

**CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 AGENDA**

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
MUNICIPAL AQUATIC FACILITY — BOND ISSUE	► RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JOE SOUCIE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AND SCOTT STOPAK RECREATION DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared calling a special election on the proposition 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 aquatic facility to replace the existing swimming pool.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this project would be general obligation bonds. The City's annual principal and interest payments are estimated to be approximately \$602,000. Annual operating expenses are anticipated to be approximately \$361,900, which would be funded through the facility revenues. The owner of a home valued at \$150,000 would pay an additional \$85.50 annually. This is based on the City's current valuation and a 20-year debt schedule projected at an average interest rate of 3.7%

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. Being sensitive to the economic times, Council asked staff to develop a concept in the \$5,000,000.00 range which was presented on July 27, 2011. Based on several considerations including the points below, staff recommendation is to ask voters to consider the initial concept.

- Recommendation of original pool committee consisted of citizens, staff, council members and focus groups.
- Consultant data supports the recommended pool size.
- Citizens survey indicates support.
- A way to bring people back to the Golden Mile (84th Street).
- Proposed swimming pool would serve as an amenity to the Civic Park Plan and Vision 84 redevelopment.
- Second option of a \$5,000,000 pool is significantly 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 THE SARPY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER TO PLACE ON THE MAY 15, 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT THE QUESTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$8,500,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEMOLISHING THE EXISTING MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL LOCATED AT 7529 S. 85TH STREET (LOT 13 PARK VIEW HEIGHTS), CONSTRUCTING AN ACCESS ROAD AND CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A MUNICIPAL AQUATIC FACILITY TO REPLACE THE EXISTING SWIMMING POOL AT SAID LOCATION, AND PAYING RELATED COSTS.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista, Nebraska (the "City") as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor and City Council find and determine that:

(a) it is necessary, desirable, advisable and in the best interest of the City and its residents to submit to the voters the question that the City demolish the existing municipal swimming pool located at 7529 S. 85th Street (Lot 13 Park View Heights), construct an access road and construct and equip a municipal aquatic facility to replace the existing swimming pool at said location; and for other related project costs (collectively, the "Project");

(b) there has not been submitted to the electors of the City a proposition for the issuance of bonds pursuant to Section 16-695, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 2007, as amended, to pay the costs of the Project for six months last past;

Section 2. The Mayor and City Council of La Vista Nebraska resolve that the following question be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the City of La Vista at the primary election to be held May 15, 2012:

"Shall the City of La Vista, Nebraska, issue negotiable bonds of said City in the principal amount of not to exceed Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,500,000) for the purpose of demolishing the existing municipal swimming pool located at 7529 S. 85th Street (Lot 13 Park View Heights), constructing an access road and constructing and equipping a municipal aquatic facility to replace the existing swimming pool at said location, said bonds to be dated and become due and payable, both principal and interest, on such date or dates as may be fixed by the Mayor and Council of the City at the time of their issuance and to bear interest at such rate or rates as shall be determined by the Mayor and City Council, and

"Shall the City cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes on the taxable value of the taxable property in the City sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds as such principal and interest become due?"

☐ FOR said bonds and tax.

☐ AGAINST said bonds and tax.

Voters desiring to vote in favor of the question shall blacken the oval preceding the words "FOR said bonds and tax" and voters desiring to vote against the question shall blacken the oval preceding the words "AGAINST said bonds and tax."

Section 3. Notice of said election shall be given to the qualified electors of said City by publication at least one time each week for three successive weeks, as provided by law, prior to such election and a copy of the sample ballot shall be published one time not more than ten days nor less than three days prior to the election, such notice and sample ballot to be published in the Papillion Times a newspaper printed and of general circulation in said City, and the City Clerk of the City be and hereby is directed to cause such notice and sample ballot to be published.

Section 4. The City Clerk of the City shall be and hereby is authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Election Commissioner of Sarpy County, who shall conduct the election as provided by law. The City does hereby agree to reimburse said Election Commissioner for the expenses of conducting the election. As required by Section 32-802, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, the Election Commissioner shall provide for publication of the Notice of Election in a newspaper designated by the Election Commissioner no later than forty days prior to the day of said election and such notice shall be posted in the office of the Election Commissioner no later than forty days prior to such date of election.

Section 5. The form of ballot and form of notice of said bond election shall be substantially in the form submitted to this meeting, a copy of which forms shall be made a part of the minutes. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, in conjunction with the Election Commissioner conducting the election, to arrange for the printing of the necessary ballots for said election and to do all other things and take all other action appropriate or necessary in order to cause said proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of the City as above provided.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011.

CITY OF LA VISTA

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk

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The foregoing Resolution having been read in its entirety, Council Member _____ moved its passage, which motion was seconded by Council Member _____. After consideration, the roll was called and the following members voted in favor of the passage and adoption of said Resolution: _____. The following members voted against the same: _____. The following members were absent or did not vote: _____.

The passage of said Resolution having been consented to by a majority of the members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted.

DATED this 20th day of September, 2011.

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk

**NOTICE OF ELECTION
CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA**

Public Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the City of La Vista, Nebraska, that a special election has been called and will be held in conjunction with the statewide primary election in the City of La Vista, Nebraska, on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at which time there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said City the following proposition:

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The polling place will be open continuously from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on said date. The voting places for qualified electors of the City the same as the voting places for the statewide primary election. The polling places are accessible to individuals with physical mobility limitations.

Qualified electors wishing to vote early, as permitted by law, may do so in person or by requesting a ballot for early voting from the Election Commissioner of Sarpy County, at such Election Commissioner's offices in Papillion, Nebraska, 501 Olson Drive, Suite 4, Papillion, Nebraska 68046.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF SAID CITY.

/s/
City Clerk

/s/
Mayor

(SAMPLE BALLOT)
(OFFICIAL BALLOT)
(OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR EARLY VOTING)
BOND ELECTION
CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012

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