

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Hunter T. George called the special meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Denny Waltier, Blake Surina, and Jamie Nixon were present.

COMMUNITY POOL STATUS

George welcomed the audience for their attendance and indicated he would provide for public comment after the staff briefing. Parks and Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the pool status, water and chlorine usage and costs, and indicated the pool opened over Memorial Day weekend. Grover provided a background on the recent improvements made to the pool to mitigate the water loss, stating that although there was an initial loss of approximately 10,000 gallons of water loss during a one day reading, the historical water and chlorine usage from 2009 through 2017 showed there had not been a drastic increase in water usage over the last eight years other than a spike in 2013. Grover indicated that water consumption rates had remained steady since 2010. Grover indicated similar trends were observed for chlorine usage, stating more was used in 2017 than 2016 due to sun and higher temperatures. Grover stated that after running the pool, staff observed water usage stabilized at 6,500 gallons a day and the pool operating at stable levels better than in 2017. Grover indicated staff has utilized cyanuric acid to stabilize the chlorine and reduce the effects of ultraviolet rays on chlorine, thereby reducing the amount of chlorine usage. Grover stated he was confident the pool could remain open at stable water and chlorine consumption rates and recommended resuming selling season passes and punch cards. There was a brief discussion regarding estimating the amount of water loss due to evaporation and splashing; Pingel indicated the pool's operator estimated approximately 3,000-3,500 could be attributed to evaporation and splashing. Waltier inquired if the City could prorate refunds of season passes and punch cards in the event the pool had to close; Pingel indicated it could be done. Viafore stated that given the information provided in the report, he was confident the pool was no worse off than last year, and indicated that the pool could proceed as a normal year while the City Manager continued to monitor and inform the Council of the pool status. Reynolds requested more organization as it related to shut down decisions and was in favor of prorated refunds. Nixon stated he was content with the information provided as he was concerned related to the possible environmental costs and requested to establish a baseline should the water loss become problematic. Surina commented on maintaining the stabilized usage to get through the season as it related to seasonal employees job security and the pool replacement project timeline. Wittner thanked Waltier for recommending opening the pool for one month while staff assembled information at the May 22, 2018 meeting, and stated his concerns regarding the chlorine usage and environmental impacts. Grover indicated that he had not looked into the environmental effects of chlorinated water, however he stated the chlorine levels were five to seven parts per million and diluted for swimming purposes. Grover indicated the chlorine usage had decreased since the pool opening due to the climate and staff's schedule to lessen the use of chlorine. Waltier requested to use the term "water loss" to describe the problem, month-to-month analysis, and a comparison of other pools as it related to water and chlorine usage and costs. There was a general consensus to not go month-to-month and to keep the pool open for the remainder of the season due to the information provided, swim team's schedule, and commitment to the seasonal employees. George invited public comment; Mark Hendrickson, 1223 Princeton Street, suggested utilizing a pool cover to aid in eliminating the evaporation factor from the water loss estimate. Grover indicated staff covered the pool during


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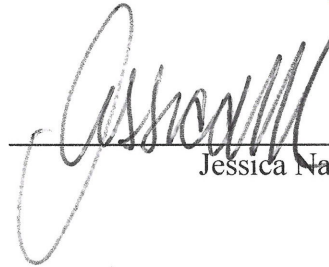
the night and could cover over a twenty-four hour period to provide a snapshot and be scheduled during a weekday. George and Viafore stated they would defer to staff on how to monitor the pool evaporation. Grover indicated he would notify the public immediately regarding the availability of season passes and punch cards, and Pingel indicated staff would report back to Council on the status of the pool.

ADJOURNMENT

Viafore MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 P.M., seconded by Reynolds. The Motion Carried (7-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jessica Nappi, City Clerk