



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Sharon Hanson, Pam Whitmore, Stockwell Representatives, Staff, Sofia Lykke (special counsel)
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	INFO/ACTION
Subject:	Introduction of ordinance amending the City's existing Ordinance No. 667, Second Series to provide for extension of the sales tax.
Background Information:	<p>Minnesota Statutes Section 297A.99 specifically outlines the process for approving a sales tax, which includes the city conducting a referendum during a general election within two years of receiving legislative authority for the local sales tax. The referendum must include separate questions for each project, and the ballot questions approved by voters may be funded by the sales tax.</p> <p>On November 7, 2023, the voters approved by 66.44% the ballot question authorizing the City of Marshall to (a) extend the sales and use tax of one-half of one percent (.50%) for the purpose of paying the costs of collecting and administering the tax and paying for the construction of a new municipal aquatic center in the City, plus associated bonding costs, including interest on any bonds; and (b) issue its general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$18,370,000, plus the cost of issuing the bonds, including interest on the bonds to finance the construction of the aquatic center.</p> <p>Next steps under the statutes requires the city to pass an ordinance imposing the tax, after which the City will notify the Commissioner of Revenue of the tax.</p> <p>It should be noted that, at the time of the memorandum, the Canvassing Board has not met but is scheduled to meet on November 14, 2023, to certify the final results. If there is an issue with certification, this matter will be pulled and placed on a later agenda.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	n/a
Alternative/ Variations:	None
Recommendations:	Approve introduction of ordinance amending the City's existing Ordinance No. 667, Second Series to provide for extension of the sales tax.