



## Finance Committee Agenda Item

Meeting Date: July 23, 2024

Agenda Item: Starin Water Tower Referendum Question

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### BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The Starin Park Water Tower was decommissioned in late 2022. Financial planning for the water tower must begin with determining the project's scope, as this will dictate the funding strategy. If the community opts for restoration, financing will need to come from the general fund or potentially through fundraising efforts although, the water utility can contribute up to the amount it would cost for demolition. Conversely, if the community decides on demolition, the funds can be sourced from the water utility. There is a desire to consider an advisory referendum to determine what direction the community wants to take.

### PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

There are no immediate financial impacts. Future financial impacts will be determined once we have clarity on the community's chosen direction.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the committee start discussions on how they would like the referendum question to be presented and the process required to put it on the ballot.

### ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Starin Park Water Tower Structural Analysis Report