

# INFORMATION SHEET FOR SULLIVAN CIVIC CENTER SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 1, 2018

1. In spite of rumors and Facebook posts you may have heard or seen, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO PLAN TO CLOSE THE CIVIC CENTER. THE CIVIC CENTER WILL REMAIN OPEN WELL INTO THE FUTURE.
2. We are in the process of purchasing and installing a new computer system that will streamline our accounting and membership services at the Civic Center. It is anticipated that new system will be operational on May 1, 2018 and will greatly enhance the check in process and also provide new options for payment of membership and daily use fees. This new system will serve our members for many years into the future. Additionally, the City recently completed a major electrical project with the installation of all new LED lighting in the pool area. The City Council is committed to the support and improvement of the present facility.
3. The purpose of today's Special Meeting of the City Council is to provide the Council and our citizens information regarding not only the current physical status of the Center but also what a future replacement facility might include. The Council has every intention of continuing its support and maintenance of the present facility until such time that replacing the facility is a more fiscally sound approach. The Council is firmly committed to maintaining a viable recreational facility offering swimming, exercise and sporting options for our citizens for many years to come.
4. As many of you are aware the roof design of the Civic Center has been a major problem since the opening of the facility 50 years ago. The City is once again involved in litigation against several defendants who were involved in the last failed attempt to repair the roof on both the north and south sides. The outcome of that litigation is impossible to predict but at some point it will conclude and a determination will need to be made regarding what to do about the roof. The Council is not inclined to once again pour hundreds of thousands of dollars into the roof. We have discussed the possibility of redesigning the roof with our architects and have been strongly advised against that approach. There are too many unknowns and it appears it would simply be a case of good money after bad when consideration is given to the age of the building.
5. Therefore the Council recognizes that at some point in time the problems with the roof are likely to force the issue and require replacement of the facility. We recognize that while that day may be several years down the road, it is much better to gather information now regarding what such a project might include, what current and projected costs would be as well as issues such as the best site to locate a replacement facility.
6. The Council is simply seeking information and ideas. This is the first of what may well be many, many meetings addressing the future of the Civic Center and other recreational opportunities for the residents of Sullivan and the surrounding area. In the near future we will be seeking input and ideas from the residents of Sullivan. However today's meeting is not well structured for receiving that important input. This is a formal meeting of the Council and the law requires that we treat it as such. While the Council is anxious to receive your input, the time constraints of a formal Council meeting will make it difficult or impossible to allow everyone to speak today. Please keep that in mind if you wish to speak during today's meeting. We are hopeful to devote the bulk of today's meeting to the presentation by our architects. Following the meeting the members of the Council, the City Administrator and City Clerk will be available to answer questions.
7. Also please be mindful of the limitations of this room today and how disruptive conversations among audience members during the presentation can become. We simply ask for your courtesy to the professionals who have traveled here today to share this information.