

**CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
AUGUST 2, 2011 AGENDA**

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
RESOLUTION – SWIMMING POOL SPECIAL ELECTION FOR G.O. BOND ISSUE	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JOE SOUCIE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been drafted to direct staff to prepare a ballot question for the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$8,500,000 for the purpose of demolishing the existing municipal swimming pool, constructing an access road and constructing and equipping a municipal swimming pool to replace the existing swimming pool, and make necessary arrangements for a November 15, 2011 Special Election.

FISCAL IMPACT

The conceptual plan is estimated at \$8.5 million.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval

BACKGROUND

One of the items identified as an early priority in the City's Park & Recreation Master Plan was the need to assess the city's current and future aquatic requirements. La Vista's municipal swimming pool was originally built and owned by a private developer in 1962, just two years after the City was incorporated. Later acquired by the City, the pool is a traditional style of pool and has been renovated and rehabilitated numerous times over the past 40+ years. While the pool has served the community well, it does not meet the needs of La Vista's growing population and warrants significant improvements.

Over the past several years a number of factors, including frequency and types of repairs, compliance with current standards and codes, and meeting the needs of a growing community, made it evident that the City needed a plan for aquatic services. In the summer of 2005, the City utilized the professional services of Water's Edge Aquatic Design (WEAD), Lenexa, Kansas to review and evaluate the City's existing pool facilities and provide recommendations for improvement. Their study and findings were presented to the City Council at the February 7, 2006 City Council meeting.

In 2006 the Mayor appointed a citizen committee to study this issue. The Committee met several times and provided opportunities for citizen input. As a result, a conceptual plan was developed and submitted to voters in 2008. The bond issue was narrowly defeated by 305 votes.

The need to make some determinations regarding the future of the current pool continues become more imminent as expenses and efforts to keep it operational increase each year. In order to consider other possibilities, in March 2011 the Council directed staff to develop a concept for a \$5,000,000 pool. This was presented to Council on July 27, 2011.

Staff recommendation is to re-submit the original concept to voters based on:

- Recommendation of original pool committee consisting of citizens, staff, council members and focus groups.
- Consultant data supports the recommended pool size.
- Citizens survey support.
- A way to bring people back to the Golden Mile (84th Street).
- Proposed aquatic facility would serve as an amenity to the Civic Park Plan and Vision 84 redevelopment.
- Second option of a \$5,000,000 pool is undersized.
- Phasing of construction will cost more in the long run. No guarantee later phases will be completed.
- Take advantage of current competitive bond rates.
- Bond issue places the decision with the citizens.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA, DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE A BALLOT QUESTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,500,000. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEMOLISHING THE EXISTING MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL, CONSTRUCTING AN ACCESS ROAD AND CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL TO REPLACE THE EXISTING SWIMMING POOL AND MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR A NOVEMBER 15, 2011 SPECIAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, one of the items identified as an early priority in the City's Park and Recreation Master Plan was the need to assess the city's current and future aquatic requirements; and

WHEREAS, the current pool has served the city well for 40+ years but does not meet the needs of La Vista's growing population and warrants significant improvements; and

WHEREAS, there is an ever increasing need to make some determinations regarding the future of the current pool as expenses and efforts to keep it operational increase each year; and

WHEREAS, on March 2011 the Council directed staff to develop a concept for a \$5,000,000 pool which was presented to Council on July 27, 2011; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of La Vista hereby authorizes staff to prepare a ballot question for the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$8,500,000 for the purpose of demolishing the existing municipal swimming pool, constructing an access road and constructing and equipping a municipal swimming pool to replace the existing swimming pool, and make necessary arrangements for a November 15, 2011 Special Election.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2ND DAY OF AUGUST, 2011.

CITY OF LA VISTA

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk

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