

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2023-373

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** June 13, 2023

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, F, TEU

**Date of Analysis:** June 15, 2023

**Type of Action:** Appropriation; authorization to execute land purchase; CIP amendment; designation of oversight agencies

**Bill Summary:** The bill appropriates \$2.2 million within the New Marine Fire Station #68 CIP project from the “other construction costs” account to the “land account” to provide funding for acquisition of the property needed for the project on Scott Mill Road. It authorizes the administration to execute all documents necessary to acquire the property. The bill amends the 2023-27 Capital Improvement Plan to reflect the transfer of funds within the Fire Station #68 account. The Real Estate Division is designated as the oversight agency for the property acquisition, after which the Fire and Rescue Department will oversee use of the property for the fire station.

**Background Information:** The bill authorizes the acquisition of a residential lot with a boat dock at 10562 Scott Mill Road in Mandarin. The 3.27-acre lot is located just north of the Buckman Bridge on the east side of the river and has a 2-story, 7 bedroom house and a dock with a substantial boat shed at the end. The Property Appraiser’s fair market value for the property in 2022 was \$1,354,302. The seller’s asking price was \$2.25 million and City has a recent appraisal of \$2.3 million, assuming certain needed repairs to the property were made by the seller. The City and the seller have agreed to a price of \$2.1 million with the City subsequently making the needed repairs itself.

The total CIP project cost for the new marine Fire Station #68 is \$9.5 million. The station is needed to provide better coverage for the southern end of the county in the Mandarin/NAS Jax/Julington Creek area and to reduce long response time to the area from the closest marine station, currently at Metropolitan Park downtown.

**Policy Impact Area:** Boating safety

**Fiscal Impact:** The bill reallocates \$2.2 million in borrowed funding from one account to another within the Fire Station #68 project.

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