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## TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION COMMUNICATION

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**AGENDA DATE:** January 13, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Senior Center Facility

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. New Building Considerations

**PRESENTED BY:** Matt LeCerf, Town Manager

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### WORK SESSION ITEM DESCRIPTION:

One of the initiatives identified by Town Council was the desire to establish and construct a new senior/community center. The facility, while predominantly for the senior community would also have the capability to provide for additional use in the evenings, including community and special event activities.

Initial conversations about this vision began to flourish when Mayor Duncan and the Town Manager met with the Senior population requesting their feedback on how a new facility should be conceptualized as well as what should be incorporated into a new senior facility. The results of this feedback are represented in the attached document received from the Senior Community, titled New Building Consideration.

To facilitate this objective, the FY 2025 budget included funding for the architectural design of the facility with the anticipation of construction in FY 2026. The financial allocation for the design is approximately \$500,000. Town Staff would like to begin working on the design element of this facility as soon as possible to keep the project on schedule. To ensure a streamlined process, Staff has a number of questions for Council to discuss. A number of these questions do come with recommendations as well to help facilitate the discussion.

- Where would you like to establish this facility?
  - Two options were presented earlier as part of the Letford & Centennial Park Master Site Plan. Do either of these appeal to you, or would your preference be to look elsewhere?

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- Based on the site selected, there may be an opportunity for a partnership with other community partners. This is due to the fact that TRPR may be looking at creating a facility in the community sometime in the future.
- For the design element of the structure, we generally have a committee that helps provide feedback and perspective on the facility to ensure all of the needs and objectives are being met. The objectives include functionality of the space, land use code design guidelines, energy efficiency, budget considerations and constraints, etc. It is recommended that the following be included on the committee:
  - Deputy Town Manager or Town Manager
  - Senior Coordinator, Holly Darby
  - 1 or 2 Senior Citizens from the Incorporated limits of the Town of Johnstown
- Financial Considerations – The Town has a number of facilities it will need to complete in the next 5 years. These buildings include the Development Services Building, Senior Center, and a new Public Works/Utility Building. To ensure our financial sustainability, Staff would like a budget to adhere to for the construction component. This would include land development, FF&E, and construction of the facility. At some point in the design, there may be a point at which we have to draw a line and say the financial commitment has been met. Staff would recommend a budget for construction not to exceed \$5 million for this project.

Staff is eager to have this discussion with Council to get necessary feedback that enables us to being moving forward on this important senior community project.

***Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,***



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Town Manager