



Staff Report

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: August 24, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Brittnei Nanson, Finance

ITEM TYPE: Agenda Item

AGENDA SECTION: CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON

SUBJECT: Civic Center Main Hall Audio/Video Equipment Replacement Options and Funding

BACKGROUND:

The audio/video equipment in the Civic Center Main Hall is more than ten years old and is due for replacement. Staff obtained pricing for replacement options and evaluated both a traditional projection system and a video wall.

Staff is recommending installation of a video wall, contingent upon funding assistance from the El Campo CDC. The CDC will consider funding support at its August 24 meeting. At the time of publication, staff does not know whether the CDC will approve participation in the project.

The video wall represents a significant upgrade in technology and provides several advantages over the existing projection system. Unlike a projector, the video wall can be used without dimming the Main Hall lights, provides a brighter and more modern display, and is constructed of individual panels that can be replaced separately if damaged or if a component fails. The panels are extremely durable and this technology is routinely used in conference and event facilities.

A1 Installation, which previously installed the audio/video equipment in the Duson Room, provided the following pricing:

- Video Wall: \$84,846.35
- Replacement Projection System: \$47,614.85

If the CDC provides funding assistance, staff recommends proceeding with the

video wall because of its technology, durability, and long-term functionality. If CDC funding is not available, staff recommends proceeding with the lower-cost projection system.

Because either option is below \$100,000, the purchase does not require formal Council approval under the City's purchasing requirements. However, because the expenditure would be funded through excess revenues and/or Civic Center fund balance, staff is bringing the item forward for Council discussion and direction.

Financial Impact: No property tax or sales tax revenues are proposed to be used for this project. Funding would come from revenues generated by the Civic Center and/or eligible Hotel Occupancy Tax funds, including available Civic Center fund balance.

The Civic Center fund balance at the end of the last fiscal year was \$167,894, and the fund is currently operating at a surplus for this fiscal year. Council should also be aware that approximately \$29,365 of Civic Center funds will be invested in the replacement of an air-conditioning unit.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Discuss the proposed replacement and provide direction to staff. Staff recommends proceeding with the video wall if CDC funding assistance is approved. If CDC assistance is not available, staff recommends replacement of the existing projection system.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Est_07179_from_A1_INSTALLATIONS_INC_4384.pdf](#)
[EL CAMPO CIVIC CENTER MAIN HALL.pdf](#)