

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

LeAnn Williams, Director, Recreation

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 016, 2024, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves in the Recreation Fund for the Mulberry Pool Replacement Feasibility Study.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$78,000 from Recreation Reserves to fund the Mulberry Replacement Feasibility Study. This study is in partnership with Colorado State University Athletics (CSU), who will be funding 50% of the study.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

In 2021, Council commissioned the Recreation Department to conduct an aquatics study that evaluated current assets, projected future needs, and made recommendations on next steps.

The study concluded that Mulberry Pool was near its end of useful life and was functionally obsolete. The study also recommended that the City consider partners when building aquatic facilities.

The City and CSU Athletics have agreed to jointly fund a pool feasibility study. The Mulberry Replacement Feasibility Study will evaluate the current site of Mulberry Pool and the feasibility of building a new aquatic facility there while also evaluating other sites within a close distance of both CSU and Mulberry Pool.

The study will evaluate the current and future needs of both the City and CSU and provide joint facility options, that will include fair share of capital, operations, maintenance, and replacement based upon projected use of the facility. The study will also provide each agency the full capital, operations, maintenance, and replacement of separate facilities.

This joint feasibility study does not commit nor require either agency to build a joint or standalone facility. Further discussion on next steps will occur with City Council and City leadership once the feasibility study is complete.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Recreation Reserves will have a starting balance for 2024 in the amount of \$2.7 Million. This study aligns with intended use of this fund.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Staff mentioned the partnership with CSU athletics to conduct the study at the December 2023 meeting and will share the scope of the work with the board at the January 2024 meeting.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance for Consideration
2. Mulberry Pool Feasibility Study Proposal