

City Council Item

March 13, 2023



Item	Present Civic Campus Concept and Schedule	
File No.		Item No: H.4
Agenda Section	<u>GENERAL BUSINESS</u>	
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SUGGESTED ACTION

HKGi will present the concept plan for the Civic Campus project, including project schedule, cost estimates, and community engagement plans.

Motion Type	N/A
Strategic Priority	Development & Redevelopment

SUMMARY

Bryan Harjes from HKGi will join us to discuss the project schedule and community engagement plans for the Civic Campus project.

The city is in the planning stages of undertaking a project to build a new Civic Campus, comprised of City Hall, Council Chambers, Senior Center, and park amenities. Chanhassen's current municipal building was built in 1981. The facility no longer serves the population of Chanhassen, has significant deferred maintenance needs, and lacks operational efficiency.

The reimagined Civic Campus is intended to invigorate Chanhassen's downtown and provide community gathering spaces and amenities. Current plans represent the city's longstanding commitment to being a community for life, with amenities for all ages. The concept plan shows pickleball courts, a new skate park, a splash pad, a playground, a performance space, room for the Farmers Market, conveniently located parking, a heated sidewalk to facilitate movement between the Senior Center and Library, and more.

The city has received input and feedback from commissions and community groups and is now beginning to seek broad public feedback as we move into the design phase. The goal is to begin construction of the City Hall/Senior Center in May 2024, with park improvements completed in June 2026. The current City Hall will remain in place until the new building is complete and the project will be phased accordingly.

Key upcoming dates (proposed):

- Monday, March 20: Approve RFQ for Architectural Services
- Thursday, April 20: Facility Tours and Project Open House
- Monday, April 24: Listening Session at City Council Meeting
- Monday, May 1: City Council and project staff hold interviews for Architectural Services
- Monday, May 8: Award Contract for Architectural Services

Questions about this project can be emailed to publiccomments@ci.chanhassen.mn.us.

BACKGROUND

Key dates in the project timeline to date:

January 2022

Snow Kreilich Architects and Kraus Anderson completed a comprehensive Facility Study in 2021-22. The study helps us understand our public buildings' condition and projected needs. The complete study and materials are available here: <https://www.chanhassenmn.gov/government/projects/2022-city-of-chanhassen-facilities-study>. In particular, the study helped the City Council understand the costs of refurbishing or replacing City Hall. City Hall was built in 1980, with significant projects in 1988, 1996, and 2004. Based on the cost differentials and ability to benefit the community, the City Council decided to explore opportunities to build a new Civic Campus that would include a new City Hall and park amenities to create a new community focal point.

September 13, 2022

Hoisington Koegler Group, a planning and landscape architecture firm, presented five concepts for a reimagined City Hall and City Center Park area. Commission members were able to review and provide feedback on the concepts.

January 23, 2023

HKGi staff shared feedback received at the Design Workshop and received additional input from the City Council as we work towards a preferred concept. Bryan Harjes will join us for the work session with a further refined concept plan and cost estimates for additional discussion and feedback.

February 13, 2023

HKGi staff presented feedback from the Design Workshop and a concept representing the culmination of feedback received from the Design Workshop and staff and cost estimates for the project.

DISCUSSION

BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION

The City Council should consider the proposed schedule and provide feedback.

ATTACHMENTS

[Civic Campus Sales Tax Exemption Request Flyer](#)

[Civic Campus Presentation](#)