

STAFF REPORT

Date: March 8, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval to reimburse the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority for capital expenditures at the National Bowling Stadium in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. (Two-thirds majority voting requirement)(Capital Projects Room Surcharge Fund) [Ward 5]

From: Justin George, Senior Civil Engineer

Department: Public Works

Summary:

Staff requests Council approval to reimburse the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA) for capital expenditures necessary for normal operations to continue at the National Bowling Stadium (NBS) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The heating ventilation and air conditioning HVAC cooling tower pumps failed to operate. Due to the urgency for the required repairs, RSCVA facilitated the replacements. The RSCVA is seeking reimbursement for these costs. Their request was approved by the Capital Projects Surcharge Advisory Committee at the January 25, 2023 meeting. A contingency item is budgeted each year for these types of items in the Capital Projects Room Surcharge Fund. Staff recommends approval of this request.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability

Previous Council Action:

June 8, 2022 - The City of Reno (City), RSCVA, and United States Bowling Congress (USBC) executed the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement to include bowling tournaments at the NBS until 2032 and remove and replace the bowling lanes by 2029.

November 4, 2020 - the City, RSCVA, and USBC executed the Third Amendment to the Agreement to move the 2022 Women's Tournament to 2021, and modify the completion deadline for RSCVA and City to refurbish the exterior of the NBS to February 1, 2023.

January 7, 2015 - the City, RSCVA, and USBC executed the Second Amendment to Agreement.

February 11, 2014 – the City, RSCVA, and USBC executed the First Amendment to Agreement.

June 13, 2012 - the City, RSCVA, and USBC entered into the Agreement.

Background:

The NBS was opened in 1995. The NBS includes 78 bowling lanes on the fourth floor and 10 bowling lanes on the first floor. Upcoming bowling tournaments are scheduled for 2023 through 2032. The NBS is heated and cooled by a hydronic HVAC system. Depending on the seasonal temperatures the facility uses either hot or cold water pumped through the HVAC system to heat or cool the air. The pumps for the cooling side of the HVAC system are original to the building and have failed.

Discussion:

The following capital expenditure was necessary at the NBS for normal operations to occur. The RSCVA and USBC will be facilitating the 2023 Open Bowling Tournament from March 4 through July 24. The capital expenditure includes replacement of two cooling system water pumps that failed and were in need of replacement. A capital maintenance expenditure is considered an expense that exceeds \$10,000, is generally rehabilitative in nature, and is required to keep the facility in good operating condition. The pump replacement is required to be able to cool the building and meets the qualifications of a capital maintenance expense. Replacement was needed prior to the start of the bowling tournament and spring season when the building HVAC system shifts from heating to cooling. Due to the expedited need for service the RSCVA contracted the replacement and is seeking reimbursement.

Staff recommends Council approve the reimbursement to RSCVA in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Financial Implications:

Funding for this project comes from the Capital Projects \$2 room tax surcharge.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law. Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law. The surcharge of \$2 must be used solely to pay the cost of improving and maintaining publicly owned facilities for tourism and entertainment in the district. A two-thirds majority vote is required for approval.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council approval to reimburse the RSCVA for capital expenditures at the National Bowling Stadium (NBS) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and authorize the Finance Director to sign.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.