

City Council Agenda Item Memo

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Council Meeting: January 20, 2026

Subject: Presentation: Dacotah Bank Center

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Summary and Recommended Action:

At the January 13, 2026 meeting, City Council requested a study session on the Dacotah Bank Center. This presentation will give an overview of the facility and financial trends. Staff is recommending engaging the public to determine the long-term use of the facility.

Item Details:

The Dacotah Bank Center was built in 2001 as the Brookings Area Multiplex (later the Swiftel Center). In 2017, the City of Brookings took over operations, maintenance, and sole ownership of the building and continued to utilize the facility as an event center. The current managing firm for the Dacotah Bank Center is Oak View Group (OVG). OVG's contract expires with the City of Brookings on December 31, 2026.

Legal Consideration:

None.

Strategic Plan Consideration:

- Fiscal Responsibility – The City of Brookings will responsibly manage resources through transparency, efficiency, equity, and exceptional customer service.
- Safe, Inclusive, Connected Community – The City of Brookings will create an environment for inclusive programs, gathering places, and events where the community can safely live, work and come together to participate in opportunities for learning, recreation and enjoyment.
- Service and Innovation Excellence – The City of Brookings will provide an accessible environment committed to ongoing innovation and outstanding service through listening and engagement.
- Sustainability – The City of Brookings will meet environmental, community and economic desires and needs without compromising future generations' quality of life by strategically planning, implementing and maintaining infrastructure and facilities.

- Economic Growth – The City of Brookings will support effective diversified community investment and equitable opportunities for prosperity.

Financial Consideration:

The City of Brookings will subsidize the Dacotah Bank Center \$367,744 in 2026 through the 3rd Penny Sales Tax. The City will also utilize \$470,720 in 2026 for the maintenance of the facility.

Supporting Documentation:

Presentation