Mayor and Members of the City Council

STAFF REPORT

For the Meeting of October 26, 2026

Title/Subject

Resolution No. 2447 Validation of Aquatics Center Project

Summary and Background

Since the 2016 Livable Hermiston planning effort, an indoor aquatic/recreation facility has been identified as a community priority. It has been a City Council goal for many years. The City's Parks, Recreation and Open Space plan and the Hermiston 2040 Community Action Plan each identified this type of project as a priority.

The City Council's 2025 goal setting process, the Council directed staff to make a final effort to determine the feasibility of this potential project. Staff has been working with potential regional partners and with other knowledgeable partners to determine construction and operating costs.

Tie-In to Council Goals

Action 2.1 of the 2026 Goal Setting Report

Fiscal Information

Between $850,000 and $1,000,000 to complete the validation process. This amount could be paid from our existing enterprise zone revenues and will be a portion of the overall project cost.

Alternatives and Recommendation

Alternatives:

1. Approval of Resolution No. 2447
2. Direct staff to pause work on the Hermiston Aquatic Wellness Center.

Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution No. 2447

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