



Agenda Item: Resolution
Title: Resolution 2026-16, Amending the Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for the City of Laramie, Wyoming for the Replacement of the Ice and Event Center Chiller and Compressors

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move that the City Council approve Resolution 2026-16, amending the appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$500,000 to fund the needed replacement of the Ice & Event Center chiller and compressors, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

N/A

Background:

The ice-making equipment (chiller and compressors) at the Ice & Event Center were originally used at the outdoor rink at Undine Park, and it has been well used for over 25 years. However, in recent years it has required increasing levels of maintenance and repairs each year to keep it running properly. In the startup season for 2025/26, we had to replace several contactors and sensors, and we were concerned that we would be able to open for the season.

Additionally, the existing system uses R-22 refrigerant as its chemical chiller, which began being phased out in 2010, and was completely banned from production and import in the US in 2020. This means that it is very difficult and expensive to find. In 2024, we replaced 30 pounds of R-22, and this past year we needed to replace 48 pounds. It is unclear where this refrigerant is leaking from or going to. The leak is concerning, as is the dwindling ability to acquire replacement R-22. A new system will use a glycol-based refrigerant.

The requested amount for this amendment is a best estimate from several manufacturers for a replacement of the chiller and compressors, but is not based on actual quotes, as companies are reluctant to provide full quotes without financial commitment. If approved, we will need to develop a bid for the demobilization of the existing equipment, the new replacement equipment, and the installation. If additional funds are needed, we may need to ask for an additional amendment or potentially draw from unspent SPT funds.

Timing is a concern, and our goal is to get the equipment installed by the start of the next season. However, there is a possibility that the season may be delayed, and we will work with our skating community to communicate this to them.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Wyo. Stat. 16-4-113

Budget/Fiscal Information:

	General Fund	2026
Increase	Ice & Event Center	\$500,000
	Total Increase	\$500,000
Sources	Available Cash Reserves	\$ 500,000
	Total Sources	\$500,000

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Attachments:

Resolution 2026-16 Amending the Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Biennial Budget of the City Of Laramie, Wyoming for the Replacement of the Ice and Event Center Chiller and Compressors