



Mayor and Council Communication

April 13, 2015

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SUBJECT: *Resolution to Order and Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for the MB Johnson Park Picnic Shelter

RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor and City Council are asked to consider a resolution to Order and Approve Plans & Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for the above – referenced project.

BACKGROUND / KEY POINTS: In 2012, the City of Moorhead submitted a Legacy Grant application to the State of Minnesota for 2013 funding for Phase 3 of MB Johnson Park. This application included a large picnic shelter for MB Johnson Park. The application was denied.

During the 2013 Minnesota Legislative Session, unanticipated funding was made available for Legacy Grant Awards. Representative Ben Lien requested that one of the items from Moorhead's larger application (the large picnic shelter) be pulled from the application for consideration. This item passed the Legislature and was approved for funding in April 2013.

One of the requirements of the Legacy Grant Committee (DNR) was to resubmit an entire application, identifying the shelter as the only item in the application instead of being one of a number of amenities that were requested. Other requirements included that an archeological survey be completed, as well as a title search on the property, prior to receiving consent to start construction. Approval to begin construction was received in December 2013.

Once written approval from the State was received, a firm was hired to draft construction plans and specifications. Due to the limited number of contractors available in the summer of 2014, it was determined that bidding would occur the next winter in an effort to make the most of the available funds. The State of Minnesota has required that this project be completed by June 30, 2016.

A preliminary estimate, obtained in 2012, for a large picnic shelter including restrooms, was \$275,000. Bidding this project 3 years later finds the local construction economy healthy with more work than available laborers, driving prices to an all-time high. Building materials have also increased from 3%-7% annually over this time period. Preliminary estimates from the architectural firm indicate that the cost of the shelter, without the restroom facility, will be \$200,000. The addition of restrooms would bring this project over budget. With no additional funds appropriated for this project, the sewer and water for the restrooms will be bid as an alternate in an effort to use the entire \$275,000 allowed. It was decided to include a maintenance shed onto the restroom structure to provide a complete project for this complex. The restroom maintenance structure would then become a priority for 2016 Capital Improvement Funds.

Bids are expected to be received in the spring of 2015, with a build during the summer of 2015. It is anticipated that with the allotted \$275,000, the main shelter can be constructed and the sewer and water lines can be installed in 2015.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: This project will use the \$275,000 available from the Minnesota Legacy Grant for the construction of this shelter. Once bids are secured, the action will come back to the Council for consideration to award the bids prior to the start of construction. The restroom/maintenance structure would become a high priority for Capital Improvement funding for 2016.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Majority of Council (5)

Disclaimer: Voting requirements may be subject to changes in the law, parliamentary procedural matters, or other unforeseen issues. The City Attorney provides opinion on questions of voting requirements in accordance with the Moorhead City Code, Minnesota State Statutes, and parliamentary procedure.

Respectfully Submitted:



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City Manager

Department: Parks and Recreation
Prepared by: Larry Anderson, Parks and Forestry Division Manager

Attachments: Draft Resolution
Architectural Drawing MB Johnson Shelter
Site Plan 1 MB Johnson Shelter
Site Plan 2 MB Johnson Shelter



Request for Council Action

AGENDA SECTION: Parks and Recreation Department		ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation	MEETING DATE: 04/13/2015
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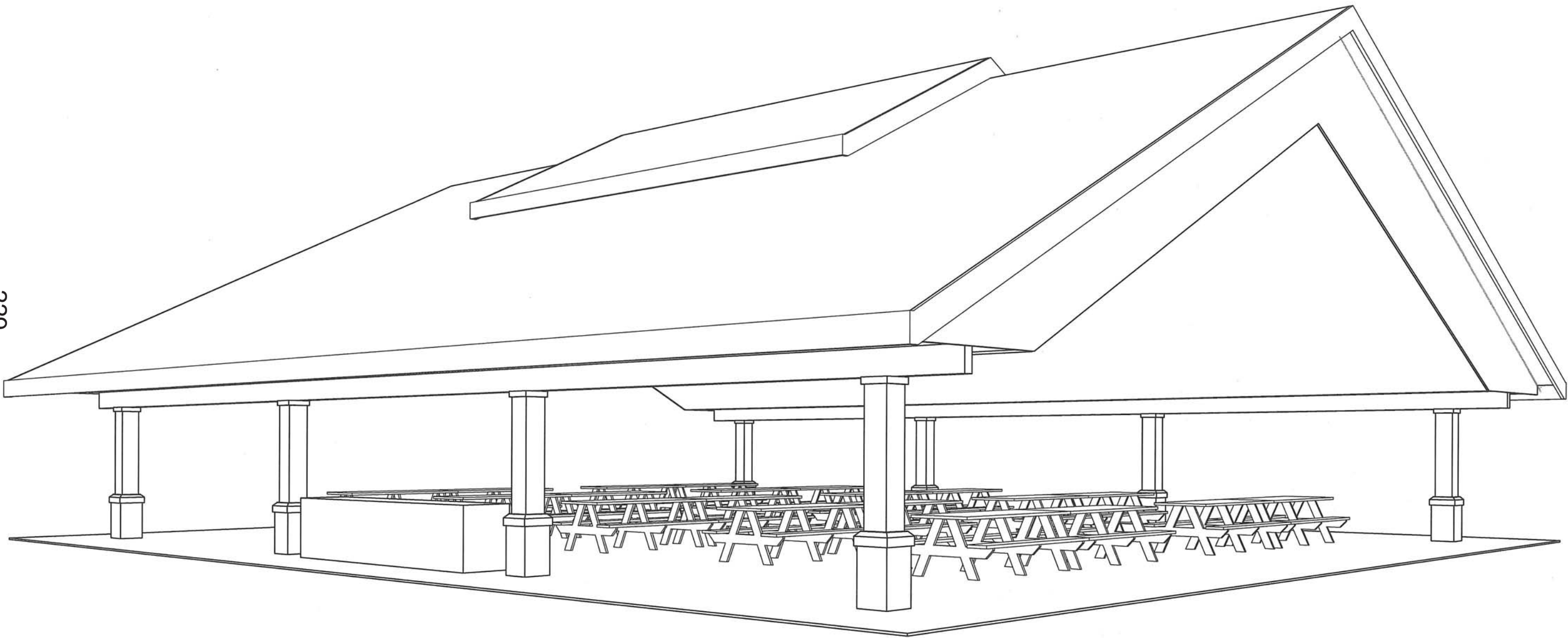
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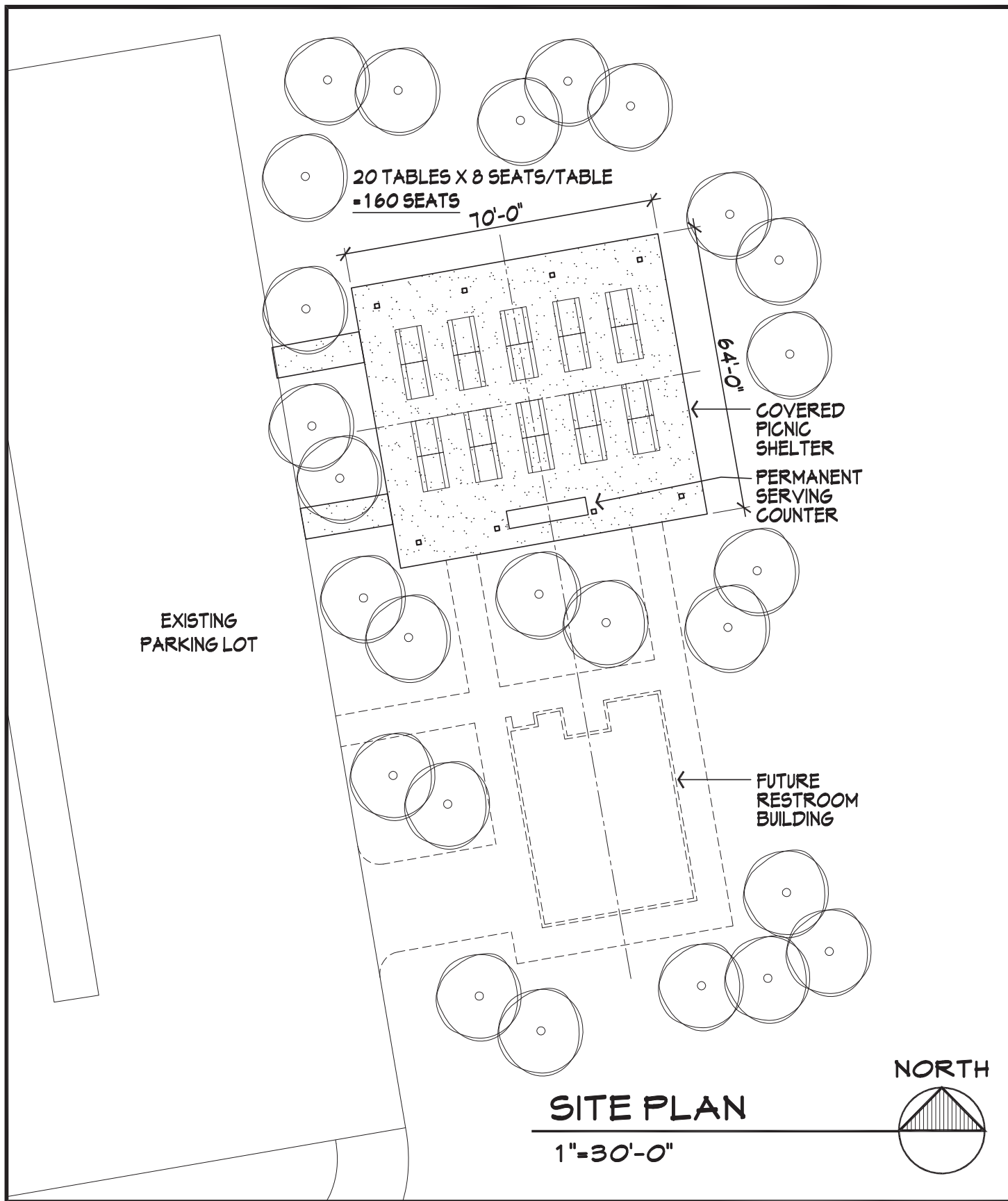
WHEREAS, Park Maintenance Staff has prepared plans and specification for a picnic shelter at MB Johnson Park and presents such plans and specifications to Council for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Moorhead Minnesota:

1. Such plans and specifications are hereby approved.
2. The City Clerk shall prepare and cause to be inserted in the official paper an advertisement for bids to make such improvement using the approved plans and specifications. The advertisement shall be published twice with the first advertisement appearing a minimum of 21 days prior to the bid opening. The advertisement shall specify the work to be done, shall state the time and place that the bids will be opened, and shall state that no bids will be considered unless sealed and filed with the clerk and accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond or certified check payable to the clerk for 5% of the amount of such bid.

PASSED: April 13, 2015 by the City Council of the City of Moorhead.





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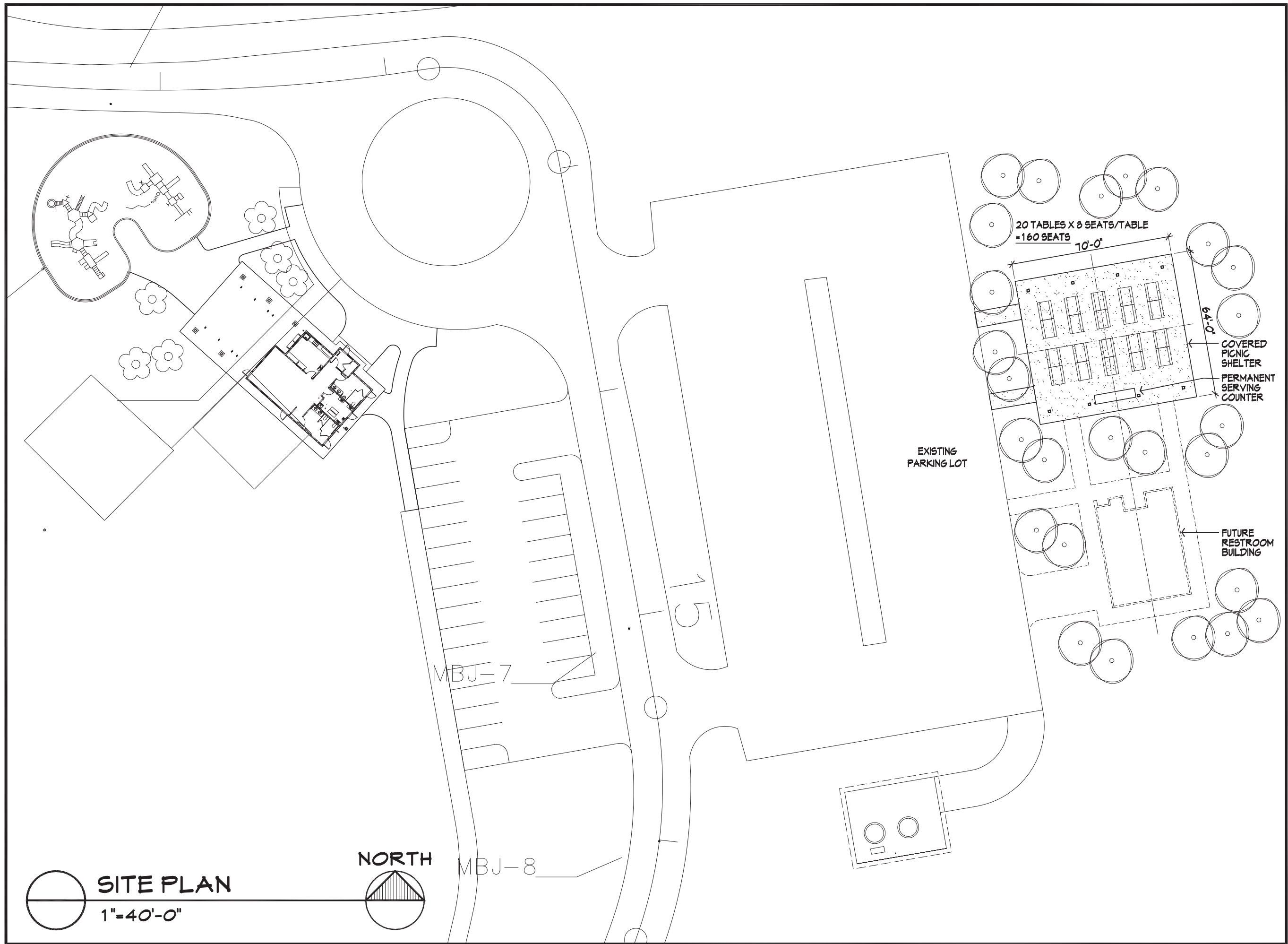
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 Picnic Shelter**
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