



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
Committee of the Whole Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: Monday August 12, 2024

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Agenda Item: Discussion – Public Works Storage/Evidence Building

Explanation: In regard to the February 9, 2024 fire that damaged the Public Works Storage/Evidence Building, our insurance company, Selective Insurance is requesting notification of the City’s intent for the building. We have received a partial payment for the building; however, the recoverable depreciation of \$10,500 will also be paid should the building be repaired as long as notification of intent of an additional claim is made by October 8, 2024. Additional repairs that may be warranted in excess of the settlement amount for the building will also be considered if this is the chosen route. The repairs do not have to be made by October 8, just a determination made as to what is being done with the building by that date.

In addition, please note that the period of restoration on this loss is limited to 24 months from the date of loss. At that time any claims for extra expenses such as the evidence storage rental, would no longer be considered. As such, the City would be responsible for paying these costs after February 2026.

Staff is requesting City Council direction in regard to the plan for the existing building so Selective can be notified within the required timeframe. Staff deems the options to be: restore and repair the current building; demo and rebuild for Public Works storage and/or Evidence Building; or hold off on restoration or demolition until the police evidence building location has been finalized, keeping the October 8 deadline in mind.

Fiscal Impact: TBD

Action Requested: Council direction on intent for Public Works Storage/Evidence Building.