



General Obligation (GO) Bond Election

*For the replacement of
Sammons Community Center*

*Community Presentations
Bond Proposition 2026*





Agenda

Sammons Community
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SAMMONS BY THE NUMBERS



ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIPS

701



ANNUAL
RENTALS

82



ANNUAL
PROGRAMS

902

2025 PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

27,811

SAMMONS SERVICES

Recreation Programs

Senior Programming

Fitness Activities

Educational Classes

Community Events

Private Rentals

Large Mtg/Event Space

Special Events

Sammons services
are currently held at
Wilson Park
Recreation Center
and Gober Party
House

Sammons Indoor
Pool remains open

A Community Asset for Over a Century



1921 Original Construction

- > Since its original construction, the building has undergone multiple expansions
- > As building was expanded, the older roof framing/structure provided the structural support for the new roofs

May 2024 Hail Storm & Tornado

- > Hail storm totaled roof shingles

Dec 2024 Roof Replacement Assessment

- > Identified visible drop of roof structure
- > Assessed attic space to determine source of roof sagging
 - Conglomeration of prior roofs
 - Weak construction joints

FACILITY CONDITION ASSESSMENT



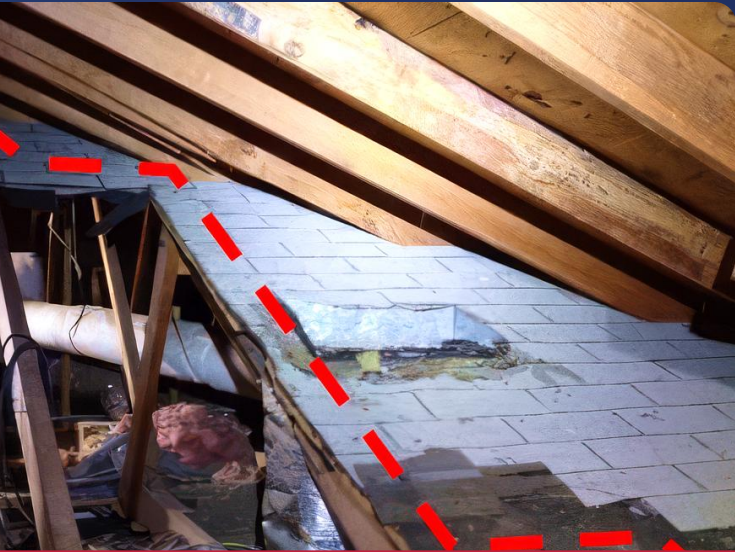
May 2024 storms led to roof assessments that helped reveal pre-existing, underlying structural issues

Structural assessments completed by two independent engineering firms

GOAL Determine whether the building could safely continue operating and whether renovation was feasible

Assessment Findings & Recommendations

WISS, JANNEY, ELSTNER ASSOCIATES, INC. | DUDLEY ENGINEERING



OVERLOADED ROOF

- Weak connections
- Inadequate bracing
- Accumulated deadloads from decades of additions



ROOF CONNECTIONS POORLY ENGAGED



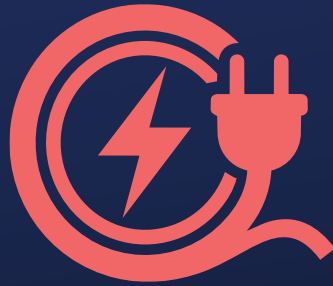
STRUCTURAL DEFICIENCIES IN ORIGINAL BRICK STRUCTURE

RECOMMENDATION Keep Center closed due to structural safety risks

Non-Structural Issues Identified



**COLLAPSED
CLAY-TILE
WASTEWATER
LINE**



**ELECTRICAL
SYSTEM DOES NOT
MEET BUILDING
CODE**



**INTEGRATED
MECHANICAL
SYSTEM IN ROOF
FRAMING**

Options Evaluated

Key Considerations

- Facility Age
- Extent of deficiencies
- Long-term repair



REPAIR

Localized repairs



RECONSTRUCTION

More extensive work in deficient areas



REPLACEMENT

New facility proposed for voter consideration

Why Not Use Another City Facility?

TODAY

Wilson Park

Interim Solution

Space for many programs – but not the same combination of spaces, functions and capacity

LONG-TERM

Replacement Facility

Recreation | Fitness | Classes
Events | Community Gathering
Accessible Space Parking

The City's existing recreation facilities are actively serving their established programs and have limited capacity to accommodate the full range of services previously offered at Sammons Community Center.

A new, dedicated facility would provide the space to continue those services and meet the community's broader recreational options.

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Developing the Concept

Project Kick-Off



Engagement



Concept

- Facility Architect
- Landscape Architect

Collected input from:

- Patrons
- Staff

- Site layout
- Building concept
- Preliminary cost estimate



GATHERING COMMUNITY INPUT

MEETINGS INCLUDED

- Sammons staff
- Program instructors
- Recreation staff
- Active community center members
- User roundtable discussions

TOPICS

- Current programming
- Desired improvements
- Building functionality
- Future recreation uses

What We Heard



**LARGE EVENT
SPACE**



**ROOMS FOR
PROGRAMS**



**IMPROVED
ACCESSIBILITY**



**MODERN FITNESS
SPACE**



**INDOOR + OUTDOOR
GATHERING SPACES**



BETTER PARKING



SAFE FACILITY

Conceptual Rendering



FEATURES

- Flexible event hall
- Classrooms
- Fitness areas
- Outdoor gathering spaces
- Enhanced parking
- 20,000 sq ft (increase from 18,300)
- Improved accessibility

SUPPORTS

- Existing programs
- Rentals
- Community events
- Senior activities
- Health and wellness
- Multi-generational use

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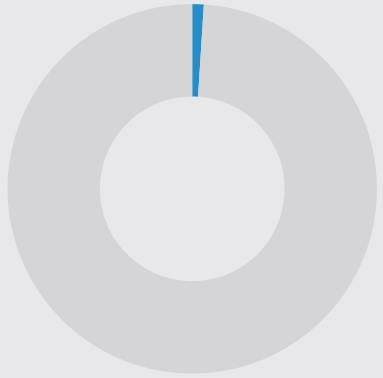
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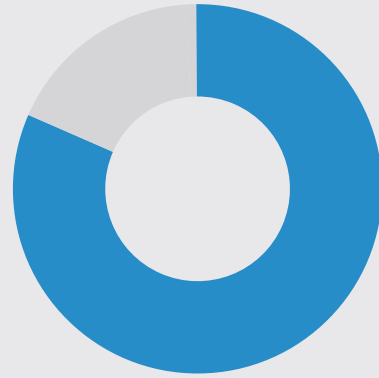
Demolition

\$150,000



**Design &
Bidding**

\$1,050,000



Construction

\$12,250,000



**Testing &
Services**

\$550,000



FFE

*Furniture, Fixtures,
& Equipment*

\$1,000,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST = \$15M

Up To \$15 Million Bond Authorization

It is NOT:

Required spending

Final project cost

Guaranteed expenditure

It is:

A **ceiling** for bonds voters could authorize

Based on current conceptual project scope and preliminary cost estimates

**LONG-TERM
IMPROVEMENTS**

**ALLOWS
CONSTRUCTION
OF MAJOR PUBLIC
FACILITIES**

Why a General Obligation Bond?

**COMMUNITY
DECIDES VIA
ELECTION**

**SPREADS COST
OVER USEFUL
LIFE**

Tax Impact

- Estimated tax rate impact is **\$0.0125** beginning in FY 2028 / tax year 2027.
- Based on the City's current projected tax-rate impact – actual amount could vary
- 20-year bond

Amounts shown assume a 20% homestead exemption.

Home Value	Estimated Annual Impact
\$200,000	About \$20/year
\$300,000	About \$30/year
\$400,000	About \$40/year

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What Will Voters Decide?

For Proposition A

Authorizes the City to finance the Sammons project through bonds, issuing **up to** \$15 million in bonds.

Against Proposition A

Does not authorize the City to issue the proposed bonds for the Sammons project.

What Happens Next



Election Schedule

Bell County utilizes county-wide voting, which means that registered voters **inside the City Limits** of Temple may cast their ballots at **any** of the Early Voting polling sites or Election Day vote centers **regardless** of their home address.

AUG 17

Bond Election
called

OCT 5

Last day to
register to vote

OCT 19

Early Voting Begins
Oct. 19-23 8am-5pm
Oct. 24 7am-7pm
Oct. 25 12-6pm
Oct. 26-30 7am-7pm

OCT 23

Last day to apply
for ballot by mail

OCT 30

Last day of early
voting

NOV 3

Election Day
7am-7pm



MORE INFORMATION AT
templetx.gov/bond26

