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HEADLINE: Important Update on Wickenburg Community Center Renovation Study

WICKENBURG, AZ. November 6, 2023 — Mayor Pereira provided a public update regarding the assessment and renovation study for the Wickenburg Community Center.

In September 2023, staff provided a comprehensive project update to the Town Council. This pivotal project involves collaboration with multiple companies, with Ballard King serving as the primary consultant. The presentation focused on critical aspects, including the current condition of the Wickenburg Community Center, its underutilization, and the rising operational costs. The presentation highlighted the urgent need for significant upgrades to ensure compliance with safety standards, underscoring the impracticality of taking no action in response to these challenges.

During the meeting, three options were presented:

1. Option 1: Suggests the construction of a new Community Center on the existing site, to be owned and operated by the town. This option carries a capital cost estimate ranging from \$15 to \$20 million and an annual operational net cost estimate of \$110,000.
2. Option 2: Involves combining a hotel/conference facility with a new off-site Community Center through a Public-Private Partnership. The estimated capital cost for this option is \$20 million, with an annual operational net cost estimate of \$91,000 for the Community Center.
3. Option 3: Encompasses both a hotel and a new off-site Community Center. The estimated capital cost for the new Community Center in this scenario is \$10 million, with an annual operational net cost estimate of \$91,000.

The presentation explored economic impact data, financing details, and valuable feedback received from stakeholders. Importantly, the presentation did not consider the demolition of the Town's Library at any point. Town Council and Town management want to be very clear that the Wickenburg Public Library is not a part of this assessment or the renovation options. The presentation to Town Council was informational and to evaluate possible options, with no immediate decisions required. Future steps will involve further community engagement and detailed cost specifics for repairing the existing center.

Agenda Item and Presentation

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