

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 1986

BLAKLEY POOL
PROJECT

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City Manager Peterson reminded the Council that the 1985-86 Capital Improvement Programs include the sum of \$215,000 for the design and construction of a second swimming pool in Blakley Park. Construction (\$200,000) will be funded utilizing a portion of the City's Community Development Block Grant funds. Parks and Recreation Director Ron Williamson has had discussions with people active in the City's aquatic program concerning this project. Those talks have resulted in a re-thinking of the scope of this project. The idea now is that, since the City is expending a considerable amount of money in this effort, consideration should be given to modifications and additions which would make the facility a "competitive" pool. This would significantly add to the pool's use. Competitive swim meets could then be held in this pool.

The proposal is that the pool would remain the same size, 25 yards in length. The modifications would include increasing the minimum depth from three feet to four feet. The maximum depth would remain at five feet. Other additions would include side gutter to provide for smoother water; starting block bases, tile lane lines in the bottom of the pool; "targets" at the end of each lane; and lane line hooks.

An estimate of the additional costs were presented for Council's review.

Council was apprised that the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation was that the benefits of the modifications proposed did not justify the additional expenditure, estimated at approximately \$65,000. The Commission had serious concerns that the added expenditure would detrimentally affect other Parks and Recreation Department projects budgeted elsewhere. It was determined that the Commission was not made aware of the fact that \$70,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds had been made available for reallocation as a result of the reconstruction of the rest rooms on the north side of Lodi Lake Park being funded via another State grant. This project was intended to be funded with Community Development Block Grant Funds.

A lengthy discussion followed with questions being directed to Staff. Council, on motion of Council Member Snider, Hinchman second, then directed the staff to approach the

Parks and Recreation Commission a second time and advise the Commission of the availability of these funds, the question being, would the Commission have voted differently armed with this information. It was requested that the Commission hold a Special Meeting regarding this matter so that this may be an agenda item for the Regular Council Meeting of September 17, 1986.