



City of Carthage, Missouri

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

February 29, 2024 - 4:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

2. Old Business

1. Approval of Previous Minutes.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 2.1. by Trudy Blankenship;
second by None;
Motion with a 4:0

AYES: Brandi Ensor, Trudy Blankenship, Terri Heckmaster, Jeff
Hole

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Citizen Participation

(Citizens wishing to address the Council or Committee should notify the City in advance and provide the item they want to address in written format at least 24 hours before the meeting. Please call Angie Judd at the Parks & Recreation office at 417-237-7035, or email a.judd@carthagemo.gov.)

4. New Business

1. Consider and Discuss Water's Edge Pool Concept.

Ms. Almandinger introduced Lauren Ozburn with Water's Edge. Ms. Ozburn provided a historical background on the pool, noting its construction in 1934 and a subsequent renovation in 1987. She emphasized that the facility has reached the end of its expected lifespan and described its current condition as poor. Key issues highlighted include ongoing water loss due to leaks, deterioration of the pool basin with unsound areas, lack of modern amenities, and an outdated bathhouse facility.

Ms. Ozburn presented the findings of the recent online survey conducted from January 17th to February 5th. A total of 1,361 responses were received, which exceeded expectations. Of note, approximately 51% of respondents indicated that the current facility lacks amenities, 27.4% expressed dissatisfaction with its maintenance, 21.89% reported that it does not meet their household needs, and 20.54% stated they use facilities outside of Carthage. Overall satisfaction with the current facility was rated as

average to poor. Notably, 91% of respondents expressed support for the development of a new outdoor aquatic center when asked.

Ms. Ozburn shared insights from the survey regarding amenities preferences. Respondents were asked to select small, medium, large, and support amenities of interest for their households. Of the small amenities listed, 76% indicated toddler features and 52% indicated a climbing wall were of interest. Regarding medium amenities, 88% expressed interest in waterslide(s) and 61% marked their interest in a youth play structure. When surveyed about large amenities, 88% selected a lazy river/current channel and 61% indicated zero-depth/beach entry as of interest. In terms of support amenities, 89% of respondents were interested in shade, and 67% indicated that lounge/deck chairs were of interest.

Ms. Ozburn highlighted insights gathered from the survey regarding household program preferences. Respondents were asked to indicate programs of interest to their households. The top responses were birthday or private parties at 60%, recreational swimming at 52%, and swim lessons at 43%. Additionally, Ms. Ozburn emphasized that respondents underscored the importance of incorporating fun features and amenities into the planning of a new aquatic center.

Ms. Ozburn presented two concepts for a new aquatic center facility. Each had different amenities with differing price ranges. After multiple discussions among committee members, it was decided to move forward with Waters Edge in designing a pool concept not exceeding a cost of \$15.5 million.

Ms. Blankenship made a motion to forward on to City Council for permission to pursue a pool concept plan not to exceed a cost of \$15.5 million.

ACTION:	Motion to accept/approve item 4.1. by Trudy Blankenship; second by None; Motion with a 4:0
AYES:	Brandi Ensor, Trudy Blankenship, Terri Heckmaster, Jeff Hole
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

5. Staff Reports

6. Other Business

- CLOSED SESSION:** ACCORDING TO SECTION 610.021 (2), THE AGENDA INCLUDES THE POSSIBILITY OF A VOTE TO CLOSE PART OF THE MEETING TO DISCUSS LEASING, PURCHASE OR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHERE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRANSACTION MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE LEGAL CONSIDERATION THEREFOR.

Ms. Heckmaster made a motioned to close the meeting according to Section 610.021 (2) the Agenda includes the possibility of a vote to close part of the meeting to discuss leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public

governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor, followed by a roll call vote of 4 yeas and no nays. Ayes: Brandi Ensor, Trudy Blankenship, Terri Heckmaster, Jeff Hole. Motion carried at 5:43p.m.

ACTION: Motion to enter closed session item 6.1. by Terri Heckmaster; second by None;
Motion with a 4:0

AYES: Brandi Ensor, Trudy Blankenship, Terri Heckmaster, Jeff Hole

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Hole made a motion to return to the regular session of the Council Meeting at 6:45p.m.

ACTION: Motion to return from closed session item 6.2. by Jeff Hole; second by None;
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Brandi Ensor, Trudy Blankenship, Terri Heckmaster, Jeff Hole

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

7. Adjournment

ACTION: Motion to adjourn item 7. by Terri Heckmaster; second by None;
Motion with a 4:0

AYES: Brandi Ensor, Trudy Blankenship, Terri Heckmaster, Jeff Hole

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None