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MEMORANDUM

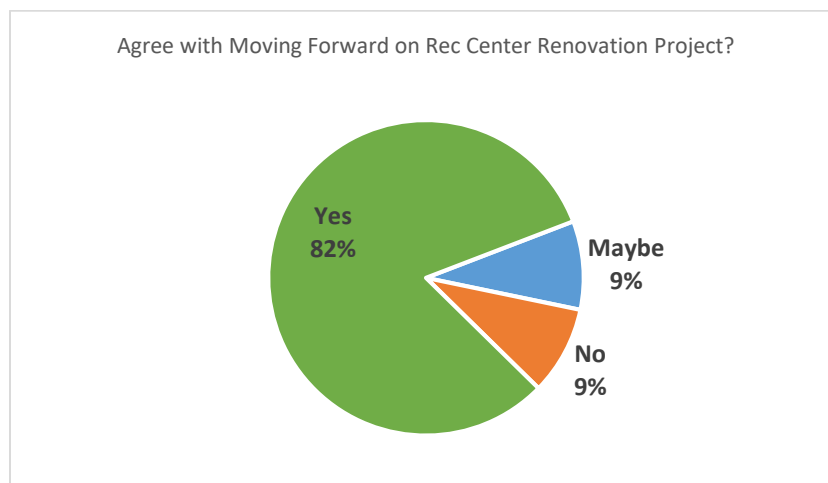
Date: January 8, 2020
To: Mayor Watson & City Council Members
From: Cameron Niedermayer, Assistant City Manager
Re: Recreation Center Renovations Public Forum and Bond Information

The City of Montpelier held a public forum regarding the possible renovations to the Montpelier Recreation Center (Rec Center) on Tuesday January 7th, 2020. The event had been advertised heavily on the City of Montpelier’s social media and other outlets since December 20th. There was a very positive turn-out at the event, with approximately 40 residents attending throughout the event.

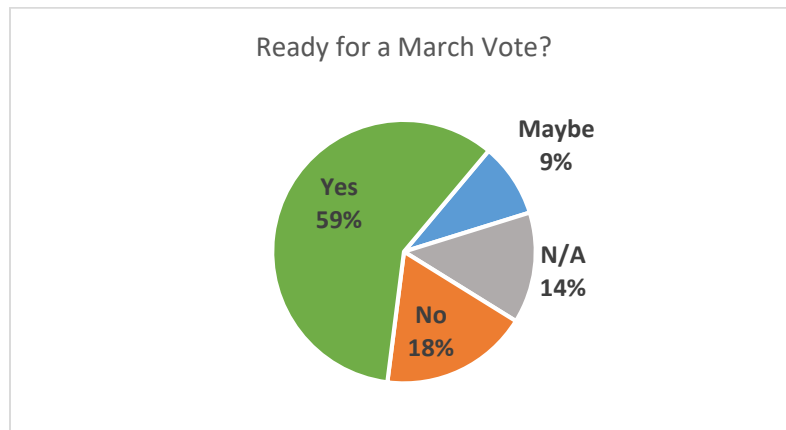
Event Survey Responses

Out of the approximate 40 residents that attending the meeting, 22 of them submitted a survey (55%). The questions asked were the following, along with survey responses:

1. Do you think the renovation of the Rec Center should move forward?



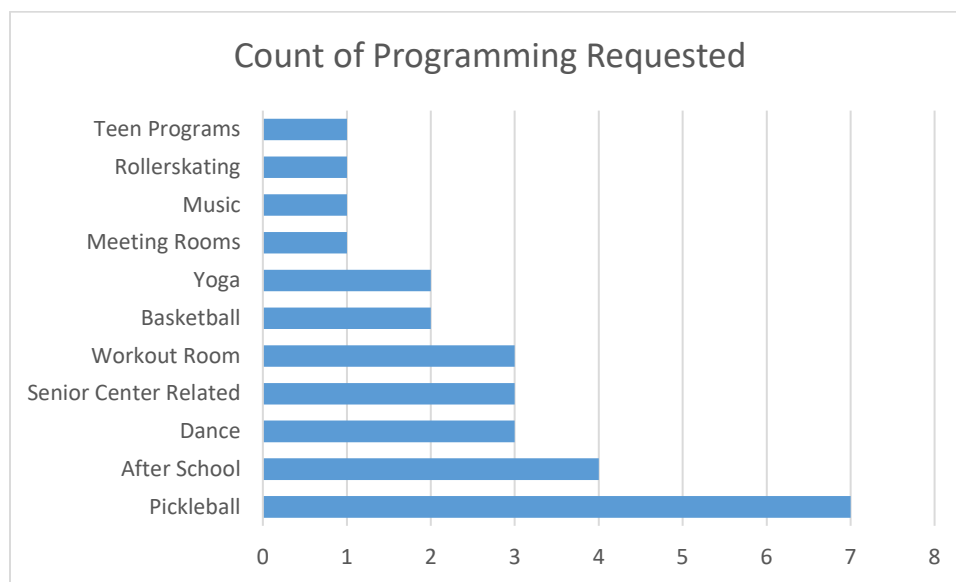
2. Would you feel ready to vote on this project as it has been presented in March 2020?



From those who were present at the public forum, a majority seemed comfortable with the concept of both moving forward with the project and voting on the bond in March.

3. What kind of programming would you want to see in the renovated Rec Center?

a. Answers varied, but a majority of them are classes that we are unable to host now, or that we have limited ability to host.



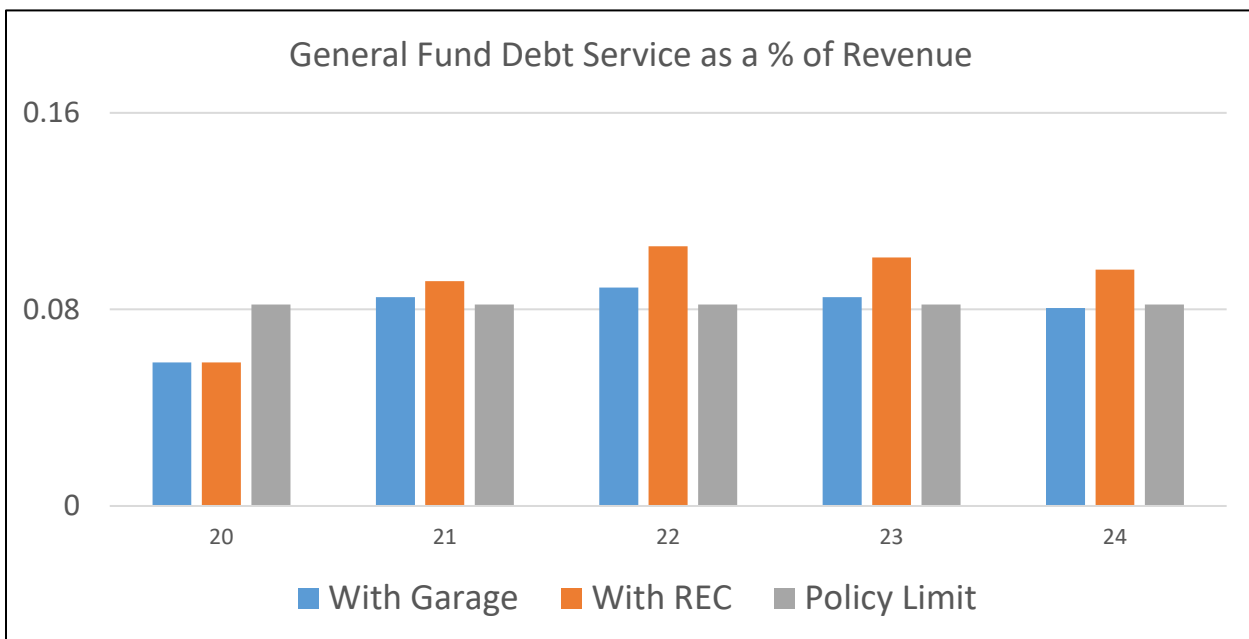
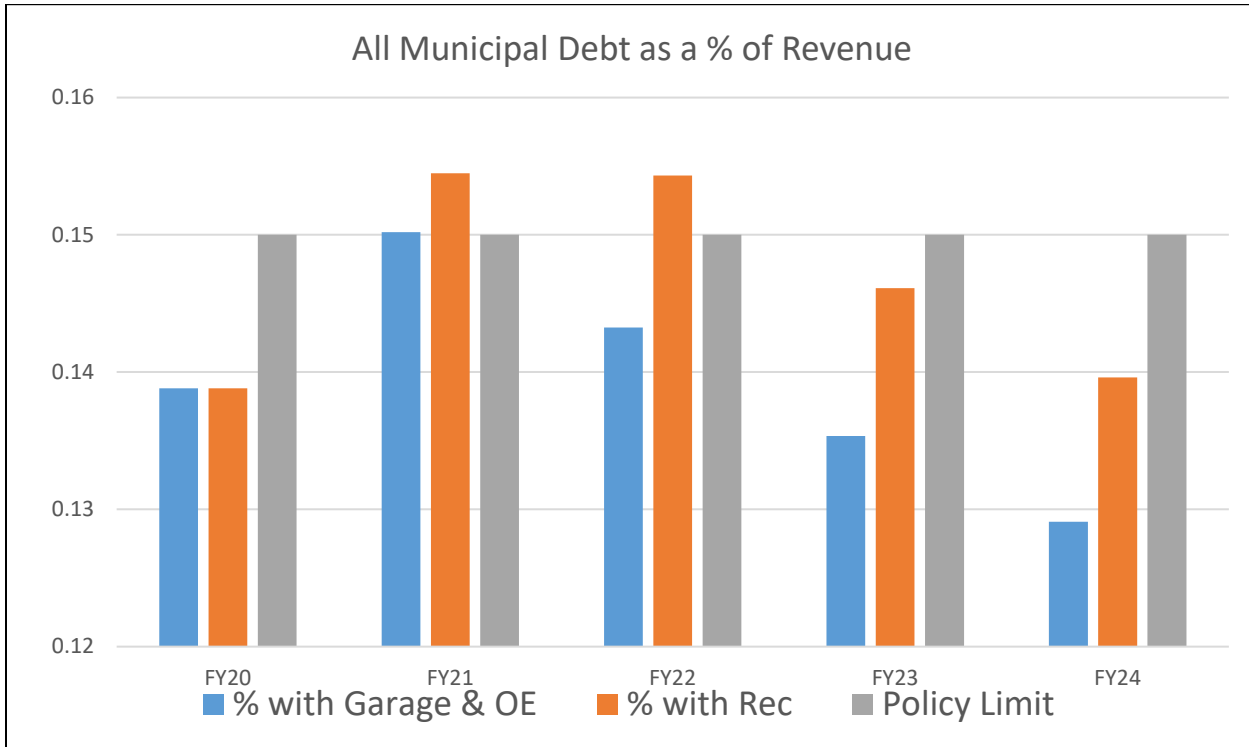
The Public Forum was streamed live on the City of Montpelier’s Facebook, and the event was viewed a total of 322 times. The presentation, the live stream, and the survey will be available on the City of Montpelier’s website by the end of this week at the latest.

Updated Bond Information

The newest estimates to the project have the two options presented at the public forum.

Base Project	Upgraded Project
Cost Estimate: \$ 3,909,000	Cost Estimate: \$5,200,000
Full Renovation- Bring Building into Code and ADA Compliance (Fully Accessible)	Everything included under Base Project, Option 1
Includes:	Plus:
All new Mechanical, Electrical, Lighting and Plumbing Systems	Upgrade HVAC System to fossil free (Air source heat pumps)
Renovation down to the Studs	Insulate Gym Walls
Install new Elevator	Future Solar Panels (48kw array on building roof)
East Wing: Insulation of perimeter walls and addition of interior storms to existing windows	Add Canopy to ADA and main entrance
Install new Windows in Gymnasium	Fitness & Weight Room Equipment Allowance
New Women's and Men's Locker and Shower Rooms; and Family/Non-Gender Bathroom.	Improve electrical and lighting systems efficiency & controls
4 New Fitness/Exercise Rooms in Lower Level	Emergency Generator
New Flooring including: Sprung Maple Floor in Gym and Resilient Athletic Flooring in Fitness/Exercise Rooms.	

The City's Finance Department looked at the estimated costs and took an estimated \$5 million dollar bond and calculated it in with our other debt incurrences. Adding the Rec Center's renovation costs does put the City over its policy limit.



One of the biggest question take-away from the public forum was “what would the impact be to the tax-payer”? We can assume that the largest hit to the taxpayer would be in year-one of paying off the bond, with an additional approximate \$80 on each resident’s tax bill. The debt service increase would then be budgeted within CIP for future years.