RESOLUTION NO. 2447

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INITIATION OF A VALIDATION PROCESS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS OF AN INDOOR AQUATIC AND WELLNESS CENTER.

WHEREAS, in 2016 the Livable Hermiston Committee identified an indoor aquatic facility as a community priority; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 and 2019 the City Council initially identified an indoor aquatic facility as an official council goal; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 a community task force developed an initial project scope and estimated cost; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space planning process showed that 60% of respondents selected "indoor aquatics/swimming" as the #1 priority; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the Hermiston 2040 Community Action Plan identifies indoor recreation and aquatic center as the #1 goal; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 and 2025 a regional multi-industry task force organized by City Manager Smith met five times to determine the viability of an indoor aquatic/recreation facility; and

WHEREAS, in 2026 public feedback was sought and received related to community interest in an indoor aquatic/recreation facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HERMISTON RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That it is expedient and necessary to conduct a final validation process to determine the feasibility of constructing an indoor aquatic/recreation facility.

2. That the city manager shall make, and is hereby instructed to follow a process as outlined in the attached slide show presentation and prepare a report outlining the findings and making a recommendation on the feasibility of constructing an indoor aquatic/recreation facility.

3. That this resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED by the Common Council this 26th day of October 2026.
SIGNED by the Mayor this 26th day of October 2026.

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Doug Primmer, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Heather KP La Beau, DEPUTY CITY RECORDER