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MAYOR EMANUEL, ALDERMAN MITTS INTRODUCE NEIGHBORHOOD-FOCUSED PLAN FOR JOINT PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CAMPUS, INCLUDING RETAIL DEVELOPMENT

Two African American-owned sit-down restaurants bring additional economic development to the public safety campus in West Garfield Park

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Alderman Emma Mitts today introduced a new, neighborhood-focused package for the Joint Public Safety Training Campus (JPSTC) to City Council that will include a retail development that will bring two African-American owned restaurants to the training campus in West Garfield Park.

“Public safety officials need the best tools, technology and training to serve our city and its residents, and this facility will provide a place for them to prepare and practice for everyday encounters,” Mayor Emanuel said. “More than that, the new facility is a significant investment in the West Garfield Park neighborhood and the residents will be hired, the small businesses that will grow and the children and families who will be kept safe. It is proof of our continuing commitment to expand city services to more communities.”

To ensure the JPSTC will serve as an anchor that will attract jobs and economic development, the Planned Development introduced to Council today for the Joint Public Safety Training Campus includes a retail component that will allow two African American-owned restaurants, Peach's and Culver's, to open franchises on the campus. The owners of both businesses already operate successful franchises elsewhere in the city and were attracted to the JPSTC campus because of the 1,500 first responders that will be in the area each day once the academy is open.

“As this project continues to move forward, I continue to be excited for this much needed, long-lasting investment in West Garfield Park,” said Alderman Emma Mitts (37th Ward). “As Alderman, this project reflects my neighborhood priorities, which focus on strengthening the local 37th Ward economy by creating hundreds of jobs, supporting our infrastructure, and fostering new opportunities to expand skilled workforce opportunities for residents.”

Peach's will also feature a training center for food and restaurant workers. It will offer on-the-job coaching, training employees on customer service, bartending, and proper food handling and preparation in an effort to expand their job experiences and skills for future careers.

Additionally, Mayor Emanuel and Alderman Mitts introduced an ordinance would authorize the city enter into a contract with AECOM for the design, construction and turn-key delivery of the new, state-of-the-art JPSTC facility as part of the its continued efforts to provide the best tools, technology and training for its first responders while investing in the West Garfield Park community.

The early collaborative design efforts, led by the AECOM design team, was based on conversations, site visits and interviews with CPD, CFD and other experts and concluded the JPSTC should be primarily dedicated to providing hands-on scenario based training. The historically located R.J. Quinn Fire Building will be maintained for fire prevention inspectors, fire prevention public education, and CFD support services. The current Police Academy will continue to be utilized for classroom instruction, physical fitness, and other in-service technical training.

The JPSTC will deepen and strengthen the training capabilities of both new and current police officers, firefighters and paramedics, creating critically needed space for joint training exercises. The site will primarily focus on both indoor and outdoor scenario type trainings including a burn tower and ladder, driving course, mock villages to create different scenarios as well as classrooms and labs. This new capacity will support first responders in receiving specialized scenario-based training that emphasizes hands-on tactical practice in real-world situations and improve interagency collaboration in emergency response. The campus will also have a community room, classrooms with public educational focus, and teen media and computer rooms.

The recent consent decree agreement lays out a series of comprehensive and required reforms to CPD training, including recruit, in-service, and pre-service promotion training. The Chicago Police Department is required to incorporate active-learning, problem-solving, scenario-based training, and other adult learning techniques into their training curriculum. The City has committed to providing appropriate training facilities that offer adequate access to safe and effective training.

Over the past year, the City has been working with the Chicago Infrastructure Trust (CIT) to select a developer ideally suited to design, build and finance the project. The multi-stage procurement began with a Request for Qualifications issued in October 2017 followed by a Request for Proposals (RFP) in May 2018 to identify highly qualified Design-Build teams with the requisite experience, capacity, and capabilities to work with the City to ultimately deliver the comprehensive training academy campus. The RFP evaluation process determined that the AECOM team was the most qualified to advance to the final stage of the

procurement. AECOM will be responsible for leading a collaborative design process with City stakeholders, neighborhood residents and first responders in the development of the Joint Public Safety Training Campus. Construction is planned to begin this year, estimated to continue for 24 to 36 months and bring nearly 100 construction jobs to the area.

Additionally, the AECOM team includes 14 sub-consultants, including nine registered as MBEs and three registered as a WBEs. The team also includes police and fire subject matter experts to provide advice on the tactical design and interior architecture. Community outreach, workforce development and diversity will be key pillars throughout the design and construction process.

These plans build on the Mayor's commitment to providing first responders with the best-in-class tools, tactics and training needed successfully carry out their challenging work. CPD has already moved forward with revamping its training curriculum and is developing a broader set of training courses that address all aspects of duties performed by officers and their supervisors – much of this new training will be taught and practiced at these new facilities. Last year, CPD began the phased roll-out of new in-service training for the first time in the Department's history, which will include a required 40-hours of mandatory training for every police officer by 2021.

This is the latest effort as part of the Mayor Emanuel's public service modernization initiative to invest in local neighborhoods. Last February, the Mayor announced 2FM headquarters would be relocated to from North and Throop to Englewood, along with 200 permanent jobs. In January, the City Colleges of Chicago authorized the sale of its downtown headquarters and plans to relocate the majority of its administrative office staff to its colleges. In September, the Chicago Park District announced plans to relocate its headquarters from its current Streeterville location to Brighton Park.

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