MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 11, 2018

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Elizabeth Sparkman, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: CIVIC CENTER VISIONING SESSION

RECOMMENDATION

Receive information and provide input and direction to staff on programming and proposed master plan site layouts for the future Civic Center.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff will receive direction and move forward with the programming and proposed master plan site layouts for the Civic Center Project.

BACKGROUND

In response to Council identifying a Civic/Community Center as a common goal and priority for the community, a series of work sessions have been held to refine the vision.

On May 15, 2018, a Civic Center Visioning Session was conducted wherein Council identified and prioritized potential program elements and site characteristics.

On August 14, 2018, a second Civic Center Visioning Session was conducted wherein Council further refined and confirmed priority programming elements and evaluated two opportunity sites. The City recently purchased property referred to as the Mills Station Site; this location was selected as the desired location for the future project.

Through the last two Civic Center Visioning Sessions, the Council has tentatively narrowed the list of priority/potential programs for the Civic Center to the following:

- Cultural
  - Performing Arts, Art Exhibition Space, Flexible Meeting Space, Teen Activity Center, Nature Center, Classroom/Study Rooms, Pre-School/Daycare
- Recreational
  - Basketball Courts, Multipurpose Community Room, Craft/Maker Room, Classroom Kitchen, Community Center, Playground, Food-truck Lot
- Commercial
  - Café, Conference Center, Local Vendor Market

The purpose of tonight’s visioning session is to review two initial site concept layouts and further refine the list of desired programs for the Civic Center.