

RESOLUTION NO. 3213

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY STAFF
TO COMMENCE THE PROCESS TO SEEK AN ARCHITECT FOR THE CITY'S
PLAN TO CONSTRUCT A MODULAR BUILDING FOR ITS POLICE
DEPARTMENT AND ALSO POTENTIALLY FOR ITS CITY HALL

WHEREAS, the City desires, and has desired for several years, to construct a new building to house its police department, municipal court and City Council chambers and also to potentially house city hall – because the current police department and city hall buildings are aged, in need of repairs and upgrades that would be costly and difficult, and are limited in size, and, further, the current police department building is situated at the edge of the City's corporal limits rather than being more centrally situated; and

WHEREAS, the City owns land that is centrally located within the corporal limits, that is presently underutilized, and that is suitable for such new building; and

WHEREAS, City management contemplates proposing – for a future vote by the City Council, hopefully during 2025 – that the City construct a modular building rather than a traditional stick-built building, because several Washington municipalities have recently obtained quality and cost-effective results by choosing a modular building; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member in the so-called King County Directors' Association (KCDA), and the KCDA, despite its name and original structure of being limited to school district municipalities, assists municipalities of many types throughout the greater northwest with contracting and procurement processes while maintaining compliance with applicable solicitation and bidding provisions of law that apply to municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the KCDA previously disseminated one or more public invitations/advertisements seeking bids from contractors who are – directly or via one or more subcontractors – experienced with modular construction and able to perform members' modular construction projects, and multiple contractors were selected by KCDA as being qualified in such regard; and

WHEREAS, the City can contractually engage – via KCDA's processes – one of the modular contractors that has been pre-selected by KCDA, rather than the City needing to disseminate its own public invitation/advertisement in order to seek competitive bids from potentially-qualified contractors; and

WHEREAS, the City's contemplated project will also require so-called site/dirt work such as installing utilities, and also some on-site work such as assembly of the modular units and construction of a roof system – and, again, the City can obtain these services via KCDA's processes; and

WHEREAS, prior to any off-site or on-site construction work, the City must first contractually engage an architect to design, engineer and create plans for the building and overall project; and

WHEREAS, City management desires to engage an architect and, if possible, one that has successfully worked on modular construction projects for Washington municipalities along with one of the contractors that KCDA has pre-selected; and

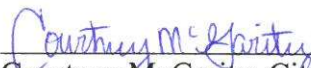
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that good cause exists to authorize the Mayor and City staff to commence the process to seek an architect – whether that is via dissemination of a Request for Proposals or a Request for Qualifications, or whether it can be accomplished via KCDA's processes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELAH, WASHINGTON, that the Mayor and City staff be and are authorized to commence the process of seeking an architect for the City's plan to construct a modular building for its police department and also potentially for its city hall. Entry into any contract(s) with an architect must occur consistent with the City's Contracting and Purchasing Policy.


PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELAH, WASHINGTON, this 27th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:


Roger Bell, Mayor


Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Rob Case, City Attorney