4) Potential Projects*

- Trails and Pedestrian Facilities:
  - I-94 pedestrian bridge: connects Industrial Blvd to Lynch Park. Provides safe passage from residential neighborhoods to schools and parks.
  - County Road 144 pedestrian tunnel: crossing from Rogers High School to Middle School.

- Aquatics Facilities:
  - A splash pad and contribution toward the community portion of a school pool.

- Community Athletic Facilities:
  - Consisting of South Community Park, community center phase 1, and a multipurpose indoor turf facility.

5) More Information?

Attend the Open House at the Rogers Activity Center Wednesday, June 27, 2018 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

21080 141st Ave N, Rogers, MN 55374

Presentations at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.

www.park-referendum.rogersmn.gov

*Note that the project list is subject to change in the event that revenues are less than projected, if project costs exceed estimates, or if other agency funding sources (County, State grant funds, other) are not realized.
1) Why?

As an active and growing community, the Rogers City Council, Park Board and City staff routinely hear from individuals and associations regarding their desire for expanded/new parks, trails and recreational facilities. In order to determine community opinions beyond those of vocal minorities/interest groups, the City undertook a professionally-conducted, random-sample survey of residents (the “community survey”) in order to better gauge the true level of desire, willingness to pay and the specific types of facilities most and least desired by our residents.

2) Community Survey

The results of that survey generally found that:

- No property tax increase for these purposes would find sufficient support at the polls, with 55% opposed.
- Sixty percent of likely voters would support a ¼ cent increase in the local sales tax for up to twenty years to fund construction.
- An indoor pool/aquatics facilities, community center and trail connections lead the list of projects for which respondents were most willing to raise taxes (i.e., higher or new taxes).

3) Funding For Projects

Potential City Ballot Question

- Issue General Obligation Bonds.

  Impose a 1/4% sales tax increase and a motor vehicle excise tax of $20 as the primary repayment method of the bonds. *

* By state statute, the following language must be included in a sales tax referendum question: “By voting ‘Yes’ on this ballot question, you are voting for a property tax increase.” However, if approved, the City’s intent would be to repay debt using the sales tax. If such revenues are insufficient, only then would property tax revenue be used for repayment.