

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: NEIL JENSEN, City Administrator
SUBJECT: 2020 Swimming Pool Closure
MEETING DATE: May 19, 2020

BACKGROUND:

Covid -19 has caused enough concern to warrant the Public Works Commission to consider closing the swimming pool for the summer. The Commission met on Thursday, May 7th to discuss the pool. The discussion focused on many options of lessons, free swim, lap swim, etc. but in the end the risks of infection forced the decision to close the swimming pool for the summer. The decision was not taken lightly and was hard for everyone involved.

The Park Board met on Tuesday, May 12th and also held a discussion on the closure of the swimming pool. It was the consensus of the board that due to the current conditions the pool should be closed for the summer. Again, this board held a long discussion and feel the closure of the pool is a hard decision for all involved.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This is a very hard decision to close a recreation facility for the summer. Public works stated it would take 3-4 weeks to get the pool up and running and with the risk of spreading Covid-19 to people it seems prudent to close the facility.

The Public Works Commission voted 2-0-1 (Montgomery-yes, Gesme-yes, Mouw - Abstained) to close the swimming pool for the summer.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Please have the discussion of closing the swimming pool and if the decision is to close the pool, we will inform the manager and lifeguards of your decision.