

**CITY OF LA VISTA**  
**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT**  
**JUNE 2, 2020 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Submitted By:</b>
SWIMMING POOL	RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	BRENDA S. GUNN CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**SYNOPSIS**

Staff has analyzed the situation and considered options for addressing the challenges and uncertainty associated with the evolving COVID-19 pandemic and swimming pool operations.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

FY20 budgeted expenditures for the swimming pool are \$135,826.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Do not open the pool for the 2020 swim season.

**BACKGROUND**

The everchanging COVID-19 pandemic has required adaptability and necessitated that we find new and different ways provide services and conduct operations with the top priority being the health, safety and wellness of our citizens and our employees. As we have reviewed and evaluated options for opening the pool this summer, the limitations of the design and size of our pool and bathhouse simply aren't conducive for meeting current social distancing needs and preventing spread of the coronavirus.

The closure recommendation is based on review of CDC recommendations for public pools, examination of pool opening plans from other municipalities, and evaluation of alternatives and best practices. Specific issues include:

- Capacity of the swimming pool is limited by the size of the pool. Based on the water surface area, excluding the deep end and divided by a 6ft diameter circle, at 25% capacity, 26 patrons could be allowed in the pool at one time.
- Size and design of bathhouse make it difficult to implement social distancing restrictions, such as keeping visitors six feet part or making one-way ingress/egress.
- Office space is limited with no ventilation or air filtration. Social distancing would be impractical; staff would be expected to wear masks which would be challenging given the heat and ventilation issues.
- Extra safety and sanitary measures associated with frequently touched surfaces including: handrails, slides, lounge chairs, counter tops, door handles, surfaces of restrooms, sinks and showers.
- Ability to ensure six-foot social distancing both in the water and on the deck.

- Extensive staff labor required to prepare and operate pool while social distancing, including burden on teenage and young adult staff to monitor and enforce handwashing, use of face coverings and social distancing of others.
- Inability to properly train lifeguards while maintaining social distancing.
- Challenges associated with ongoing updates to Directed Health Measures and guidance.
- Recommendation from LARM (League Association of Risk Management) Risk Control Manager not to open public swimming pools this summer.