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COMMON COUNCIL

## REPORT

January 4, 2006

Mayor Mark D. Boughton  
Members of the Common Council

### Re: Volunteer Fire Council Request to Combine Fire Houses

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the request of the Volunteer Fire Council to combine companies five and six met on December 12, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. In attendance were committee members Fire Chief Peter Siecienski, Superintendent of Public Buildings Rick Palanzo, Deputy Fire Chief Phil Curran, President of the Volunteers Louis Chiarito, several volunteer firefighters and Council Members Saracino and Teicholz, ex-officio.

Mr. Nolan asked Mr. Chiarito to address the proposal as the correspondence refers to a way to partially fund the project. Mr. Chiarito said he is not sure of the specifics of the proposal, as it is strictly between companies five and six. Chief Siecienski stated that this proposal first came up about five years ago when both companies wanted to combine their houses. The two buildings are fatigued and they wanted to combine them into one new fire station on City owned property. He said that the proposal has been in the capital budget request for the past two years. It is scheduled for funding in 2009 or 2010. There is a more sweeping proposal to consolidate more houses, but discussions had not been held.

Mr. Nolan asked Chief Siecienski to elaborate on the funding mechanism. The Chief stated that the capital budget request has increased from one million dollars to one and one-half million. It is hoped that the cost will be defrayed by using city owned land. The existing properties would be sold and put back on the tax rolls and the proceeds from the sale would be put into the new building. Mr. Nolan asked about the review timeline. The Chief stated he hopes the funding would be provided this year. Chief Siecienski said that a study of the entire fire service may encompass issues pertinent to the volunteers, but it is an expensive proposal.

Mrs. Basso made a motion to accept the communication and take no action as this proposal may be addressed in the 2009-2010 capital budget. Seconded by Mr. Nolan. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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VINCENT P. NOLAN, Chairman

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