

# Expanding Community. Supporting Family. Building Fun.

**Absentee voting now open at the Carroll County Auditor's Office:  
Monday – Friday: 8AM – 4:30PM  
Election Day: September 8, 2020. Polls open 7AM – 8PM**



## Overview of Carroll Recreation Center Expansion Project

After more than 16 years of discussion, planning and gathering input from hundreds of community members, the Carroll City Council has developed a \$13.38 million proposal to significantly renovate and expand the Carroll Recreation Center. The recommended design will update the infrastructure of the 43-year-old facility and provide additional amenities to better meet the community's needs.

Plan highlights include a new 15,000 square foot gym with a raised walking/running track; an expanded indoor aquatic center with zero-depth entry, spray pad and water slide; enlarged and renovated locker rooms and commons area and much more!

## Project Plan Based Upon Carroll Residents' Needs

Expansion and renovation features in the construction plan were designed directly from feedback given by Carroll residents. In fact, nearly 400 citizens voluntarily completed a 6-page survey to identify gaps in services and suggest targeted improvements for the Carroll Recreation Center.



After analyzing survey results, an independent engineering and design team then conducted extended interviews with a small group of residents to ensure the community's vision could be translated into an actionable, realistic, and affordable renovation. This level of research also guaranteed only components that filled the biggest age-specific activity gaps or met the strongest identified needs were included in the proposal.



## How Will the Project be Paid?

The Carroll City Council is proposing to pay for the Carroll Recreation Center renovation and expansion project from the following three sources: 1) \$1,000,000 in local option sales tax funds (already allocated by the Council), 2) \$5,900,000 in general obligation capital loan notes, and 3) \$7,610,000 in

general obligation local option sales tax bonds that will be repaid with future local option sales tax funds collected by the City of Carroll.

Residents of Carroll will have the opportunity to vote on the funding plan by voting in a special referendum election on September 8, 2020.

### **Local Option Sales Tax is more than just about the Carroll Recreation Center**

With the question on the Carroll Recreation Center Expansion Project, voters will also be asked to renew the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) in the City of Carroll without a sunset. Every city in Carroll County and unincorporated Carroll County have approved a Local Option Sales Tax and only the City of Carroll has set a sunset on it. It is conservatively estimated that \$35,400,000 will be generated in LOST funds over the next 20 years. Specifically, the City Council is planning to use LOST funds as follows:



- \$8.85 million or 25% is required to go toward property tax relief
- \$10 million toward road improvement projects
- \$8.98 million (est.) toward Carroll Recreation Center Expansion Project (principal and interest)
- \$7.57 million for unidentified future needs

Residents of Carroll will have the opportunity to vote on continuing the Local Option Sales Tax during the special referendum election on September 8, 2020.



### **Construction Timeline**

If approved, the Carroll Recreation Center project will move forward to finalize the architectural design. When that process is completed, construction documents will then be made available publicly for contractors to review and submit sealed bids.

Once bidding is completed, the Carroll City Council will award a construction contract and work shall begin in the Summer of 2021. The renovated and expanded Carroll Recreation Center is estimated to be completed by November 2022.

**Learn more about this project by visiting  
[www.cityofcarroll.com/referendum](http://www.cityofcarroll.com/referendum)**