



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Sharon Hanson and Consultants
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, May 23, 2023
Category:	INFORMATION ONLY
Type:	INFO
Subject:	Review Final Indoor Recreation Study
Background Information:	<p>The City of Marshall MN and the Marshall Area YMCA hired JLG and Ballard King consulting firm to conduct a feasibility of an indoor recreation facility and conduct a feasibility study evaluating future operation options for the existing Marshall Area YMCA, currently owned by the Marshall Area YMCA.</p> <p>The study includes a comprehensive needs assessment of current and future indoor recreation needs of our residents, and an analysis of the feasibility of constructing and operating an indoor recreation facility and maintaining the Marshall Area YMCA as a viable facility for future years. The City of Marshall in January of 2022 approved a resolution requesting sales tax authorization for an aquatic center and an indoor recreation facility. Since that time, current proposed legislation does not include an indoor recreation facility due the sentiment that additional information would be needed to garner legislature and public support.</p> <p>The city had received requests from the Marshall Area YMCA to study financial viability and future recreation needs as a community and YMCA. In MN and nationwide, YMCAs and the communities in which they are located have explored or have existing arrangements with cities. The Marshall YMCA had also initiated a capital campaign to raise \$5 million for renovations to the existing multipurpose and fitness spaces. Due to COVID pandemic membership numbers have declined, and interest in pursuing a capital campaign has waned. The declining membership numbers also have meant declining revenues for the Marshall Area YMCA.</p> <p>In late 2020 and again in early 2022, the Marshall Area YMCA Board has approached the City of Marshall and formally requested that the city study the feasibility of the city of Marshall cooperating with the Marshall Area YMCA in the areas of recreation and other related programming as well as capital needs.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	To be determined
Alternative/ Variations:	
Recommendations:	Review Indoor Recreation Study, discuss long-range planning related to the topic.