



City of Hastings Parks & Recreation

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City Council Workshop Agenda

Monday, April 3, 2023 at 5:30pm

Hastings City Hall – Volunteer Room

Call to order: 5:38pm

Councilmembers present: Mayor Fasbender, Folch, Pemble, Leifeld, Lund, Fox.

Councilmembers absent: Haus

City Staff Present: City Administrator Wietecha, Parks Director Jenkins, Program Specialist Marschall Bigler

- 5 Year Park & Recreation Plan
 - Introduction and quick review of 5 Year Park Plan
 - Review of P&R Committee meeting and discussion from 3/27/23
 - Determine priorities and next steps

Council discussed:

- the need for comprehensive trail signage and proper planning to implement,
- exploring the expansion and renovation of Vets Athletic Complex, and how working towards this goal will significantly change the current 5-year plan
- vision planning for the Civic Arena, to ensure the facility is ready to serve the community for the next 30-50 years and includes updates, creature comforts, etc.
- West Rink roof repairs, current roof is leaking, needs to be replaced... now or soon.
- refrigeration plant replacement, needs to happen even without state bonding funds, some items need to be ordered a year in advance.
- neighborhood park planning, especially if athletic facilities are moved, and keeping tabs on how neighborhoods are changing to determine recreational needs... not all neighborhood parks need a playground.
- positive economic impact from athletic facilities

Staff will solicit quotes to complete a trail signage plan, athletic complex plan, and Arena visioning plan and bring those to council for consideration. Staff will also propose a plan for the west rink roof and refrigeration plant.

- Finance Options: To support the 5 Year Plan and priorities
 - Fees in Lieu of Parkland – appraiser \$6,500 and 5-6 weeks
 - Local Option Sales Tax – 0.50% LOST = \$720k annually
 - Bonding
 - Levy

Council discussed:

- Updating parkland dedication fee in lieu of land and parkland dedication calculation,
- Local Option Sales Tax potential and bonding potential,
- Levy increase to support specific projects,
- Potential fundraising and partnerships/sponsorships,

Civic Arena

2801 Red Wing Blvd.
Hastings, MN 55033
Ph: 651-480-6195

Aquatic Center

901 Maple Street
Hastings, MN 55033
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Staff will hire an appraiser to determine Fair Market Value for residential development land in Hastings and will bring an updated parkland dedication and fee in lieu of land calculation and ordinance to Council this summer.

- Any key decisions/timelines
 - Arena:
 - West Rink roof has significant leaking, has been repaired multiple times in last 10 years. - \$800k job, \$420k on hand in 615 Fund Balance
 - Refrigeration control units may need to be ordered in advance. – 12 Month Lead
 - Next steps with Fees In Lieu of Parkland
 - Next steps with Local Option Sales Tax, Bonding
 - Other?

Adjourn: 7:00pm

Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor

Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk