



City of Waukesha

City Hall,
201 Delafield Street
Waukesha, WI 53188

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Finance Committee

Thursday, September 29, 2016

6:30 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall
Use lower level glass door.

1. Call To Order

Other alderpersons present: E Payne, Johnson, Thieme, Manion, Cummings

Present: 5 - Pieper, Reiland, Helgestad, Bartels and Skinner

2. Public Comment

Brian Andringa expressed frustration that he wasn't notified in a timely manner about the Buchner pool meetings and felt that the decision regarding the aquatic center has already been made.

Emmanuel Vitale said he likes Buchner pool the way it is, and he's afraid people on a fixed income will not be able to stay in the City, if taxes go up due to a new City Hall building, the water pipeline and an aquatic center being built at Buchner. He suggested a study be done to determine what it would cost to refurbish City Hall and the pool, instead.

Dave Birch commented that a decade ago independent studies were done to determine the practicality of having the aquatic facility, and it's finally coming to fruition. He said the study showed that this project is one of highest cost recovery for the City.

Barb Young said she, too, was on an email list to receive notices of Buchner pool meetings, but didn't get notified until she read it in the paper and called the Park Rec department the day before the meeting. She said she is one of the 75% of the neighbors surveyed who would like to only see the pool renovated and not turned into an aquatic center.

Cari Lango read off statistics on the cost per swim day over 40 years if the aquatic center was built. She said she believes the existing structure can be renovated and be just as good as new, so more park space won't have to be taken by a new structure that isn't wanted by so many.

Margaret Thornton said the City doesn't have the money to put into a facility of that size and suggested the proposers are looking for prestige or bragging rights. She reminded all that there are only 80 days when the pool can be utilized in a year, and asked where the finances to build an aquatic center would come from.

Chris Young stated that she is not interested in having a "lazy river" directly across the street from her house. She agrees with other speakers regarding the added taxes of an aquatic center and thinks renovating the existing pool is better.

Dave Cummings remarked that he'd like to see 8 swim lanes instead of 7, so competitions can be held there.

Dawn Richter said she loves Buchner pool, swimming laps and socializing there. She said she wants to keep it the same, only refinished.

Owen Lipscomb said he and his friends hang out at Buchner all the time, and said to remember it will be there for a long time.

Ashlynn Skinner-Barrett said her ideas for a new aquatic center are a lazy river, and a rock wall that you end up in the water if you fall. She said she wants different things for older and younger kids, including keeping the volleyball and basketball areas.

Joanie Vilo said she is active in many Waukesha projects and is proud to be active in the community. She urged support for the Preferred Conceptual Master Plan, which would retain the present pool with new amenities. She said it would be a win-win for the City for the next 50 years.

Bob Fransie asked that the committee consider keeping the 50 meter length, saying that plan was the most cost-effective.

Noah Hennen said Horeb was remodeled 10 years ago, and it's time to do the same for Buchner. He stressed the need for more activities to get kids outside.

Bonnie Knipple spoke in favor of keeping the integrity and beauty of the park by doing the alternate plan.

Nina Bonus said she wants the 50 meter lanes to stay the same, deeper areas for teens, a big slide, lazy river and a high dive.

Olivia Hennen said she wants the upgrades done to Buchner to make it more fun for kids.

3. Approval of Minutes

[ID#16-1492](#) Minutes for September 13, 2016

Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

[ID#16-1496](#) Minutes for September 27, 2016

Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. Business Items

A. [ID#16-1488](#) Buchner Aquatic Center & improvements

Sponsors: Parks, Recreation & Forestry and City Administrator

Indexes: Buchner Aquatic Center

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

B. [ID#16-1489](#) Further discussion and possible action on 2017 - 2021 CIP.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Indexes: CIP

A motion was made by Pieper, seconded by Skinner, that the 2017-2021 CIP Budget be approved in the amount of \$25,592,286. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Pieper, Helgestad, Bartels and Skinner

Nay: 1 - Reiland

C. [ID#16-1490](#) Matter of Report - Presentation of 2017 Operating Budget

Sponsors: City Administrator

Indexes: Budget

5. Communications and Referrals:

City Administrator Lahner let everyone know that there will be further information on Buchner Pool at an October 17th Park, Rec & Forestry Board meeting (During Business Item 4A).

Finance Director Abbott asked for feedback on the Operating Budget amendment procedures and a reminder to use the level 2 2017 Operating Budget.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

The Finance Committee may consider any departments, funds or line items related to the 2017 Operating or Capital Budgets not specifically identified on the meeting agenda as a part of the Budget Review process.

"A majority of the Council members may be in attendance"

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