

RESOLUTION NO. 1693

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER EXPANSION PHASE 1 INCLUDING THE ADDITION OF A NATATORIUM TO THE EXISTING COMMUNITY CENTER AND CONSTRUCTION UPON FULL FUNDING OF THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the current community center is one-third of the size of what was originally planned nearly 25 years ago; and

WHEREAS, since the Snoqualmie Community Center opened in 2012, Snoqualmie's population has grown by approximately 30%, with more than 40% of residents using the facility, resulting in more demand than the existing facility can accommodate; and

WHEREAS, the Snoqualmie Valley is severely deficient in aquatics space, with only one publicly owned, 85-year-old undersized pool to serve the area, and in 2022 had over 3,000 students on the wait list for swim lessons; and

WHEREAS, our city is surrounded by rivers, there were nine drownings in the past six years and 46 swift water rescues in the past three years; not learning to swim is a public safety issue; and

WHEREAS, the Community Center Expansion project is part of the City's 2025-2030 Non-Utilities Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Snoqualmie has completed the design and have an active building and health department application for a "shovel ready" facility addition of approximately 24,000 square feet; and

WHEREAS, this design increases multi-purpose spaces for community programming, adds an accessible aquatic center with 6-lane lap pool and activity pool, increases locker room space, adds common use space and additional community meeting and office space; and

WHEREAS, the project enjoys broad support from a majority of the residents of the city as reflected in the Community Center Expansion survey conducted in 2019, Community Survey in 2023, and was identified as a major need in the 2024 Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the project enjoys support from community partners including the YMCA of Greater Seattle and the Snoqualmie Valley School District; and

WHEREAS, the City of Snoqualmie remains open to additional community partners for the project such as the City of North Bend, Si View Metropolitan Parks District, Snoqualmie Valley School District, and King County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Snoqualmie has been saving for this project since the inception of the Snoqualmie Ridge master-planned community and has accumulated over \$17 million of capital funds for the Community Center Expansion project, and has successfully secured additional funding through the King County Aquatics Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City has an Operations Agreement with the YMCA and will negotiate a new agreement to operate the facility and cover future maintenance, operations, and capital maintenance costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Snoqualmie City Council approves the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Plan including Community Center Expansion Phase 1 with the addition of a natatorium to the existing Community Center.

Section 2. The City will actively pursue additional funding sources, including the Department of Commerce Youth Recreational Facilities Grant and King County Aquatics Grant, as well as support from the YMCA's Capital Campaign, and a direct appropriation from the State & local legislatures and regional partners. As soon as an acceptable set of options and funding is secured, the City will proceed with the necessary approvals to commence construction.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, this 22nd day of July 2024.

Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Deana Dean, City Clerk

David Linehan, Interim City Attorney