

MINUTES
Wyoming City Council
May 18, 2020

The Wyoming City Council met in regular session on May 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting was also presented live on Facebook due to COVID-19 precautions. Mayor Hoffmeister called the meeting to order. In attendance were:

Council Members:

Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Mayor
Nancy Averett
Al Delgado
Zach Green
Jeff LeRoy
Jim O'Reilly
Sarah Stankorb Taylor

Others:

Lynn Tetley, City Manager
Emily Supinger, City Solicitor

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Averett moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Green seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion to approve the following item on the Consent Agenda carried with all voting yes:

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SPECIAL REPORTS/MINUTES:

Mr. O'Reilly stated that OKI is doing the best it can in a virtual room of 80 people. Progress has been made in planning of spending of the infrastructure of money coming to local governments. He encouraged viewers to watch the City Council meetings for updates on road and highway funding in the upcoming term.

REPORTS OF STANDING COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

No reports were received

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mayor Hoffmeister stated that he is aware there are comments being made around town about the re-opening of the Family Aquatic Center. He asked the City Manager to share information she has prepared while Facebook comments are loading. Ms. Tetley shared on screen a document listing the factors that were considered regarding the closure of the pool due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The document reads:

Operating guidelines from the State would be nearly impossible to maintain. Key provisions include:

- Prohibits gathering in groups of different households. This means that swimmers must also space six feet apart in the pool (which includes children).
- Removal of all casual seating.

- Clean and disinfect all public areas and restrooms every two hours. This includes all high-touch and common areas both inside and outside the locker room. We have not yet received a quote from SwimSafe on the cost to include this additional cleaning service which has been left out of the estimates provided this evening.
- Limit number of users for locker rooms.
- Install visual cues on pool deck and in the pool to keep patrons six feet apart,
- Maximum capacity is determined by six foot separation requirement (deck square footage calculation). While this guideline is still unclear, the estimate is that only 60 patrons would be able to attend at one time. Calculations completed by the department indicate that we could go as high as 75 patrons but this number must also include the number of staff members (and lifeguards) on duty as well.
- All employees (including lifeguards) must wear facial coverings and stay six feet apart at all times.
- Closure of the diving board and slide would be necessary to maximize pool space.

The County Health Department has yet to issue clarification on the Governor's order. Further, the County Health Department can unilaterally shut down our pool operation if they receive a complaint regarding failure to enforce all guidelines. Council may recall that the City left access to the turf field open, which was allowed by the Governor's order, however since the County Health Department had received a complaints that users were not socially distancing themselves properly, the Health Department required that the City close the turf field with no date of when it could re-open.

It is also important to note that this decision was not made in a vacuum. We have been consulting with SwimSafe, who is our contracted pool manager, the State Parks and Recreation Association, and local Recreation Departments to determine best practices regarding opening. Many pools will remain closed this season due to the same financial and safety concerns Wyoming has.

The income tax receipts for our year-to-date are approximately \$1 million lower than they were last year which impacts the General Fund, which is the fund that would have to make a transfer into the Recreation Department fund to make the fund solvent in order to offer recreation services. Typically, the pool loses revenue each year and the City's budget plans for that loss and makes up for it with receipts from the Day Camp program, the recreation sports programs, and Civic Center programs. The balance of the shortage that is transferred from the General Fund is typically \$100,000 annually but has historically been as high as \$550,000.

Financial calculations have been conducted on what the impact might be if the pool were to be opened this year. Ms. Tetley explained the breakdown of the revenues and expenditures. The cost to open the pool would be an additional \$130,000 which would bring the fund balance at the end of the year to \$72,000. This becomes problematic next year when the pool opens, as there would not be sufficient carry over to offer the buffer that we typically get for the Recreation Department from the City's General Fund. It provides a very small amount of a carry over which allows that budget to remain flat in terms of what the City provides as a subsidy. If we open the pool, it will increase the amount of subsidy that the City's General Fund would have to transfer to the Recreation Department.

As the City does not know what its revenues will be for its cost centers it could create a situation where just opening the doors of the Recreation Center could create a stipend of \$400,000-500,000 next year versus \$100,000, thereby creating a multi-year financial implication. These are the factors behind the decision to not open the pool for the 2020 season and the decision was made with the best interest financially and for the safety of our community and it was done with a great deal of thought.

Mr. Delgado questioned if there was a mandate for patrons of the pool to wear a mask or face covering. Ms. Tetley stated that there was no mandate in the Governor's order, but it was recommended that patrons be asked to wear a mask and employees would be required to wear a mask or face covering. Ms. Averett stated that she believed that masks were required by all unless someone is submerged under water in the pool. Ms. Tetley explained that the initial orders that she shared with Council two weeks ago, which was part of the advisory groups' recommendations to the Governor, have since reduced some of these restrictions in the final orders. She simply shared that information with Council as she felt that this is where the situation was headed.

Ms. Stankorb Taylor asked for clarification with regard to comments being made on social media. People are asking questions that if this is a Council decision to open the pool, it appears there is some confusion regarding the new playing fields under construction on the Recreation Center property and she asked Ms. Tetley if she could articulate how bond money is different from the General Fund money that was discussed. Ms. Tetley stated that the Kattelman property has been a project that has been underway for approximately six years and the contract for the project was issued in January 2020 but the bond money to fund the project was issued in December 2019, well before we had any pandemic issues. The bond money has to be spent on the project that it was issued for and must be spent within a certain amount of time because we cannot hold on to bond money or repurpose it for something else. It is a project that cannot be stopped. All other projects and major purchases have been put on hold and the City has placed itself on a spending freeze with the exception of safety or emergency issues and personnel costs.

Mr. Delgado asked if there was also a grant for the Kattelman project. Ms. Tetley confirmed that the City received a grant from the Department of Interior for \$457,000 and that money has to be spent within two years of receiving it. Mr. Delgado asked if there was a required start date for the project tied to the grant funding. Ms. Tetley stated that there is no start date in the contract, only a contractual ending date and that the funds must be spent on that project.

Ms. Tetley began reading comments from Facebook.

Mary Beth Fischer, 422 Worthington Avenue, stated on Facebook, "It was announced that the Family Aquatic Center would be closing on April 24 the Governor's guidelines were not know then, what was the rationale on April 24?"

Ms. Tetley responded that the City recognized that it there was never a question that there was going to be a limit on the capacity of the pool under the situation we are in. Knowing that we were already

projecting a \$90,000 deficit for the pool in a normal year and the fact that we have lost other revenue made us make that call. There was no path that was going to make it financially solvent. There was too much of a gamble, there are too many unknowns that could play out this summer including the potential that the pool was going to have to close.

Ms. Averett commented that she sympathizes with parents of small kids and families that feel the pool is incredibly important to them and unfortunately that is what it makes it very dangerous as it is hard to keep small kids apart. They touch each other and get close together and she cannot see any way to keep small kids 6' apart from each other, she can't imagine how that can work at any pool. We are going into an unprecedented, monumental thing. The City Manager had no idea what was going to come down from the Governor including, probably the Governor himself. Ms. Tetley had to make a decision based on several unknowns at that time and there are still many unknowns with this virus. We don't scientifically completely understand how it's transmitted. She would be nervous about people using the restrooms at the pool and Recreation Center as it is considered a small and confined space. We all just need to be patient and she realizes this is very hard with small kids. She believes this is the only thing the City could have done and she thanked Ms. Tetley for all she has done.

Mr. LeRoy commented on the comment regarding the revenue stream being down \$1 million for the first four months of the calendar year he asked what is the total projected revenue stream for a twelve month period and what percent does that represent for the first four months. Ms. Tetley stated that she does not have this data with her and directed the question to Mr. Caudill. Mr. Caudill stated that \$6.5 million was collected in income tax revenues and we are down \$1 million in the first four months of 2020, which is a large amount. The property tax revenue has been delayed as well resulting in an additional delay in revenues received.

Karen Sharp Raisor, 304 Crescent Avenue, commented on Facebook, "Nancy, I disagree, kids in Wyoming have done a great job with this transition and learning about social distancing. COVID-19 is not going away, what would be our plans for 2021 and so forth."

Ms. Averett commented that she hopes we can open the pool next year but that is an unknown as well, it will depend on a lot of things. She is sure that kids have learned a lot lately about social distancing, which is great, but seeing how our turf field was used, all it takes is one person not following the rules to make it difficult for everyone. She saw a group of kids on the closed high school field playing soccer and none were 6' apart. There are always going to be people who will not be watching their kids, sadly.

Karen Sharp Raisor commented on Facebook, "We need something for our children and families. We have nothing."

Mayor Hoffmeister confirmed with Ms. Tetley that there are plans underway to open the Recreation Center and there plans to host Summer Camp. Ms. Tetley confirmed this is correct and added that it is anticipated that there will be an attendance capacity for the Summer Camp program of 40 kids and

we are working on how we are working through how to equitably register families. We are also planning to tentatively opening the Recreation Center and Fitness Center on June 1 and we will likely have to restrict the capacity and there will also likely be restrictions to opening the locker room/restroom as well. Mayor Hoffmeister asked if organized sports will resume. Ms. Tetley stated that the Governor's orders indicate that non-contact sports can resume so we are planning to do softball and open the tennis courts. The Governor's orders listed the contact versus non-contact sports and if we can re-open that type of activity, we will.

Karen Sharp Raisor commented on Facebook, "Our children are declining. Mentally and physically." "So you are going to have 40 children in one room? But concerned about the pool?"

Mary Beth Fischer commented on Facebook, "Anecdotally, Terrace Park, Reading, Montgomery, and Green Hills are all opening. How can we learn from them? Did Council receive the scientific data from Beth Picos about how the virus does not live in chlorinated water?"

Ms. Averett asked for confirmation that all of these communities have decided to open their pools. Ms. Tetley stated that she is not aware of what these communities are doing. A survey was sent out today to member communities of the Center for Local Government and eight responses were received this afternoon. The surveys indicated approximately 50/50 of who was opening.

Mr. LeRoy stated that even if it was completely safe and we could put as many people in the pool that we did last year, it still does not change the City's financial situation at this time and we won't have a better picture until the new tax filing deadline of July 15. Ms. Tetley confirmed this is correct.

Mr. Delgado commented that on the estimated expenditures, he roughly calculated \$133,000 in lost revenue for 2020 and also the Civic Center is anticipated to lose \$43,000-50,000 this year which puts us near \$180,000-200,000 in lost revenue. Those numbers start to go up in his opinion. With a limited capacity of 75 people of the pool, which needs to include the staff members, he asked if there was a ratio of kids to adults for the pool. Ms. Tetley stated this type of ratio is not necessarily calculated as such, there are a number of lifeguards required for per area of water however the Summer Camp program is required to have a 9:1 ratio and they also have very strict rules on how they can be grouped. The lower level of the Recreation Center is being divided up to meet the regulations and the drop off and pick up will be done outside the building.

Mr. Green asked for clarification with regard to the annual loss of revenue that the pool experiences and he asked if that was typical or does it make money some years and some years not. Ms. Tetley stated that the only year the pool made money was the first year that it was open. Mr. Green asked if there is an average amount of money that the pool losses each year. Ms. Tetley stated that the average loss is approximately \$90,000. In 2020 it is anticipated that the lost pool revenue may be \$130,000. Mr. Green asked if the fees were raised approximately how much would they need to be raised in order to make up the deficit with the reduced capacity requirements. Ms. Tetley explained that it would depend on the number of memberships. With an estimate calculation based on 250 memberships, each would need to be raised \$500. You must also consider that the Civic Center has

lost revenue and Recreation Center as well. You must look at it holistically as a whole department and not only from the pool perspective; they all work together. The deficit would be amplified for the entire Recreation Fund at an estimated \$350,000 loss to the department. This is all based on projections in an unprecedented situation.

Ms. Averett commented that she received the information from Beth Picos about chlorine and she did some research on her own. She would agree that chlorine can probably kill the virus.

Autumn McKinley, 1850 Harmon Drive, commented on Facebook, "They will follow state guidelines, which included limiting is what they have mentioned."

Mary Beth Fisher commented on Facebook, "I was unable to find the 2020 operating budget on line, can you share where this is posted? I feel like there are many things we can do to remedy the budget situation. Is council open to having a value-based conversation if we value spending money on the pool vs. something else planned in 2020?"

Karen Sharp Raisor commented on Facebook, "75 families which is the average day at the pool. Increase membership costs. The club is not opening. Be creative with due this year."

Aaron Bernay, 415 Worthington Avenue, commented on Facebook, "75 people at a time within the Aquatic Center, not families."

Karen Sharp Raisor commented on Facebook, "But it stated that the 6 ft. distance was with families."

Mary Beth Fisher commented on Facebook, "Does the city have a rainy day fund?"

Ms. Tetley clarified that the restriction is 75 total people in the pool not staff plus 60 families, it is 75 individual people, which still has to be cleared with the County and with SwimSafe.

Ms. Stankorb Taylor asked for clarification with regard to whether the cleaning costs were included in the cost that the City Manager provided earlier. She stated that she understands that chlorine in the water can likely kill the virus but there are common areas around that pool that people can come in contact with one another, such as the concession area, and these areas will need to be cleaned regularly. The issue is not simply with just the water, but also the many common areas in and around the pool as well. Ms. Tetley stated that she has not yet discussed the additional cleaning needed with SwimSafe but she assumes that they would need to clean high touch areas every two hours. SwimSafe would likely need to add additional staff and would incur additional costs of the cleaning materials and supplies and as such, we have not yet received an estimate on these additional costs.

Ms. Stankorb Taylor commented that there are individuals that clean for a living and they are having to obtain additional certifications so that they are COVID-19 certified and are able to clean high touch areas of the pool. She asked if the state has mentioned any of this in their guidelines. Ms. Tetley stated that to her knowledge it has not. Ms. Stankorb Taylor commented the majority of the upfront

start-up costs of opening the pool, occur prior to its opening, she asked what portion this expense represents in terms of the overall cost of operating the pool. Ms. Tetley stated that Ms. Leininger may have these figures available and added that the City begins in March. Some expenses were already incurred because we believed we were opening on time in May. SwimSafe indicated that they will not return the funds we have paid them for 2020 but will instead, apply it to our account for the 2021 season. She believes the total cost to run the pool by SwimSafe may be approximately \$190,000. Ms. Leininger commented that SwimSafe's cost is approximately \$210,000 and the approximate cost to fill the pool is \$8,000. Additionally, in order to stock the concession stand it is approximately \$5,000 for the initial start up. Ms. Leininger explained that SwimSafe requires a down-payment of \$48,000 for their staffing start up fees prior to May 1. SwimSafe allowed the City to postpone the payment until May 1 [generally it is due in March].

Ms. Stankorb Taylor speculated that if the City were to expend the funds to fill the pool, stock the concession stand, and pay SwimSafe the first start up payment, to get the pool up and running, all it could take is one person to not follow the rules and the Health Department could potentially have to shut the pool down and we would lose all of this money. Ms. Tetley replied that this is correct.

Heather Hoffmann, 369 Fleming Road, commented on Facebook, "Why would only the pool suffer opening due to the rec funding? There are many different facilities that operate under this fund but yet only the pool will not open. There are at least dues [dues] paid towards this unlike the other facilities."

Karen Sharp Raisor commented on Facebook, "To clean, it's a spray. To keep yourself safe, soap and water."

Mary Beth Fisher commented on Facebook, "In that case, a waiver could be implemented. At both my nail salon and hair salon I have signed a waiver acknowledging I understand my risk."

Karen Sharp Raisor commented on Facebook, "Close concessions if that is an extra cost."

Heather Hoffmann commented on Facebook, "Wyoming as a community would likely take up private donations to make this happen. Historically, this approach has worked. Has that been an option?"

Ms. Averett commented on the waiver comment and stated that this issue does not apply to one person as it is a public health crisis so the Governor and the State Health Director are trying to reduce the risk for everyone. There are many people that are very vulnerable to the virus and now it appears to be affecting children as well. It is not just one individual deciding that they don't mind taking the risk but that one person can create a risk for everyone. You have to think of this as a public health matter rather than from an individual standpoint.

Mr. Delgado asked Ms. Tetley to describe the summer activities that will be available to residents and the estimated costs and revenues. Ms. Leininger stated that Summer Camp will be made available however only 40 children are permitted and the Summer Camp generally accommodates 125

children each year. The revenue will be significantly diminished. The 40 children are based on the guidelines by the Governor given the amount of space in the Recreation Center that can be provided. The children will be separated into groups of eight per room, no community spaces will be used, and the children will stay in the same home room together with the same grouping of children each day. Day Camps follow mostly the same protocols as Day Care operations and the guidelines are very strict.

Ms. Averett asked if the children have to stay separated from each other. Ms. Leininger stated that the children will be required to maintain a 6' separation from each other and it is a one to eight ratio. They will stay in the same room with the same group each day. Normally, in the large group room, there may be 50 kids interacting with each other. This is no longer permitted per the Health Department. The idea is to reduce contact to keep the virus from spreading.

Mary Beth Fischer commented on Facebook, "We need to separate the 2 issues here. 1. is adhering to governors guidelines 2. wyoming's budget situation. The solutions are very different. If the other municipalities can figure out how to operation under #1 then we can. I would hope we could figure out how to operation under #2. Raise dues, have a values based conversation on what is important to the community, search benefactors."

Topher Collier, 256 Compton Road, commented on Facebook, "Thank you for looking at this as a public health crisis across physical, social, emotional and behavioral issue and considering what is best for ALL in our community."

Mr. Delgado stated that he has heard on the news and in various articles, that the City of Cincinnati is not opening their pools this year. Ms. Tetley stated that this is her understanding as well. She added that the cities that have indicated that they will be opening, some of them are delaying until June so they can determine how to open under the guidelines.

Ms. Averett commented that she would be very interested in knowing how other communities plan to open their pools under these guidelines. She is not against having a value based discussion but we are trying to keep the city open and running. We do not have enough money to shift money around from other places to open the pool. We are trying to avoid laying people off and the city already operates with a very lean staff.

Mr. Delgado commented with potential of \$176,000 on the line if there was a loss, where would that potential revenue come from. Ms. Tetley stated that a transfer would have to be made from the General Fund. Mr. Delgado asked if that would begin to impact employees. Ms. Tetley stated that all non-essential spending has been cut. Any projects and non-mission critical expenses have been stopped. Only emergency spending is permitted. We anticipate not only an impact to the City's cash flow because the income tax revenue is based on incomes this year, we anticipate a budget impact into next year as well. We are trying to save enough money to have enough to carry over to buffer that deficit out. If we have to transfer upwards of \$300,000 to the Recreation Fund potentially next year, the only cost centers that have enough money to make a significant reduction impact in

spending is the Public Works Department and the Police Department as they are the only ones that have substantial budgets and the only way to reduce those budgets would be with the reduction of staffing.

Mr. LeRoy stated that someone earlier mentioned fundraising. The Recreation Foundation has been fundraising for the past six months for the Village Green Pavilion and he speculated that have raised between \$20,000-40,000. Ms. Tetley stated that approximately \$90,000 has been raised however this fundraising effort has been put on hold because it is not a good time to conduct fundraising at this time. Mr. LeRoy speculated that approximately \$176,000 would need to be raised in order to open the pool. Ms. Tetley commented that the approximately amount is \$130,000.

Mr. O'Reilly commented that he is concerned, as a Professor of Public Health, when there is a public health threat. He has nearly completed the study of his textbook on the Coronavirus and he is very concerned, having gotten in great detail with this issue. The ladders and chairs and all surfaces of metal and steel, etc., those will be very rigid opportunities for the virus to thrive. He is quite concerned about the City allowing the virus to transmit to other children and particularly to adults and ultimately the grandparents. He is strongly in favor of the decision closing the pool this year and re-examining the issue next year. He is hopeful there will be a vaccine by next winter and he is hopeful that the rush of cases that we are experiencing now will be diminished significantly with the appearance of a vaccine. So he is strongly in favor of the decision to not open the pool.

April Benken, 92 Chestnut Avenue, commented on Facebook, "Montgomery is tentatively opening on June 15, assessing things on a two-week basis."

Mary Beth Fisher commented on Facebook, "Where can we find the 2020 operating budget? Does the city have rainy day fund?"

Ms. Tetley commented that the budget is on the City's website and she offered to email a copy to Ms. Fischer.

Karen Sharp Raiser commented on Facebook, "Cincinnati is opening some of its pools."

Alison Gusses Dugan, 251 Hillcrest Drive, commented on Facebook, "Does summer camp tuition help subsidize the pool?"

Karen Sharp Raiser commented on Facebook, "The Wyoming Pool reaches out to more communities than just Wyoming."

Heather Hofmann commented on Facebook, "I'll ask again...why are we cutting ONLY facility within the rec fund that has dues that produce income? Either it is about funding or it is about safety. Pick one and let's address it."

Amy Lautner, 576 Laramie Trail, commented on Facebook, "I appreciate the pool being closed for safety concerns."

Ms. Tetley replied that the City does not have a rainy day fund. There is an equipment reserve which is allocated for specific purchases when that time comes. Monies are placed into a sinking fund to pay for major equipment purchases. The only funding we have is in our carry over funding which is what we rely on to make sure, that when we have issues like this, that we have operating money. We try to reduce expenditures when situations like this occur to capture enough carry over funding as we can when we anticipate a decline in revenue for the following year.

April Benken commented on Facebook, "You all are making some very hard decision. I appreciate all your time and hard work."

BUSINESS:

A. Report from the Historic Preservation Commission and Architectural Review Board on the Proposed Alteration at 242 Elm Avenue Located in the Village Historic District: Ms. Bobbi McTurner, chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, presented the report to City Council.

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and the Architectural Review Board (ARB) met jointly on May 6, 2020 to consider, and to provide City Council comments on, a one-story covered front porch addition to the dwelling located at 242 Elm Avenue. This property is considered a non-contributing resource in Village Historic District (VHD) as it was constructed after the District's Period of Significance (POS). However, all resources within the VHD are subject to Section 1336 of the Codified Ordinances, which governs alteration of Historic Properties.

242 Elm was constructed in 1971. In its original state the dwelling appeared as what would be considered a tract home, very similar to those found in other neighborhoods of its era. Historical styling, most often drawn from Colonial Revival sources, became popular in the 1980s and '90s. According to images located on the Hamilton County Auditor's website, 242 Elm received the following Colonial Revival elements between 1992 and 2008: the covered stoop, front-gabled dormers, paint applied to first story brick veneer, and dentil trim under the eave. Although the dwelling will become historic next year as it turns 50, its status as a non-contributing resource within the VHD will not change.

In regards to Section 1336.04(b) of the Codified Ordinances, the members agreed the Alteration Application for 242 Elm meets subsection 1336.04(b)(1), which states when City Council may approve an application for alteration/demolition of an Historic Property, as follows:

The building to be Altered or Demolished does not have Historic Significance and/or is Noncontributing within an Historic District or to the Historic Property; the proposed Alteration or Demolition will have no negative effect on the Historical Significance of the Historic District or an

Historic Property; and the work as described in the application will leave a safe and presentable site compatible with the appearance of surrounding properties.

Further, it is agreed that the proposed alteration is allowable under Section 1336.04(c) as the five conditions outlined in this section of Code under which City Council may approve an application for alteration of a Historic Property are true.

Therefore, the joint membership unanimously agreed that the one-story front porch addition meets the provisions of Section 1336.04(b)-(c) of the Code, and thus recommended that City Council approve the alteration application and plans as proposed for 242 Elm Avenue.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to receive the report. Mr. LeRoy seconded the motion. There being no questions or comments, the motion to receive the Report from the Historic Preservation Commission and Architectural Review Board on the Proposed Alteration at 242 Elm Avenue Located in the Village Historic District carried with all voting yes.

B. Public Hearing on the Proposed Alteration at 242 Elm Avenue Located in the Village Historic District: Mayor Hoffmeister opened the public hearing. Having received no comments, Mayor Hoffmeister closed the public hearing.

C. Motion Authorizing the Proposed Alteration at 242 Elm Avenue Located in the Village Historic District: Mr. Delgado moved to authorize the alteration. Mr. Green seconded the motion. There being no comments, the motion Authorizing the Proposed Alteration at 242 Elm Avenue Located in the Village Historic District carried with all voting yes.

D. Second Reading of the Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Waive Permit Fees for the Redevelopment of 305 Crescent Avenue: Mayor Hoffmeister noted this was the second reading of the Ordinance and set the third reading for the June 15, 2020 City Council meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Green wished everyone to stay safe and healthy holiday weekend.

Ms. Stankorb Taylor commented that she wished the issue of public health and finance could be separated in the case of the pool. This Coronavirus has changed all of our lives and the pool was her own family's getaway during the summer. Given the guidelines from the Governor and Dr. Acton, and the risk of having the pool get shut down from either the spread of the virus or the lack of social distancing, the cost is too great for the City to bear. It is City Council's responsibility to watch out for the residents and to be sure that the City stays financially solvent. She wished there were an easier answer but there is not. She thanked the residents that commented on Facebook and stated that Council is hearing their concerns.

Mr. LeRoy commented that he appreciates the critical thinking and the ideas presented and he empathizes with the decision made on the pool because it will affect people and he explained that

decisions of this magnitude are not made in a vacuum. There were many scenarios and situations that were considered before the decision to close the pool was made, it was not done in a hasty manner. Mr. LeRoy congratulated Ms. Stankorb Taylor on an article she recently wrote for Glamour Magazine where she interviewed Dr. Amy Acton.

Ms. Averett commented that residents do not want the pool shut down, nor does the Governor, Dr. Acton, or the City Manager. As elected leaders, it is our job to weigh all considerations and determine the best solution for everyone. It is sometimes hard to keep kids entertained and the City wishes it could do something about the virus situation. She stated that City Council is listening to the residents.

Mr. Delgado stated that he appreciates the comments from the public. It is a shame that the City has to make this decision based on a public health crisis. He stated that he would like to call the Finance Committee together to look at the proposed budget cuts and what impacts will be placed on each department.

Mayor Hoffmeister urged everyone to be safe and to look out for your neighbors.

EXCUSAL OF ABSENT MEMBERS:

All members were present, there were none to excuse.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There were no items to discuss in Executive Session this evening.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Delgado moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Stankorb Taylor seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the motion to adjourn the meeting carried with all voting yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Martin, Executive Assistant

Karen Zeilman, Clerk of Council

Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Mayor