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Mechanical Issues Cause Delay in Opening of the Ice Rink at Millennium Park

Mechanical issues at the Ice Rink at Millennium Park are causing the delay of the opening of the rink. Originally scheduled to open on Thursday, December 2, the rink is temporarily closed as we work to resolve the issue.

Earlier this year, city staff identified an issue with the chiller unit at the ice rink. This past summer, the City Council approved the purchase and installation of a part to rebuild a key component of the chiller unit and the city anticipated that the vendor would have ample opportunity to complete the repairs so that the ice rink would be ready to open on time. Unfortunately, because of worldwide supply chain issues, the manufacture and delivery of the part to the vendor was delayed. In order to maintain the original opening date, the city worked with a local vendor to attempt a temporary repair to the chiller so that it might operate until the part arrived. However, the temporary fix has not proven successful.

In the meantime, the contractor recently received the parts necessary to rebuild the failing chiller component. That work is underway but will take several weeks to complete. Once rebuilt, the chiller must be pressure tested, installed and certified for safety. The city is optimistic that the Ice Rink at Millennium Park will be open for skating in mid-January.

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