

City Council Meeting Date: May 6, 2025

To: Mayor and City Council
City Administrator

From: David Bennett, Public Works Director/City Engineer

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Consider Resolution Approving of Donation Agreement with Northfield Hockey Association for the New Ice Arena.

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Action Requested:

The Northfield City Council Approves Donation Agreement (Attachment 1) with Northfield Hockey Association for New Ice Arena.

Note: Accepting Donations requires 5 Affirmative votes from the City Council

Summary Report:

As part of the partnership with the Northfield Hockey Association (NHA), the NHA has done a wonderful job securing donations for the New Ice Arena. As of late April, the NHA has secured \$3.8 Million in donations related to cash and site work. They have also secured the land donation. The NHA has met the original partnership goal of \$2 Million.

The NHA has received a donation from Enebak Construction Company related to completing the site grading and utility work for the New Ice Arena. This Donation Agreement includes the process by which after the site grading and utility work is complete, the land donation to the City will include a full graded site with utilities installed ready for RJM to begin construction.

Also, as part of the Donation Agreement, a template Naming Rights agreement is included. The City will bring forward separate actions related to the Naming Rights for Council to consider. Below is the current list of naming agreements we are expecting.

- Arena Naming
- Youth Locker Room Naming (4)
- High School Locker Room Naming (2)
- Concrete Stadium Seating Naming
- Lobby Naming
- Concessions
- Other potential in the works dependent on donations (scoreboard, penalty box)

Staff is recommending approval of the donation agreement.

Alternative Options:

None recommended

Financial Impacts:

The NHA has secured \$3.8 Million in donation plus the land.

Tentative Timelines:

Project was bid April 23, 2025

Construction will begin May 12, 2025

Ice Arena will open August 2026