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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. Community Center update

Documents:

[Community Center update.pdf](#)

**ADJOURNMENT**

To: Mayor Steffenson, City Council, and Park Board

From: Chuck Stifter, Parks and Recreation Director  
Heidi Nelson, City Administrator

Date: June 5, 2023

Subject: Council and Park Board - Joint work session  
Community Center update

At the work session, staff will share updates on the Community Center project, including funding strategies, Life Time acquisition, and project development strategies.

The outcome of the 2023 legislative session included a \$6 million grant to predesign and design the expansion and renovation of the Community Center. This is a good bit of money for the project but is short of the requested \$22.5 million. The state funds can only be used for design, not construction.

For the \$6 million to be released to Maple Grove, predesign and design has to be fully funded with a combination of the state funds and whatever local funds are needed to cover the remainder of the cost of those phases. The city would use sales tax revenues for the local contribution.

To fill the remaining \$16.5 million (plus inflation) gap in construction funding, staff is recommending the city submit a 2024 capital budget request. Applications are due June 16, 2023. This process takes another year for application, committee tours, lobbying, and waiting for a bonding bill decision at the end of legislative session in May 2024.

Accepting state bonding funds restricts the facility from valuable sponsorship, advertising, and naming rights programs already in place in the arena. To avoid this conflict, staff is proposing to create a unique legal parcel around the arena, separating it from the rest of the Community Center parcel. Therefore, any accepted state funds can be directed to non-arena expenditures. The separation also creates the opportunity for a phased construction schedule. Initiating arena improvements using sales tax revenues satisfies an anxious voting public ready to see some movement on the project. At the same time, it allows for another request for state capital funds for the construction of the remainder of the facility.

Staff is seeking input from the council and board on how they'd like to proceed.