

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 29, 2007

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO #23: BUDGET QUESTIONS & ANSWERS #9-10

Please find attached Budget Questions and Answers #9-10. These Questions and Answers are in response to questions that arose at the City Council worksession on the FY 2008 – FY 2013 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Attachment: FY 2008 Budget Questions & Answers #9-10

FY 2008 Proposed Budget
Questions & Answers

Q&A #9: Councilman Krupicka and Councilman Smedberg asked: What is the estimated cost of constructing an indoor pistol range?

This is a difficult, if not impossible question, to answer at this point in time due to a lack of design, specifications, location, or timetable for such a facility. All of these items impact cost. Some “average” costs were researched for the purpose of providing a “ball park” estimate. For the purpose of this estimate property costs have been excluded and a construction year of 2011 is projected. The estimate includes the following base elements:

- Covered Firing Lanes
- Master control area
- Target Storage
- Range Master Office
- Armor Office
- Ammo Storage Area
- Firearms cleaning area
- General support areas (restrooms, utility closets, vestibule etc)
- Specialized HVAC
- Mechanized Target and trap systems

In conducting research, recent costs associated with the construction of the new Manassas Park indoor range (substantially smaller than what we would require), and input from Clarke Vargas and Associates, a consulting engineering firm heavily involved in design and programming of indoor pistol ranges were reviewed. The current average estimated cost for an indoor range in our area is between \$271 and \$300 per square foot. The current requirement is for approximately 26,000 square feet. This translates to a cost estimate of \$7,046,000 to \$7,800,000, assuming standard indoor range construction.

Q&A #10: What is the incremental cost of increased security measures proposed for the new Police Facility?

The New Alexandria Police Department Steering committee (made up of City staff and HDR/PSA/Dewberry, the contracted architectural firm) is currently developing recommendations on security elements to be incorporated into the design of the new facility. Cost estimates of this element will be developed and provided to Council at a CIP worksession to be scheduled in Fall 2007.