

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Moore called the study session to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present were: Councilmembers Mike Bren, Gloria Mendoza, Bill Moore, Jesse Palacios and Joan Souders. Excused from the meeting were Mayor Norm Childress and Councilmembers Robert Ozuna and Javier Rodriguez.

Staff present were: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, Parks & Recreation Director Mike Carpenter, Assistant Public Works Director Santos Trevino and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

Present on behalf of the Swim Pool Committee were: Chair Carolyn Vining, Tony Cromwell, Alix Carlson, Rachel Binfet, Dawn Meyers, and Councilmember Souders.

2. SWIM POOL COMMITTEE – OUTLINE SWIM POOL PROJECT

Parks & Recreation (P&R) Director Carpenter thanked the Council for giving the Swim Pool Committee an opportunity to meet and update the Council on the progress that the Pool Committee had made to date. The goal was to include Council during the various steps and to get pertinent feedback along the way. It was noted that this was a study session and no action would be taken tonight on this subject.

The Pool Committee members present were introduced. Ms. Vining explained that the City's pool was aging and outdated with a limited program capacity. The pool was built in 1955. Each Pool Committee member gave a brief statement of their involvement on the committee and with the pool facility.

P&R Director Carpenter explained that it was a top goal of the City's strategic plan to create more leisure opportunities and quality parks and recreation choices. The City's 2014 Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan reflected a top priority need to update and upgrade the City pool.

Ms. Vining explained that in 2014, Council approved the Pool Committee. The main mission of the Pool Committee was to lead a grassroots effort to develop a viable plan for the update/upgrade of the City pool.

P&R Director Carpenter explained that the Pool Committee recommended the completion of a subsurface void investigation (SVI) to determine the integrity of the swimming pool tank. The pool tank was 60 years old. A SVI was a process to determine what was going on under the swim pool tank in terms of water leakage. In 2006, a SVI was conducted at the pool that ultimately led to extensive crack repair of the pool tank. The consultant who conducted the 2006 SVI suggested that the repairs would hold up for six years or so. It was now a few years over that estimation and the Pool Committee felt that another SVI was needed with a comparison of the 2006 results versus the 2015 results to help establish the direction to proceed. The new SVI method or process would utilize stronger antennas to present a clearer

prospective of what was going on underneath the tank. In 2006, the City signed a task order with the City Engineer. The City Engineer hired a sub-consultant, GN Northern, who performed the SVI. The estimated cost of the SVI was between \$15,000 to \$20,000. This amount was not included in the 2015 budget for the swim pool. It was noted that for the past several years, staff was conducting a leak test at the end of each pool season. The annual leak tests revealed minimal water loss.

P&R Director Carpenter added that the Pool Committee understands that there were other demands and projects that the City faced. This emphasized that fact and the need to develop a solution to the pool that the community could afford and buy into which included the operation of the updated facility. Timing was going to be key because of the recent High School stadium levy passage and also future needs of the High School facility. Based on which direction was feasible, the Committee was committed to engage the community each step of the way. Another goal of the Pool Committee was to work with a non-profit 501(C)(3) or to form a new 501(C)(3) to both research private grants or conduct fundraising for the project.

Ms. Vining stated that the Pool Committee would engage the public to establish project ownership to either focus on renovations or new pool development. The Pool Committee would determine a feasible plan to include facility development, cost of construction, and operations costs; identify funding sources that would support design and construction costs; and provide some design team assistance. The City would proceed to hire an architect to design pool facility upgrades or a new swimming pool facility. Based on community needs, the architect would develop specifications and bidding documents for upgrade of pool facility or construction of a new pool facility.

Following discussion, the Council denied the Pool Committee's recommendation to complete a subsurface void investigation due to the fact that there had been minimal water loss. The Council directed the Pool Committee to review grant opportunities to fund a feasibility study.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The study session adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Moore

Anita Palacios, City Clerk