

## CITY COUNCIL

### AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

**Meeting Date:** Monday, August 7, 2017

**Agenda Item:** Public Presentation on the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library Building Feasibility Study and Space Needs Analysis

#### SUMMARY / BACKGROUND

The L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library is a beacon of knowledge and collaboration in the Eau Claire community. The library, with its expert staff and extended business hours, is often the initial access point for people trying to navigate government services or a wide range of life events. The library is also a cultural and educational landmark, cultivating the arts and lifelong learning opportunities.

The library board of trustees and staff endeavor to foster a culture of creativity, innovation and engagement, carving out a unique role for this institution. The library's strategic plan, crafted with community input, called for a space needs analysis to determine how the library can better serve community needs and contribute to the quality of life for all populations, now and into the future.

A space needs analysis is the first step for developing a masterplan and serves as a starting point for gathering additional input and ideas. Zimmerman Architectural Studios, Inc. was hired to conduct the space needs analysis of the library. At its July 20, 2017, board meeting, the trustees reviewed and accepted the report as presented.

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