Fargo City Hall Groundbreaking Ceremony – Monday, August 22, 2016
Building an Innovative & Efficient City Hall for Fargo’s Future

Improving the Experience of Community Members When Visiting City Hall

- Main entry points to the building make it more convenient for the public to reach the departments they are seeking. Elevators on both sides of the building aid in that access.
- Convenient main floor access to the Auditor’s Office for those paying invoices and seeking permits.
- Wood valences help identify the entries to each department in the building.
- Expanded commission chambers and lobby supply ample seating for the public, while allowing for various room configurations.
- Each department has its own conference room to meet with members of the public. Most meeting rooms in the existing building were made into offices due to a lack of space.
- An information desk in the main lobby will help visitors in wayfinding and resolution of general questions.
- Bike racks will be placed at entry points.
- Spacious asymmetrical hallways will allow for seating.

Emphasizing the Importance of Security

- Secure lobby entry points will be featured in all departments.
- The Commission dais (stage) will be reinforced with Kevlar.
- Doors will be controlled by electronic entry mechanisms.
- Extensive video surveillance will be utilized throughout the facility’s interior and exterior.
- A backup generator will provide auxiliary power for the building.

Integrating Energy Efficiency

- Occupancy sensors will turn off the lights in unoccupied rooms.
- A state-of-the-art mechanical system will allow for optimal energy consumption.
- All interior and exterior lighting fixtures will utilize light-emitting diode (LED) technology.
- High performance glass has been incorporated to maximize energy efficiency.

Focusing on the Needs of Employees

- A large meeting room is designated specifically for employee training and collaboration.
- Natural light will be prevalent throughout the building.
- Individual break rooms within each department are planned.
- Lower-level parking, comprised of 87 stalls, will be designated for employee parking.

Planning for the Future Growth of Fargo

- The building structure is designed to accommodate an additional floor to address expansion needs of the City of Fargo.
- Upgraded telecommunications equipment and wiring will be deployed throughout the facility.
- The walls in the hallways are equipped with hanging strips for the rotation of community art pieces.
Construction on this 150,000 square-foot facility is scheduled to be complete in the Fall of 2018. The structure is designed to house Fargo’s municipal operations into the next century. It will be a welcome addition to the downtown skyline, as well as to the greater community’s character and appeal.

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**Current City Commission**
Dr. Tim Mahoney, Mayor
Dave Piepkorn, Deputy Mayor
Tony Gehrig
Tony Grindberg
John Strand

**Former City Commission**
Dr. Tim Mahoney, Mayor
Mike Williams, Deputy Mayor
Melissa Sobolik
Dave Piepkorn
Tony Gehrig

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Project architect - T.L. Stroh Architects & Interiors
General contractor - Olaf Anderson
Mechanical contractor - Robert Gibb & Sons
Electrical contractor - Sun Electric