



**WORK SESSION MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINNESOTA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2022
6:00 PM, CITY HALL 2ND FLOOR BOARD ROOM**

Work Session Opened: 6:05 PM

In Attendance: Mayor Louismet, Councilmembers Walsh, Hughes, Jones, Edberg and Engstran. City Manager Crawford, Assistant City Manager Juba.

Staff explained that the White Bear Lake Area Hockey Association has approached staff with a concept to construct an outdoor ice rink on City property adjacent to the Sports Center. The Association would donate all funds necessary to complete the project. An agreement would be entered into for the Association to program, use and maintain the rink with some availability for public use during the winter months. The interior of the rink would be striped for pickleball court use during the spring and summer months. The consensus of the City Council was that staff should further pursue this concept with the understanding that the City remains the property owner of the underlying land and the improvements, the project is funded solely by the Association, and if the goal of the Association is to have a roof over the rink that it is constructed in phase one of the project as to avoid disruptions to public use in the future.

Staff requested feedback from the City Council regarding the potential to sell naming rights at the White Bear Lake Sports Center. A local example of this practice is the TCO Sports Garden in Vadnais Heights. Feedback from the City Council indicated that staff should continue to sell advertising in the traditional spaces at the Sports Center and revisit the option if an opportunity comes up to tactfully sell additional advertising. Renaming the building or the rink is not a priority of the City Council.

Staff explained the City's desire to once again offer passport services has opened discussion about utilizing space and staff at the Sports Center, which was supported on a 12-month trial basis by the City Council.

Work Session Adjourned: 6:56 PM