



CITY OF IOWA CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

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Resolution authorizing staff to proceed to public input and design development for replacement of City Park Pool.

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Fiscal Impact:	Funding for this project is available in CIP R4229.
Staff Recommendation:	Approval
Attachments:	2023-08-29 City Park Pool Aquatic Facility Assessment Resolution

Executive Summary:

This agenda item authorizes completion of the “Conceptual Design Phase” including public engagement and conceptual design services. Resolution No. 23-187 approved a consultant agreement with Williams Associates Architects, Ltd. to provide consulting services for City Park Pool consisting of two phases entitled “Facility Condition Assessment Phase” and “Conceptual Design Phase”. The “Facility Condition Assessment Phase” has concluded. This phase includes community engagement, design, permitting, bidding, and construction phase services.

Background / Analysis:

City Park Pool needs to be either renovated or completely replaced. The current facility includes a 50 Meter T-shaped pool with an attached deep well, and a zero-depth entry wading pool. The main pool is more than 70 years old and wading pool is six years old. The pool is in Upper City Park and is surrounded by large, mature trees.

The main pool loses a tremendous amount of water, which varies year to year. During the 2021 season the pool was losing approximately 30,000 gallons per day despite annual crack sealing and basin painting. The main pool gutter grating is worn and abrasive. Patrons are getting abrasions from the fiberglass grates. The balance tank has cracks, and the tank is leaking.

As presented to the City Council in May, the consultant agreement will begin with an assessment of the current facility. Borings were taken of the concrete shell, a video was made of the main drain, and two areas of the diving well had replacement of concrete leading up to opening this spring. The information gathered from these items has been analyzed and additional testing completed by the consultant team. The consultant team's report and recommendation for replacement is attached.

The Conceptual Design Phase includes a robust schedule of public input and a statistically valid survey to inform Council's final decision regarding the design of a new facility. Repairs, renovation, or construction of a new facility are targeted for the summer of 2025.