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**GM Development, Hagerman GC, City and Muncie Fire Department break ground on new Fire Station 6.**

After nearly 40 years, the City of Muncie will soon see a new fire station. The new Station 6, to be located at the corner of Highland Ave and Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard, will replace the current Station 6 which has served the city and the Whitely neighborhood for 65 years.

Friday October 25, 2024 representatives from GM, Hagerman, the City of Muncie and the Muncie Fire Department, along with many community members, and neighbors gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony. During remarks Mayor Ridenour stated “I am greatly appreciative to all of the people that have pushed hard to make this happen. There has been opposition, but we’re here, it is about to happen. It is wonderful for our city, it is wonderful for this neighborhood, it’s wonderful for the fire department, it’s wonderful for EMS. And I’m really looking forward to it”. The Mayor went on to thank those councilpersons involved with the first step in the process of bringing this new station to life. “I mostly want to thank those 7 council members who voted for the bond. That was the first big piece, there were 7 that voted for it. I just want to thank those 7 members, that includes Councilperson Garrett, Councilperson Selvey, Councilperson Mason, Councilperson Macintosh, Council President Jerry Dishman, Councilperson Green, and Councilperson Dale Basham. Without the approval from these 7 this project could not have moved forward.”

After remarks from representatives from both GM Development and Hagerman GC, Muncie Fire Department Chief Burford offered remarks on the vision for station 6 stating this “We wanted to build not just for today, but we wanted to provide a little bit for the future of the City of Muncie”. Gratitude, however seemed to be the prominent theme from Chief Burford, as he closed the ceremony with this sincere statement of thanks “I want to thank the mayor for getting this started. I want to thank the city council... RQAW and their folks and I want to thank that committee that originally started. I want to thank the public that supported us, and I especially want to thank the neighborhood that has shown us support.”

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