

Points of Interest Regarding Police Department Operations within the Current City Hall

- ▶ Since the building was built in 1962, the rules and regulations for prisoners have changed. Currently there are no proper holding facilities for incarcerated juveniles and females. We are in violation of specific rules regarding the constitutional rights of prisoners in this building. For example, this morning we had 3 juveniles in custody for motor vehicle theft. Since we lacked proper facilities for juveniles, one was held in our juvenile detainment room, another was held in an unsecured conference room (where there was no window for observation), and the third was handcuffed to a chair in hallway.
- ▶ When the building was built, there were no female officers. Once female officers were hired, space had to be created for locker rooms and bathrooms which subject the female officers to unequal not fair treatment. For example, one of the women's changing rooms was converted from a storage room.
- ▶ The building, due to its design, cannot be secured. Law enforcement's need for security can be violated without much effort. For example, the general public can drive-thru the police garage, leaving police vehicles open and accessible to the public. In addition, during City Council meetings, the general public has access beyond the 2nd floor Council Chambers leaving the remainder of the floors in the building unsecured during these meetings.
- ▶ For instances where the City of Ann Arbor should experience a major incident/case, where officers and officials from neighboring agencies might need to be called in to assist, there is no room within police operations large enough to house that many people and/or the needed technology for solving the crime.
- ▶ The number of officers has diminished over the years, yet the Police Department operations has been spread throughout the building. While we are making the best of the situation, it is a poor set up for management or efficient operations.
- ▶ Due to the design of the building, the building itself has proved to be non-functional. During inclement weather, water collects on the second floor mezzanine and runs into the first floor and basement police offices.
- ▶ While the Ann Arbor community does not have a lot of serious crime, we do not have adequate lock up space. This presents a security problem as well as a liability for the City.
- ▶ There is no adequate parking for police department vehicles on the property. This means they are being stored off-site in unsecured areas with our equipment (radios, etc) inside.
- ▶ There is no adequate space for our detectives/officers to process stolen vehicles. The property section responsible for storing evidence in cases is scattered amongst 5 locations throughout the City. The improper handling of evidence could loose a major case.