



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: July 7, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Civic Center Update

DISCUSSION:

Dan Levi from CMBA+LEVI Architecture will be present to give the Council an update on the Civic Center project, which involves repurposing the old Starlight Movie Theatre into a Civic Center. Attached for your review is a cost estimate from Larson Construction for potential renovations to the Movie Theatre building, along with a schematic floor plan. Based on the cost presented and what we expect to receive from the sale of the existing Civic Center, I'm unsure how we can proceed with this project. Due to the significantly higher cost than we anticipated—costs we wouldn't have known without engaging Levi Architecture and obtaining a professional opinion—I believe this project should not move forward. Ultimately, however, that decision rests with the Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.