

RESOLUTION 2021-8

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVANCE THE DESIGN PHASE OF THE RENOVATION OF THE CITY HALL ANNEX FOR A POLICE STATION AND THE TRINITY BUILDING FOR MUNICIPAL COURT OPERATIONS AND THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control on May 14, 2021 removed many of the COVID-19 restrictions impeding businesses from fully opening; and

WHEREAS, it is unknown the impacts the opening of our economy will have on our revenues; and

WHEREAS, prior to the pandemic sales tax revenues were trending upward; and

WHEREAS, University City has very little debt now that the Certificates of Participation are retired; and

WHEREAS, a path may exist for not impacting our residents with an increase in property taxes to pay for needed renovations to the City Hall Annex, Trinity building, and City Hall; and

WHEREAS, funding has been set aside for the construction of a police station; and

WHEREAS, a new police station and Municipal Court facility are required to provide a permanent home for police and Municipal Court operations; and

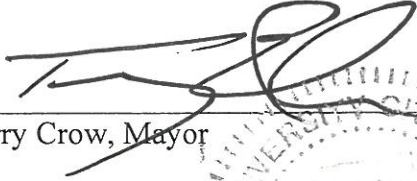
WHEREAS, Missouri Supreme Court Operating Standard 7 in Rule 37, Appendix A, requires the Municipal Court's exterior and interior signage, design, functionality, and other factors convey an appearance to the public that it is a separate and independent branch of government; and

WHEREAS, the Forward through Ferguson report recommends a separation of police and Court operations; and

WHEREAS, advancing the design of the City Hall Annex and Trinity building will allow the projects to remain on schedule even if it is later learned bond funds are required to finance debt for the projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT;** Authorization is hereby given to the City Manager to take all necessary steps to advance the design for the renovation of the City Hall Annex for a state-of-the-art police station and to advance the design for the renovation of the Trinity Building for Municipal Court Operations and the City Council Chambers.

ADOPTED THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2021.

By:   
Terry Crow, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LaRette Reese, City Clerk

