



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Sharon Hanson, Pam Whitmore, Stockwell Representatives, Sofia Lykke (special counsel)
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	INFO/ACTION
Subject:	Proposed Aquatic Center Action Next Steps Following November 7, 2023, Referendum Approval.
Background Information:	<p>As Council is aware, the City received special legislation to pursue continuation of an existing sales tax to construct an Aquatic Center in the City of Marshall. The Council had approved an initial resolution regarding the tax, which the Minnesota Legislature then authorized, and the Council affirmed by resolution and directed placement on the ballot for public to approve.</p> <p>On November 7, 2023, the public approved the referendum and, at the time of this memorandum, the canvassing board is scheduled to certify the results on November 14, 2023.</p> <p>Minnesota Statutes and regulations set forth the process for cities to follow in establishing a, or, in the City of Marshall’s case, continuing a local sales tax. As part of that process, staff offers the below information regarding next steps for Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1). City Council re-approve, by Resolution, the previously motion-approved purchase agreement. 2). Introduction of the Ordinance to amend the current Ordinance and continue the sales tax occurs, with consideration of adoption of the ordinance at the next regular Council meeting. 4). Jon Brown from Stockwell will present an updated schedule for the proposed construction. 5). City Council shall direct City Attorney and staff to conduct title work, platting and deed documents to fully execute the previously-approved purchase agreement of proposed aquatic center land. 6). Staff begins gathering necessary information to send to the Secretary of State after final approval of the Ordinance and collaborates with the City Attorney on the Notice Letter for the Secretary of State. 7). Council commits to providing representation from Council on the Aquatic Center Construction Committee once the design process begins.
Fiscal Impact:	n/a
Alternative/ Variations:	None
Recommendations:	Direct City Attorney and staff to conduct title work, platting and deed documents to fully execute the purchase agreement of proposed aquatic center land. Consider City Council representation on Aquatic Center Construction Committee to be activated once design process begins.