

**October 2, 2012, 6:00 p.m.**

Council Chambers, 333 Civic Center Drive

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Mayor Ives called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call found Council Member Abercrombie, Elliott, Rickman, Mayor Pro Tem Maciel and Mayor Ives present.

Rod Buchanan provided a recap of the discussion from October 1, 2012.

Mayor Ives invited members of the public to address Council.

Steve Nicolau, 1068 Atherton Drive, addressed Council regarding a couple of cost items that should have been included in the study including insurance and security costs.

Robert Tanner, 1371 Rusher Street, emphasized that the cost for the aquatic center was for five months, but general maintenance occurred all year. Mr. Tanner suggested non-residents should have a higher cost, and the center should be open longer since Tracy experiences high temperatures later in the year. Mr. Tanner proposed that the City should repair Dr. Powers Park, repair the Tracy Ball Park and only take eight acres from Surland.

Sandy Taylor, 8721 Julie Lind Circle, reminded Council that it has been committed to an aquatic center and even organized an aquatic group to study sites which was still good today. Ms. Taylor stated the swim center would serve more residents than any other amenity in Tracy. Ms. Taylor asked that Council stay the course and not consider anything different than what the Council and the community has been working on for over seven years.

Mayor Ives asked if Ms. Taylor's group supported the Phase 1 list. Ms. Taylor stated the community provided a list of amenities they wanted and she would support what the community wanted.

Molly Lowe, 2590 Atherton Court, addressed Council regarding the lack of swimming facilities in Tracy. Ms. Lowe stated the aquatic center phasing is what the community wants.

Dave Helm indicated the conditions in 2005 are vastly different from today and what the residents want and what the City can afford are different as well. Mr. Helm stated he was concerned that if Phase 1 was built, that there would be no money to build Phase 2 or Phase 3. Mr. Helm indicated Surland has offered \$10 million which is more than enough to build a 52 meter pool. Mr. Helm urged Council to build something that will be operated for more than five months per year.

Michele Bazinet, 1005 Mabel Josephine, reminded Council that one of the reasons for selecting the specific amenities was the bang for the buck. Mr. Bazinet outlined the rationale for the Phase 1 amenities which would create an income stream. Mr. Bazinet indicated it should be looked at as a long term proposition.

Roy Hawkins, 1524 E Street, addressed Council suggesting a private operator should run the swim center. Mr. Hawkins stated a private operator only wants to make money and wouldn't be interested in offering classes.

Marsha McCray, 560 W. Schulte, stated if the City returns to the status quo for swimming facilities, it would spend money on a facility that we know does not meet the needs of the community. Ms. McCray indicated the people in the community have stated they want a facility that is fun, while the City has to consider what will serve the greatest number of people. Ms. McCray stated she supported getting a pool for Tracy. Ms. McCray suggested getting creative with funding for a pool and mentioned getting a large name company like Amazon to have naming rights.

Sue Rainey, 1328 Hamlet Court, stated the City needs a pool that can be used to teach swimming lessons.

Council Member Elliott stated that when talking about the success of a swim center it bears looking at the location. Council Member Elliott indicated more people would be attracted if the center was located closer to the freeway or by the mall. Council Member Elliott added we don't want to be a city that cannot afford to run what has been built.

Mayor Pro Tem Maciel indicated changing locations would add to the time it would take to build a swim center. Mayor Pro Tem Maciel stated he was concerned about Phase 1 and the competition pool. Mayor Pro Tem Maciel indicated he was interested in looking at the amenities for Phase 1 to see if the 52 meter pool could be added. Mayor Pro Tem Maciel stated he did not want this to be a burden on the City, but that there should be a reasonable amount of general fund support.

Council Member Rickman asked how many private operators run City swim facilities and if they have performed well from a City's perspective. Council Member Rickman stated ticket prices also needed to be considered.

Council Member Abercrombie stated a competition pool needs to move up on the list of priorities and then whatever is left over can be used for other amenities.

Council Member Elliott stated it was important to have a public pool but the City has to find the most cost efficient way to run it.

Mayor Ives summarized the meetings indicating the Growth Management Ordinance was taken care of; the City was constantly trying to build a pool complex and do it in the most optimal fashion to provide the most bang for the buck. Mayor Ives stated Council may need to take another look at operation costs and the potential that exists for other ways to operate it. Mayor Ives stated if there are other locations for a swim center, the City needs to make sure that is out of the way. Mayor Ives stated the amenity list may need to be reviewed.

Mr. Churchill outlined Council's direction including:

- Not to forego anything that has been said or done over the years bringing us to this particular point
- A swim center to re-establish community swimming facilities in Tracy
- Staff would research other community facilities
- What is the optimal location
- Research to see if there are other means to deliver a swim center

Mayor Ives adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on September 27, 2012. The above are summary minutes. A tape recording is available at the office of the City Clerk.

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