CITY OF WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

5-Year Community Investment Program 2020-2024

Project Name	Buchner Aquatic Center & Improvements
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Department	Park / Rec / Forestry								
Dept. Head	Ron Grall								
Project Contact	Melissa Lipska/Mary Berg								
Useful Life	45 Years								
Category	Park and Recreation								
Priority	1 - MUST be done this year.								
	Cannot defer.								
Tota	l Project Cost \$ 7,908,117								

Description

This project was identified as a top goal in the City's most recent Strategic Plan.

2016: a Buchner Pool Study was conducted to determine the scope and level of improvements, along with associated cost estimates (including operational impacts) and development of concept plans. In support of plan development, the following meetings were held:

- ~Public Information Meeting #1 at Buchner Pool
- ~Public Information Meeting #2 at Schuetze Recreation Center
- ~Presentation to Finance Committee
- ~Presentation Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board

2017-2019: presentation to Finance Committee during 2018 budget process. In addition, tours of the Buchner Pool facility were offered/conducted with members of the Common Council and the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board. During the 2019 budget process, funds were approved for detailed engineering and architectural services, as well as related survey work, soil borings, permits, and other professional services. Contingent upon an approved concept design and project construction budget, construction could begin in 2020.

Recommendation is to propose approval and implementation of the concept plan that includes a 50 meter pool, shallow "kiddie" pool, flow/current channel, and a year-round use building/bathhouse as the primary features.

Justification/ How does this Increase Service to Residents?

Reconstruction of the pool/building facility is needed to ensure a working, code-compliant, and attractive pool is in place for all community residents to enjoy for many years to come. Our over-arching goal is to create a unique and separate experience from Horeb Springs Aquatic Center. With that in mind, the primary construction goals for Buchner Pool include:

- ~ 50 meter pool with diving
- ~ Shallow (kiddie) pool with zero-depth entry
- ~ Flow/current channel feature enabling a variety of new aquatic activities (i.e., exercise classes/swim lessons could be held in the channel, allowing the 50 meter pool to be open for other uses)
- ∼ Bathhouse that can serve as a year-round community building (programs, meetings, rentals, voting, etc.)
- ~ Enhanced deck space with multiple shade structures and seating options
- ~ Indoor/outdoor concessions
- ~ Pool storage area that can also serve as a warming house for ice skating

In previous meetings, there was some discussion regarding the addition of an 8th lane to the 50 meter pool. Additional cost would be approximately \$500,000 (not included in project estimate).

Fund-OrgObject-Project	Funding Sources		FY '20		FY '21		FY '22	FY '23		FY '24		Total	
0420-5322-49110	15-yr GO Debt	\$	7,908,117	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,908,117
	Total	\$	7,908,117	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,908,117

Fund-OrgObject-Project	Expenditures		FY '20 FY '21		FY '22		FY '23		FY '24		Total		
0420-5322-68290	Buchner Aquatic Center	\$	7,908,117	\$	-	\$		\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,908,117
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Operational Impact/Other

The current pool and building opened in 1968, and is experiencing frequent repairs. Parts are extremely hard to find, and very expensive, and many parts no longer exist, so they must be custom made, or more components must be replaced to bring equipment up to date. In the next 2 years, anticipated maintenance costs increase sharply to replace the various pool mechanicals, filtration systems, restrooms, building doors and roof, building addition, water heaters for the pools and building, electrical upgrades, building boiler system, painting of the pool, concrete work on the deck, and more. In short, the pool and building are non-compliant and do not meet current/anticipated standards and structurally are beyond repair/rennovation, requiring total reconstruction.