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## **PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING RESULTS November 18, 2019**

Chairperson DeCampi called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Those in attendance included:

Councilmember Barbara McGuinness, Ward I

Councilmember Dan Hurt, Ward III

Chairperson Tom DeCampi, Ward IV

Also in attendance were:

Mayor Bob Nation

Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts, Tom McCarthy

Executive Assistant, Parks, Recreation & Arts, Ann-Marie Stagoski

Councilmember Ben Keathley

Two members from the public

### **Agenda Item #1: Approval of Minutes**

The meeting results of the November 4, 2019 Parks, Recreation & Arts Committee of Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Councilmember McGuinness made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hurt to approve the meeting results. The motion was passed by a voice vote of 3 to 0.

### **Agenda Item #2: Parks, Recreation & Arts Master Plan**

Director McCarthy introduced the completed Parks Master Plan and requested it be moved on to full council for approval. It is a comprehensive outlook that will help the department plan for the next 10-15 years. Councilmembers asked if this included any request for money, which it does not, and inquired about the company contracted to help with the Master Plan. Director McCarthy expressed that Pros Consulting was very professional working with the public as well as staff.

Councilmember McGuinness moved to send the Master Plan to full City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hurt. The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

### **Agenda Item #3: Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center Fee Increases and Pool Hour Adjustments**

Director McCarthy explained that after taking the pool in house for a season the department has evaluated several aspects of pool operations and is recommending changes. Those include, shortening hours of operation when there was little use of the pool, opening the Lazy River to River Walk 45 minutes earlier and implementing new pool hours beginning August 17. New late season hours are in anticipation of lack of guards to properly staff the entire pool because approximately half the staff is not affected by the new law passed regarding when public schools can begin.

Additionally, it was recommended to increase Season Pass fees and alter the way after hours pool rentals are implemented. Councilmembers expressed interest in keeping the pool open during the weeks prior to Labor Day, not raising fees while shortening hours, not raising resident rates at a higher percentage than non-resident rates, and slowing the rate of fee increases. There was also discussion on why the legislation was passed.

Councilmember McGuinness moved to recommended approving all staff recommendations. Chairperson DeCampi seconded the motion. There was discussion on how many season passes were sold in 2019, how many overall visitors there were at the pool throughout the season and if we could leave parts of the pool open after August 17 while closing other parts to help with the staffing issues.

Councilmember Hurt moved to amend the motion to reflect raising Resident Youth, Resident Adult and Resident Senior rates \$5 and increasing Family Season Passes by \$20 with the rest of staff recommendations remaining the same. Chairperson DeCampi seconded the motion.

Councilmember McGuinness moved to amend the motion to reflect raising Resident Youth, Resident Adult and Resident Senior rates \$10 and increasing Family Season Passes by \$20 with the rest of the staff recommendations remaining the same. Chairperson DeCampi seconded the motion.

Chairperson DeCampi moved to amend the motion to reflect that the Leisure Pool and Splash Pad remain open after August 17 through Labor Day, Monday through Friday, 12 pm to 6:30 p.m. while still subject to closure based on staffing availability with the rest of the staff recommendations remaining the same. Councilmember McGuinness seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken on the amendment regarding keeping the Leisure Pool and Splash Pad open and it passed 3-0.

A voice vote was taken on the amendment regarding raising the rates \$10 on individual residents and \$20 on family passes and it passed 2-1 with Councilmember McGuinness and Chairperson DeCampi voting in the affirmative and Councilmember Hurt voting against.

A voice vote was taken on the amendment regarding raising the rates \$5 on individual residents and \$20 on family passes and it failed 2-1 with Councilmember Hurt voting in the affirmative and Councilmember McGuinness and Chairperson DeCampi voting against.

A voice vote was taken on the original motion with approved amendments and it passed 2-1 with Councilmember McGuinness and Chairperson DeCampi voting in the affirmative and Councilmember Hurt voting against. We will move this on to the full council for their direction.

#### **Agenda Item #4: Unfinished Business**

Councilmember McGuinness inquired as to whether staff were looking into closing Veterans Place Drive, acquiring the small strip of land near The Awakening and looking for lower cost replacement light bulbs for Central Park. Director McCarthy indicated that all issues were currently being researched.

#### **Agenda Item #5: New Business**

No new business.

#### **Agenda Item #6: Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson DeCampi adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.