

In July of 2020, the City was notified the YMCA would not be reopening the Lino Lakes Facility. In November of 2020, the City retained Isaac Sports Group (ISG) to evaluate potential facility operating options. In accordance with the development agreement between the YMCA and the City, the YMCA transferred their property and building to the City on March 1, 2021.

The City Council accepted the Recreation and Aquatic Center Feasibility Study, prepared by ISG, on June 28, 2021. The report examines programming options, three potential management models, and multiple fee structures. Financial operating budgets and projections were developed to evaluate the different options. The report also includes considerations for long term development and expansion, impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, along with a project timeline and next steps. Keys to success are also included as a resource to identify key operating best practices and needs necessary to make the facility a success.