



## Legislation Text

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**City Council Meeting Date:** February 7, 2017

**To:** Mayor and City Council  
City Administrator

**From:** David E. Bennett, Public Works Director/City Engineer

Consider Resolution Amending General Fund Budget for Northfield Ice Arena Related to Extended Summer Ice Schedule.

**Action Requested:**

The Northfield City Council approves the Resolution amending the General Fund Budget for the Ice Arena to include summer ice (this action is a simple majority).

**Summary Report:**

As part of the 2017 budget process, summer ice at the City's Ice Arena was removed from the budget to meet the 2% general fund levy. Through the process the Northfield Hockey Association (NHA) was concerned with this action and identified a need for a summer ice program.

When the summer ice program was started in 2013, it was run by the NHA. The last three years a private entity ran the summer ice program to benefit local youth hockey players; however, each year there has been declining revenue from the program and the City isn't seeing a commitment of hours to maintain the program. This led to this being an item eliminated from the 2017 budget.

Staff informed the NHA of the decline and indicated that if they put together a program and committed revenue to offset City expenditures for summer ice it would be brought to Council for consideration.

The NHA has put together a summer program that will be more compact than in the previous years. The program will run essentially from mid-June to August from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. during the week and possibly some evenings. Ice will be removed in early August and not remain in place as in 2016.

Also, the City has had inquiries from the Northfield Skate School and a men's group for open hockey. Staff will be working with those entities further to understand their commitments, but our understanding is that it would be one night per week and staff would schedule them on the same night.

**Alternative Options:**

The City could elect not to offer Summer Ice at the arena, however the NHA in working with Staff feel the revenue provided will offset expenditures of the program.

**Financial Impacts:**

The Financial impact is neutral. General Fund Revenue at the Arena is increasing in the amount of \$27,300

from fees for use. Expenditures for the Ice Arena are also increasing by \$27,300 for expense of operations. Staff has calculated historical costs to come up with hourly rates to cover the expense of summer operations.

**Tentative Timelines:**

Staff will send the NHA a summer ice agreement if approved. The NHA has indicated they will provide 50% of the revenue up front.