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City Commission Work Session

Mayor Stebbins presiding

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: City Commissioners present: Dona Stebbins, Bill Beecher, Sandy Hinz, Diane Jovick-Kuntz and John Rosenbaum. Also present were the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Directors of Community Development, Planning, Public Works, Fiscal Services, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Park and Recreation and the City Clerk.

1. SWIMMING POOL SURVEY REPORT

City Clerk Peggy Bourne reported that 19,933 pool surveys went out in the June and July utility billing cycles. Of those, 4363 or about 22 percent were returned. In addition to that, 38 people completed the on-line survey.

Of those responding, 2212 selected option 1 which included repairing Mitchell, Water Tower and Jaycee Pools as well as adding a spray park in Meadowlark Park. 110 crossed off “adding a spray park in Meadowlark Park.”

761 people selected option 2 which included repairing Mitchell Pool, replacing Water Tower and Jaycee Pools with spray parks and adding a spray park at Meadowlark Park. 1074 people selected the “no bond issue” option and 470 people offered other ideas and prices. 146 of those specifically indicated they would support repairing Mitchell, Water Tower and Jaycee Pools.

Some of the common themes offered in the written comments included:

- Save neighborhood pools
- We need safe things for kids to do like the swimming pools
- Since the swimming season is short, consider enclosing the pools
- Pools should be self-sustaining
- Once the pools are fixed, maintain them and keep them open longer
- Put a spray park in a more central location
- Do not add any spray parks
- I’m on a fixed income and cannot afford a tax increase
- The County tax increase is enough
- Anything for the kids

Deputy Park and Recreation Director Patty Rearden then reviewed the different options along with the estimated costs for each option.

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Proposal I

\$ 998,500	Mitchell Pool Improvements
989,000	Rehabilitation of Jaycee and Water Tower Pools (with rehabilitated bathhouses)
250,000	Spray Park
<u>37,200</u>	Amenities
\$2,274,700	
<u>227,470</u>	10% Contingency
\$2,502,170	

Proposal II

\$ 998,500	Mitchell Pool Improvements
712,000	Two Spray Parks at Jaycee & Water Tower (with rehabilitated bathhouses)
250,000	Third Spray Park
<u>37,200</u>	Amenities
\$1,997,700	
<u>199,770</u>	10% Contingency
\$2,197,470	

Mrs. Rearden explained that after reviewing the survey results, staff proposed alternate 3 which included:

Proposal III

\$ 998,500	Mitchell Pool Improvements
989,000	Rehabilitation of Jaycee and Water Tower Pools (with rehabilitated bathhouses)
<u>37,200</u>	Amenities
\$2,024,700	
<u>202,470</u>	10% Contingency
\$2,227,170	

* Add a spray park at a central location to be funded internally. (Potentially funded partially by CDBG funds.)

She stated that the cost breakdown for each of the options based on an home valued at \$100,000 was:

	20 years	15 years	10 years	5 years
Proposal I (Survey)	\$7.66	\$9.16	\$12.27	\$22.11
Proposal II (Survey)	\$6.74	\$8.06	\$10.85	\$19.46
Staff Recommendation	\$6.83	\$8.17	\$11.00	\$19.72

Finally, staff explained that if the Commission wanted to add the existing debt into the general obligation bond question, the increased costs would be:

- 20 year \$3.61
- 15 year \$4.31
- 10 year \$5.78
- 5 year \$10.38

Park and Recreation Director Jim Sullivan reviewed the possible construction timelines for the project should the voters approve the funding. City Clerk Peggy Bourne reviewed the election timelines as well as the costs associated with each election option. The election options included: adding the question to the general election ballot on November 7, 2006; conducting a special election; adding the question to the school district ballot in May 2007 or waiting until the next municipal primary or general election in September and November of 2007.

City Manager John Lawton asked the Commission to provide staff direction as to how to proceed.

It was the consensus of the City Commission to place Proposal 3 on the November 7, general election ballot. They also agreed that the bond issuance would be for 10 years and not to include the existing debt.

Commissioner Beecher asked where staff was thinking about placing a spray park. Mr. Lawton replied that staff was looking into options along the river in a central location, perhaps near the skate park. Mr. Lawton asked if the Commission supported this idea. The Commission supported the idea and encouraged staff to proceed with the spray park.

Mayor Stebbins asked if a point of sale system could be included in the bond issue. Mr. Lawton stated it would be funded separately.

Commissioner Beecher stated that the Neighborhood Councils needed to help educate the public on the proposal. Tim Austin, Neighborhood Council 3, stated he supported the proposal and thanked staff and the Commission for listening to their constituents.

2. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM ON REGULAR AGENDA

Fiscal Services Director Coleen Balzarini explained she needed to add one item to the Commission's agenda which involved setting a public hearing for the street maintenance assessment resolution.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mayor Stebbins adjourned the work session of August 1, 2006, at 6:05 p.m.

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