


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-307	Meeting:	August 18, 2025
	Agenda Item:	6b	Roll Call:	25-1097
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Nahas Aquatic Center Equipment Replacement - Receiving bids, (9-2-25), and Setting date of hearing, (9-29-25). (Construction Estimate - \$255,000).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council order construction of the improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. This project includes the demolition of existing pool equipment, pumps, electrical equipment, filter, and plumbing piping throughout the Nahas Aquatic Center facility, and installation of a new filtration system for the water slide plunge pool, pump system, plumbing piping and electrical equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

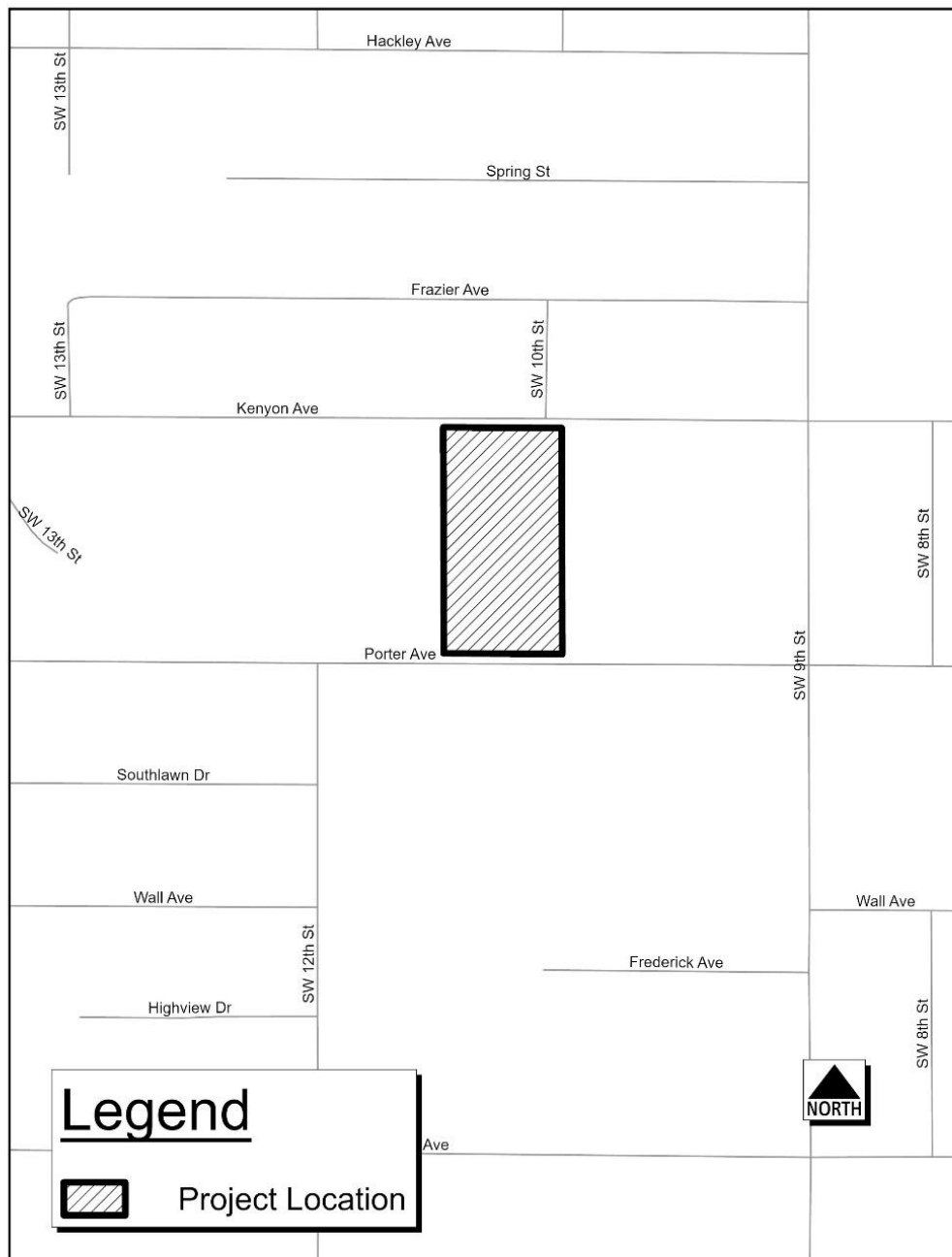
Amount: \$255,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2025-26 CIP, Page 81, Swimming Pools and Aquatic Infrastructure, PK153, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Nahas Aquatic Center Equipment Replacement, Activity ID 11-2025-006. The Nahas Aquatic Center Equipment Replacement project includes the removal of four turbine pumps, plunge pool sand filter, plumbing piping and valves, electrical equipment, and installation of a new filter, four new in-line pumps, plumbing piping and valves, and electrical equipment for a functioning pool equipment system, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 671-053/066, located at Nahas Aquatic Center, 1101 Porter Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, and other locations directed by the Des Moines City Engineer.
- The estimated construction cost is \$255,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.

- The Aquatic Facilities Assessment, presented at the October 2, 2023, City Council workshop, identified several high-priority infrastructure concerns across city pools and aquatic centers. For the Nahas Family Aquatic Center, the immediate replacement of essential mechanical and operational equipment was recommended to prevent service disruptions and avoid operational damage.
- This project is anticipated to begin in fall of 2025 and be completed in spring of 2026. While every effort will be made to stay on schedule, there is a possibility of unforeseen delays, including long lead times for equipment delivery, that could result in a delayed opening later in 2026.
- Nahas Aquatic Center's attendance in 2024 was 30,092 and hosted 742 swim lessons.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 14, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-1012](#)

Action: [Reject](#) all bids on Nahas Pool Equipment Replacement and close hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and engineer's estimate. ([Council Communication No. 25-278](#)) Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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