

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: Indoor Sports Facility – Feasibility Study

DATE: May 28, 2013

The City's consultant, The Sports Facilities Advisory (SFA), will present its report at the June 3 Council Meeting. There was significant involvement of recreation user groups and the general public in developing the report which focuses on three primary factors:

1. The need for each facility.
2. The construction and start-up costs associated with developing each facility.
3. The ongoing operational costs associated with each facility.

Any single component of the study that would ultimately be selected by Council results in a multi-million dollar capital investment and a new level of operating costs.

It was just a week ago that Council adopted the FY14 Operating Budget and the FY14-19 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The CIP you approved lists the Indoor Sports Facility, with architecture and engineering in FY18 for \$1,100,000, with construction scheduled "beyond" the timeline of the six-year CIP for \$10,000,000. This amount is significantly less than the potential amounts shown in the attached proposal.

One significant component of the SFA study is the proposal for a two-sheet ice facility, which would replace the existing one-sheet Bowie Ice Arena. Council has allocated over \$700,000 in the FY14 Budget to replace the refrigeration system and dashboards at the Allen Pond Park facility. We will need to have some early conversations about the ice component of the SFA report, regardless of the overall project implementation schedule for a new Indoor Facility, since it would be unwise to spend almost three quarters of a million dollars on a facility that may potentially be converted to a different use.

Council clearly is not expected to decide the future of recreation facilities when SFA presents on June 3rd. It is recommended that you accept the SFA report, and recognize that there are short-term and long-term operational and fiscal implications no matter what decisions are ultimately chosen.

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Attachment