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City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 8

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Resolution No. 2025-65: Creating the Newport Beach Police
Headquarters Assessment Committee

ABSTRACT:

For the City Council's consideration is the adoption of a resolution to create the Newport Beach Police Headquarters Assessment Committee (Committee). The Committee, consisting of three Councilmembers and four resident members, will evaluate potential sites and assess the feasibility, costs and conceptual design for a new station headquarters for the Newport Beach Police Department (NBPD).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA guidelines because this action will not result in a direct or indirect physical change to the environment; and
- b) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-65, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Creating the Newport Beach Police Headquarters Assessment Committee.*

DISCUSSION:

On September 23, 2025, the City Council unanimously supported an A-1 item introduced by Mayor Stapleton to initiate a comprehensive evaluation of potential sites and the feasibility, cost and design considerations for a new NBPD station headquarters. The action responds to long-term facility needs at the current headquarters (870 Santa Barbara Drive), which was constructed in 1973 and now faces functional and capacity constraints related to modern policing, training, technology and community service demands.

A recent use survey and needs assessment, prepared at the direction of the Public Works Department, indicates the existing headquarters totals approximately 49,284 gross square feet, while a replacement facility should be at least 73,000 square feet to accommodate operational needs, including adequate Patrol Division space and an appropriately designed firearms training and shooting range.

As outlined in the draft resolution establishing the Committee, it will function as an ad hoc advisory body subject to the Brown Act. Its purpose is to evaluate suitable sites and develop feasibility findings, conceptual programming, and high-level cost and delivery recommendations for the City Council's consideration.

The Committee will be composed of three City Councilmembers and four resident members. Details related to member terms, qualifications and responsibilities are defined in the resolution and its incorporated attachment.

Upon the City Council adoption of the resolution, the City Clerk will issue the public application notice for the four resident seats. Following the closure of the application period, Mayor Stapleton will bring forward recommended appointments for confirmation by the City Council. Once seated, the Committee will convene to finalize its work plan and schedule, coordinate with City staff and consultants as needed, and return with interim updates and a final set of recommendations for the City Council consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact related to the item.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonable foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and Section 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in a direct or indirect physical change to the environment.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A – Resolution No. 2025-65