

**Minority Report**

To: City Council  
Submitted by Ray Cox

While I am in agreement with major portions of the submitted Safety Center Task Force committee's work, I wish to present a Minority Report that raises a few issues for your thoughtful consideration:

**Recommendation "A":** Remodel the existing safety center and create a police only facility. Build a new fire department facility on a newly acquired site of adequate size (minimum 4 acres) to address future public safety needs. This recommendation is based on the following concepts:

- Satisfactory engineering studies of the building and site.
- The existing facility appears to be the best location for a police station.
- A police station in this location will maintain the 'gateway' use of the site.
- The existing facility is 40 years into a traditional life cycle of 80 years.
- A remodeled facility will provide 40-45 percent more space for police, allowing for future growth and expansion needs.
- Phase the construction work to create permanent police areas in the existing fire department space, then remodel the existing police space, so disruption of police activities are kept to a minimum during remodeling.
- A new separate fire facility, with expansion for future needs, will provide solid cost data for the city's partners (townships, colleges, etc.) that may be pledging financial support for the fire department facility but not the police facility.
- Remodeling the existing facility and building a new fire facility will most likely be the lowest cost option for taxpayers.

**Recommendation "B":** If engineering and financial data do not support Recommendation A, then build separate new police and fire facilities on a single site of at least 5 acres. This recommendation is based on the following concepts:

- Separate facilities best address security issues unique to each operation.
- Separate facilities offer solid cost data for the city's partners that may be pledging financial support for the fire department facility.
- Future expansion needs of each operation can be best addressed by separate facilities.
- The separate facilities would share electronic links so that if it is desired to share some staff duties that would be accomplished electronically on the site (similar to banks using electronic cameras for drive-up facilities)