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Design Services Contract and Rezoning Approved for Library Building Project

At their regular meeting on September 12, the New Richmond City Council approved a professional services contract with ISG to prepare the schematic design for the new library.

The schematic design phase of the project is expected to take eight weeks to complete. Project deliverables include further developed floor plans, conceptual reflected ceiling plans, interior and exterior renderings, preliminary interior finish and structural framing plans, narratives for HVAC/plumbing/electrical/technology systems, and cost estimates. There will also be additional public engagement; community members are encouraged to view the building project page on the Library's website, www.newrichmondlibrary.org/building in the coming weeks for additional updates, information, and opportunities for involvement.

“We are very excited to take another step forward on the library building project and to engage further with the community this fall,” said City Administrator, Noah Wiedenfeld.

ISG is a nationally recognized design and engineering firm with extensive experience designing schools, libraries, park and recreation facilities, community centers, medical offices, apartments, performing arts centers, a children's museum, and more. With a multi-disciplinary team of more than 450 professionals, ISG has the horsepower and expertise necessary to help design a functional modern library that will serve the New Richmond area community for years to come.

The City Council also approved a rezoning application for 421 S Green Avenue, the site of the future library. The Development Review Committee and Plan Commission recommended approval of the request following a public hearing held on September 6. The property's new zoning designation is Z6 Central Business District, which is the same zoning designation as the historic downtown and adjacent properties along the west side of S Arch Avenue including the post office and city hall.

“The zoning change also represents another important step for the planning process,” said Wiedenfeld. “The zoning ordinance specifies the requirements that the project must adhere to as it relates to setbacks, building height, green space requirements, and more.” ISG will use this information as they prepare the library's schematic design over the next two months.