

**SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION**  
**609 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Vienna, WV 26105**  
**November 3, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Invocation was given by Charlie Burd. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Randy Rapp.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Vienna City Council met in Special Session on November 3, 2022. Mayor Rapp called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

Attendance was taken by Mayor Randy Rapp with the following Council members present: Kim Williams, Tom Azinger, Roger Bibbee, Chris Mancuso, Recorder Melissa Elam, and Mayor Randy Rapp. Absent: Jim Leach and City Attorney Russell Skogstad.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **DISCUSSION: Jackson Pool Design**

Recorder Melissa Elam and Mayor Randy Rapp shared about their meeting with Warren and Judith Peascoe about making the pool functional and not just compliant for those with special needs. The Peascos were happy with the design and elements. They felt the ADA bathrooms could be bigger. They discussed logistics of how to accommodate folks in wheelchairs as they come to the pool. They liked the idea of programming certain days or hours for those who have special needs. Recorder Elam will work with them on further details for the ADA bathrooms.

Recorder Melissa Elam encouraged everyone to take a deep breath and cautioned negativity. Wants everyone to be positive and work well together.

- Lily walk is probably not going to serve us well considering all of our activities. Recorder Elam has asked for an alternative floating piece.

Mayor Rapp asked Councilwoman Kim Williams to share with Council the email she sent him earlier about the Parkersburg Splash Pad and a nice option that Martin Aquatic has done at another location. He stated Parkersburg chose to focus on the 3-10 year olds. Encouraged Council to decide who we want to focus on.

**Recorder Elam:**

- No swim test needed for slide because it is a run out. Minimum height is 42”.
- She would like to see us serve any age well. Swim tests will be put in place. Diving boards and other elements could be for younger children if they can safely be in the deep end for example.
- Complimented the Parkersburg City Park Pool but doesn't think it serves older youth well.
- We can have a balanced approach.
- Suggested a dump bucket and jets that shoot up from the concrete.
- We can be a better version of ourselves.
- Doesn't want to commit the square footage that Parkersburg did to a splash pad.

**Mayor Rapp:**

- Commented that the rope swing in Jackson Park is popular but breaks often. Recommending that we take the rope swing out of the design if it is going to be undependable. Recorder Elam wants to find out if the one that Martin Aquatic is more reliable than what Parkersburg installed and has had issues with.

**Recorder Elam:**

- Would like to see the baby pool made deeper to 18”.
- Ramp designs are not in yet.
- There is interest in swim teams. Swim lanes would be better to put in now instead of wishing we would have done it later.
- Shared costs for elements.

Lily Walk	1	ea.	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00
Agility Course	1	ea.	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
Basketball Hoops	2	ea.	\$3,750.00	\$7,500.00
Rope Swing	1	ea.	\$18,750.00	\$18,750.00
Climbing Wall	1	ea.	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Diving Board	1	ea.	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00

Mayor Rapp asked for Council input and then said he will open the floor to public input.

**Councilman Tom Azinger:** What are the demographics of our pool usage? Mayor Rapp will get those numbers.

**Councilman Roger Bibbee:** Would like to see lily pads and rope swing taken out, baby pool deepened, and swim lanes added. In favor of splash pad elements added to slide area.

**Councilman Chris Mancuso:** Asked if Omni was available. Recorder Elam stated not tonight but at the next Regular Meeting. He asked if having a large slide will bump us up into an aquatic center category instead of a pool. Code would determine the status.

**Mayor Rapp:** Spoke with the city's insurance company and they will get back to us.

**Councilman Chris Mancuso:** Fine with taking out lily pads and switching out some of the smaller elements. Asked for the cost of the slides. Recorder Elam stated \$411,000 for everything above ground. Councilman Mancuso would like us to consider combining the kid pool with the main pool. It would give us zero entry. It could level off and give a play area. Thinks it will help get rid of additional pumps and filtration. Concerned about long term costs. Would like a splash pad area to be considered. Does the splash pad require its own filtration system? Ramp design needs close examination if it is going to be taken in and out.

**Councilman Roger Bibbee:** Concerned about zero entry to main pool because it may combine ages and sizes of children.

**Councilwoman Kim Williams:** Asked Councilman Mancuso if it was possible to do zero entry into the shallow end. Thinks dignity is important. Likes a lot about the design. Wants to make sure we have enough to do for the 3-10 year olds. Really wants more information on a splash pad.

**Judith Peascoe:** Likes the idea of a boom that could separate deep end from shallow end. It could serve as a barrier so water polo or water volleyball, etc. could be played. Thinks a chair lift is a better idea than using a ramp. Thinks the ramp is going to be a nuisance. She would like to know the occupancy of the pool. Read that the regular bathrooms would also need a handicapped stall even though we have ADA restrooms. Would like to see the restroom hallway shortened to make the ADA restrooms larger. Thinks the women's restroom needs to be larger (based on occupancy).

**Henry Sasyn:** Swim team interest is picking up in the region but leadership is lacking. Would like the pool designed to accommodate swim teams. Suggested ladders that insert into the pool decking and can be lifted out.

**Tami Rhodes:** Would like more shade structures incorporated. Concerned about area under the agility course and asked if it could be relocated. How many lifeguards will be needed to monitor all the apparatuses? Would prefer the splash pad be nearer to the baby pool.

**Charlie Burd:** Agrees that a new liner should be put in and lane lines done now. Suggested looking into portable blocks.

**Brenda Powell:** Wants children with disabilities to be accommodated. Asked about different options for financing.

**Warren Peascoe:** Concerned about movable ramp and the pool liner. Worries that it will compromise the integrity of the liner.

**Chad Emrick:** Thought it was helpful to have open conversation about the designs. His concerns have been schedule, financing, and liabilities. Encouraged Council to do it right.

**Councilwoman Kim Williams:** Asked if we are approving the design and the price next Thursday. Recorder Elam responded that when the cost from Omni comes in she will pass it on to Council. We will only move as fast as we want to go. If we aren't ready or don't have the information we will table it until we are ready but she will keep the pressure on. Omni and Martin Aquatic will be there next week.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

None.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.**

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Melissa Elam, Recorder

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Randall C. Rapp, Mayor

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