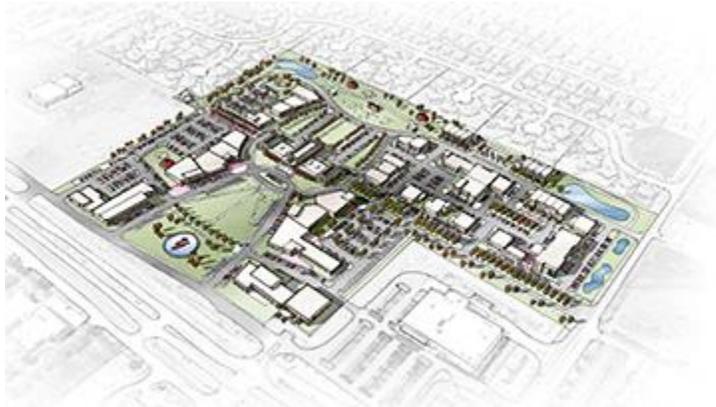


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## New city hall plans unveiled Tuesday

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Plans were unveiled Tuesday evening for a new Yukon City Hall. Totalling 43,884 square feet, with 34,290 square feet residing on the first floor, the facility will boast an innumerable number of amenities.

An orange script “Y” (Yukon logo) will be placed in the middle of a flower bed, greeting visitors as they make entrance from Mustang Road. Sites zoned class A will be placed on each side of the entryway, enabling office space with the potential for retail.

“Heavy” retail will lie in the next set of buildings, with offices and possible living quarters housed on the second story. An additional space has been allocated for residential development; brownstones will be constructed.

City Manager Grayson Bottom hopes to break ground by the second quarter of 2016.

“It all depends on a number of variables, so that timeframe is uncertain, but it’s my goal,” Bottom said. “We have had four parties express interest in becoming our development partner, and we will send RFPs (Request for Proposal) to those developers, enabling us to choose who we ultimately work with. It will be located at Yukon Parkway and Main Street, adjacent to the current WalMart Neighborhood Market.”

Plans are to sell or trade the existing city hall campus, 500 West Main, with those proceeds serving as a down

payment. Subsidies generated from the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) district will pay for a preponderance of the project.

Construction timeline is 14-24 months for the initial phase, with planners considering 18-months to be most realistic. Phase one involves a boulevard paved off Yukon Parkway, construction of an employee parking lot, completion of City Hall, and the addition of a storage facility. Phase two adds retail development.

Bottom says the facility should serve the city for the next five decades.

“If you look at a map of the city limits of Yukon, and determine our floodplain, we have the ability to grow to a community of 50,000 to 55,000 residents,” he said. “Our current population is 27,000; however, we have 72,000 in our zip code, and 85,000 in our schools.

“This building is designed to have enough room to serve a community of 50,000. In 15 to 20 years we expect to reach maximum residential capacity under current ordinances. There are 1,000 people moving into the Oklahoma City metropolitan area each month.”

The existing city hall was built in 1962, home of First National Bank.

“It’s an aging building that we’ve simply outgrown,” Bottom said. “When you factor in our new police department, fire department, and city hall, we’ve positioned Yukon for those growth projections. Couple that with construction of the new sports complex on Frisco Road, and you have a city that is truly a first class destination.”