Fair – We are committed to provide unbiased services to all members of our community.

A – Accountable – We take responsibility for our actions and we are responsible for holding the community accountable. We are mindful that we answer to each other, the Department, and most importantly, the people we serve.

R – Respect – We believe that all human life has value and deserves respect. We will treat all those we serve in a compassionate, courteous, and dignified manner.

G – Guardianship – We will guard, protect, and preserve all life and property in the Fargo community as well as each other.

O – Officer Wellness – In order to provide the best possible service to the community, our officers need to be mentally and physically healthy both at home and in our professional role as police officers.

P – Professional – We demonstrate professionalism by being accountable, competent, and character driven in our role to safeguard the community. We strive to implement the latest technologies and law enforcement practices to give our community the best service possible.

D – Diverse – We recognize our community is very diverse. Our Department strives to be inclusive of all cultures and backgrounds while committed to being impartial, unbiased, and respectful of all our citizens.

The establishment of the vision, mission and values was a collective effort across the entire Fargo Police Department. Fargo PD is committed to these guiding philosophies and principles and looks forward to working collaboratively with the community for greater prosperity and safety.



Enhancing the Downtown Water Tower Project with Public Art

On January 11, 2021 during the City Commission Meeting, the Fargo City Commissioners voted to rebid the Downtown Water Tower Project and the public art design. The rebid effort reduced the construction cost by roughly \$992,000 compared to the earlier bid and the State Water Commission approved a \$2.81 million grant to be used toward the water tower construction. City Administration and staff were also able to review past public art allocations from 2018 & 2020 that had not been utilized, resulting in \$145,000 to be applied towards the \$186,981 cost of the public art mural installation. The City of Fargo continually seeks ways to be as efficient with tax dollars as possible while still addressing or exceeding infrastructure needs. The public art mural design was created through participation from Fargo residents, leaders, youth, neighbors, artists and non-artists to guide the conceptual designs.

This project will replace Fargo's three oldest water towers with a new two-million gallon tower. This consolidation will reduce maintenance and rehab costs, improve water storage, hydraulics and operations, enable better control of water levels in all Fargo water towers, support future downtown redevelopment, meet the desired level of fire protection for the Downtown Fargo and NDSU areas, among other benefits. Water towers are critical infrastructure and this project addresses goals in both the Downtown Water and Sewer Master Plan, as well as the Public Art Master Plan.

The Fargo City Commission voted 5 - 0 to approve bid award to Phoenix Fabricators for the Downtown Water Tower Project (Project WA1910) in the amount of \$7,635,949 for the combined construction contract to build the new Downtown Water Tower.

The Fargo City Commission voted 4-1 to approve the Finance Committee recommendation to include Bid Alternate #1 in amount of \$186,981 for the mural selected by the Arts and Culture Commission.