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Rapid City Common Council
300 Sixth Street
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Re: ADA Repairs and Modifications of the Civic Center

Dear Council Member:

I have two items to share with you, both for informational purposes and to alert you of items to be placed on future agendas. Both items have to do with addressing ADA repairs and modifications at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.

1. Our settlement with the Department of Justice (DOJ) requires that we contract with an independent licensed architect. The DOJ has approved the contracting of Architecture, Inc. of Rapid City and Sioux Falls. The cost of this contract is \$24,000, which technically does not have to be approved by council, however, the funding source for this contract does. I am requesting that you authorize funding this contract from the council contingency fund.
2. Civic Center management believes that ADA repairs will take place in the remaining months of 2015, the ballpark estimate of which is \$60,000. It appears to make sense to allow the Civic Center to administer the repairs including contracting, bidding etc. Additionally, it makes sense to have the Civic Center assume financial responsibility repairs. This seems logical from a bookkeeping, documentation and practical standpoint. To get them started, I am requesting that we transfer the remaining \$65,000 in Council Contingency funds to the Civic Center to assist in funding repairs slated for 2015.

If you have any questions about this proposal, or wish to have input prior to these items being placed on the agenda, please contact me to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Steve Allender, Mayor
Rapid City, South Dakota

Enclosure:
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center memo dated 9-4-15

Cc: Rapid City Common Council





~ MEMO ~

TO: Mayor Steve Allender
FROM: Craig Baltzer, Executive Director
DATE: 9-4-15
RE: Department of Justice–Independent Licensed Architect (ILA)

The Rushmore Plaza Civic Center (RPCC), in conjunction with Rod Johnson from the City's Public Works (PW) Department, are collaborating on the immediate issues requiring resolution, as outlined in the 2015 Settlement Agreement between the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) and the City of Rapid City. These immediate issues encompass the remainder of the facility (Theatre, Ice Arena, Rushmore & LaCroix Halls, meeting rooms, concourses, and restrooms herein) and parking lots (lots C-H), **not including any items identified by the DOJ in the Barnett Arena**. The next Phase will address the Barnett Arena and adjacent parking areas.

Initially, the settlement requires the contracting of a DOJ approved ILA. The DOJ has approved the contracting of Architecture Inc of Rapid City and Sioux Falls. This cost is \$24,000. PW and RPCC have contacted local contractors to secure quotes for required work including handrails, safety rails, etc (estimated cost \$29,000). Likewise, a consultant is needed to study and design the required modifications to the west side parking lots of RPCC as outlined in the DOJ settlement. This consultant expense is unknown at this time.

It is my recommendation that the City of Rapid City plan for expenditures in excess of \$60,000 by the end of the 2015 calendar year, in response to the above items, as required by the DOJ settlement. Likewise, our team is working to secure additional cost estimates for the remainder of the DOJ settlement items, which will extend into the 2016 and 2017 calendar years.