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Library Building Project Moves Closer to Breaking Ground

The much-anticipated wait for a new public library in New Richmond will soon be over.

At their regular June meeting, the New Richmond City Council voted unanimously to authorize staff and legal counsel to proceed with finalizing multiple agreements with private partner Three Sixty Real Estate Solutions and the New Richmond Community Development Authority. Staff were also directed to finalize and execute a memorandum of understanding pertaining to the tenant space in the new building. It's anticipated that all agreements will be completed and executed over the next four to six weeks, and a groundbreaking will soon be scheduled at 421 S Green Avenue.

“We’re excited to finally start construction,” said Mayor Jim Zajkowski. “The community has waited a long time for this day. People have asked me “Is it really happening?” and I’m proud to confidently say “yes.” I appreciate all of the efforts from so many people and key stakeholders who have worked together to make this project happen, and who understand the positive impact it will have on our community for decades to come.”

Details about the groundbreaking ceremony will be announced in the coming weeks.

The latest action by the City Council follows several significant project milestones in recent months, including the creation of a tax increment district, approval of a certified survey map and condominium plat, and approval of a site plan/stormwater application. Bids for the interior buildout of the new library will be due later this summer, and staff are continuing to work on multiple grant applications to further support the project financially. Construction is estimated to take 18 to 24 months.

For additional information and to learn how to contribute to the project, please go to www.newrichmondlibrary.org/building.