

Pool Town Hall Meeting, additional Pool Q&A, Online comments & Questions

Q: When will the report be ready?

A: The full assessment report will take a few weeks to complete. Councilman Hunsaker's target is currently the week of June 10th but they are working diligently to try and submit the report prior.

Q: Can you give us an idea between the price differences of renovation, repair, and new pool?

A: Based on the findings within the assessment Councilman Hunsaker will submit their estimated costs to repair the pool as well as an estimated cost to renovate the pool. Those options may require additional testing and the cost for any recommended testing will also be included within those estimations.

Q: Is the pool in the current condition out of code?

A: Currently the main pool needs to address the ADA accessibility and the baby pool needs to address the SVRS system and ADA accessibility. The main pool turnover rate (13 hours) is still grandfathered in.

Q: We have had new deck on top of the original deck, is there possible there is asbestos on the pool deck?

A: Additional testing and investigation would be required to determine that.

Q: Will your report say our recommendation is to renovate or replace?

A: Usually, we (councilman Hunsaker) provide options with associated costs. If the city wants us to make a recommendation, we can do that. We like providing unbiased opinions.

Q: Do you know how successful renovations are compared to a rebuild?

A: A renovation can give you about 15 years, however for this case it would require additional investigation to decide if that is the best option moving forward. The lifespan of a new pool is typically 30-40 years.

Q: What is the difference between the warranties on a renovation or replacement?

A: most equipment packages come with certain warranties. The warranties will depend on the type of equipment that is installed. Some warranties might be available pertaining to water tightness or mechanical equipment but that will be dependent on the scope of work as well as the contractor.

Q: On the pool you were talking about regarding renovation, I am assuming you would take out gunnite and put stainless steel?

A: the renovation discussed would involve installing stainless steel panels in front of the wall of the pool shell to reinforce it.

Q and Statement: Have you ever had to go back and refurbish those pools 15 years later? If you come back won't construction, be higher? This is something I believe should be considered.

Q: We talked about new for a little bit and renovation. Can you talk about the possibility of a repair or a band aid approach?

A: there is a repair option, usually what that looks like is repairing cracks, coping stones, plaster fixes, plaster under the coping stones. There is a continuous ongoing maintenance that will increase. The longer you take an outdoor pool to the future eventually there will be critical failure that shuts the pool down. We have plenty of projects currently that are having this same issue. There is always a repair approach, it's a matter of making sure the maintenance budget is high enough to keep up.

Q: Can that pool be rebuilt right there in the flood plain?

A: The scope of all pool options being considered would include additional studies and engineering to ensure we remain compliant with the regulations of the flood plain.

Q: If that pool is torn out can the deep end be replaced?

A: **That is something we have not explored, but we can include a deep end.**

Q: How did we get here? Did we do something wrong?

A: the existing standard for outdoor pools is 30 to 40 years. If you can get an outdoor pool longer than 40 years it means it was a pool that was taken care of well. A lot of factors play in to the durability of a pool, climate etc. The fact you have a pool that lasted 50 years is good. All good things must come to an end at some point. That pool isn't going to last forever. Is today the right day to replace? I don't know. We just know that the longer the lifespan of a pool gets the more chances you can experience critical failure.

Q: How much did it cost to build a pool 10 years ago?

A: April 28th, I hit my 10-year anniversary. When I first started it was \$180 a square foot for pool construction. Today we are using \$400-\$450 per square foot. Some areas its \$500-550 per square foot.

Q: Even if you build a new pool there is going to be maintenance. What are the different ways you have seen that fund the ongoing expenses of a pool?

A: If it's a public pool it will be maintained through the general fund just as it is now. Another thing we see, attendance goes up dramatically with a new pool. If your usage increases, you would generate more revenue. Resident vs non-resident rates. The more amenities you have the more chance there is for revenue.

Q: If we are looking at repair, renovation or replace. What is the timeframe?

A: Any type of repair is ongoing. For a renovation or replacement you want at least 10 months to a year for completion. Typically, in Texas you close the pool a little early and then you start construction and hopefully open by June the next year. You might have two shorter seasons but you wouldn't miss a full season.

Q: What is the difference between the insurance of a Rockwall vs slides vs diving boards?

A: A lot of that will depend on the Cities insurance coverage. Diving boards have increased insurance costs vs a waterslide or rock wall. City can request for a quote depending on the specific amenities. As of now, TML IRP does not charge the city additional premiums for a diving board.

Q: If you have a one-meter diving board, is it necessary to have a 12ft depth?

A: 11ft 6in for a one-meter board and 12ft 6in for a 3 meter board. A lot of the issues with diving boards being taken out are because of depth and slope of board as well as the pool slope underneath the board. You have a SR smith board which is more rigid. Most companies will not send a board to you unless you are compliant.

Q: You have given the strongest argument for the closing of our baby pool. Ada lawsuits are a real thing and there is no grandfathering in that. There is no way to accommodate without rebuilding. Main drain issues are a real thing. Do we need to close the baby pool

A: All that is needed for the baby pool would be to address the ADA accessibility and a functional SVRS system.

Q: You talked about liquid muriatic acid are most people using liquid muriatic?

A: Most pools to this day still use Muriatic Acid, the ratio is about 60/40.

What are your aims for a new design of a pool?

Q: Is it possible to consider keeping all the trees around the pool area? Is there a way to stop the smell in the area?

A: Staff will aim to keep all of the trees within that area, we are also hopeful that a repair, renovation and/or new build will address the smell.

Q: How many repairs and rebuilds have you done in the Houston area?

A: Our company has been working in Texas for 25-30 years. We team a lot with Kimerly-horn. We just did the renovation for Conroe outdoor aquatics center. We have done majority of the pools in Katy high school. Sharpstown pool in the city of Houston.

Q: What have you done similar to ours?

A: Conroe, they have larger slides but similar pool.

Q: In some parts of jersey village there is a subsidence issue. Are those things that get considered with pool design? Does it affect life span?

A: first part of a pool design project, the whole design team work together to issue recommendations related to the geo tech studies and areas where they want to see the subsoil. This would be passed along to the pool structural team to ensure that the pool has a long lifespan. Depending on the water table would influence how things are designed.

Q: Does your company take resident/nonresident into consideration when making a pool? Example... this structure is a great attractor for people coming into your neighborhood?

A: Baytown is a great example they have pirates bay to bring in anyone and everyone. Calypso cove is the smaller community pool/park that is only for residents. In that sense we do make recommendations.

Q: How much revenue does the city get for rental/use fees for the JV Swim team? Has anyone looked at the cost of a large recreational pool vs a competition pool?

A: The City Receives anywhere from \$780-\$1,1140. This price varies depending on the amount of home meets and lifeguard usage. Pools are priced based on square footage of water, regardless

of their use, so the price of a competition lap pool compared to a recreational pool would be determined based on shape and depth.

Q: If the City knew our pool was in need of repairs, why did funds get put for a rock wall and new diving board and not allocated to pump room?

A: At the time of the rock wall amenity inclusion in the budget, there were no specific repairs required in the mechanical room that were not already included in the budget for that fiscal year and the years following. Both bulkhead replacements (pending repairs) were scheduled at that time and have since been completed.

The diving board was broken and needed repair, so it was paired with the pool deck resurfacing project when the deck project came in under budget. Staff also utilized the savings to add a 2-inch water line to the slide to connect it to the filtration system in an effort to reduce water usage and reduce slide operation costs.

Q: Also, did the city not have an account set aside for possible major repairs to be done on the pool in the future?

A: The city did not have an account set aside for major repairs beyond the annual maintenance line item for the pool, however the project was placed in the CIP for 2028 to consider a major renovation, repair or replacement. However, the condition of the pool deteriorated more quickly than originally anticipated.

Q: One question was, why do we pay \$105 for a pool pass as a resident if taxes pay for our amenities? This question I believe is coming up because people want to know how money for the pool is being used.

A: The fee to use the pool is charge as a usage fee to recover some of the pool operational costs beyond what is already allocated from the tax revenue. Residents pay a reduced usage fee as compared to nonresidents to factor in what has already been contributed from their taxes. The revenue generated from the pool is approximately \$25,000, while the costs to operate the pool on an annual basis is roughly \$175,000-\$200,000.

Q: How much more is it for two separate pools compared to one?

A: Similar to the above, pools are priced based on square footage and average depth. So the price of two pools isn't much more expensive than one if the shape and depth of the pools are planned strategically. A recent example: One 6,000 square foot body of water compared to two 3,000 square feet bodies of water was a \$400,000 dollar difference on a project with a budget of roughly 3-3.5 million.

There are some benefits to two bodies of water:

- limited down time: fecal accidents in one body of water, the other can still be used, and a repair in one body of water won't close the pool etc.
- proper chemical turnover and motor size can be set specific to each pool based on their size and usage reducing turnover, energy usage, chemical usage, and operational cost.
- Separating more chaotic play from a calmer swimming area.

FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS MADE IN REGARD TO WHAT RESIDENTS WANT TO SEE IN A POOL

- The shallow end is good for non-swimmers and swimmers. We need more shade in the area.
- I would like to see stuff for the older kids and younger kids. The slide is a lot of fun. My kids love the diving board. How can we accommodate all ages?
- Rentable spaces for residents at the pool. Covered gazebos. Something for parties?
- I would love to see 8 lanes
- I want to second the shade
- More shaded areas
- People like the z shape because they can keep track of all kids at the pool at the same time
- A pool that matches our community and just one body of water.

FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS MADE ONLINE VIA THE POOL FEEDBACK FORM IN REGARD TO WHAT RESIDENTS WANT TO SEE IN A POOL

- I would like to replace our pool with the same pool. It is an awesome pool just needs to be replaced due to age. I would like new bathrooms and changing area.
- The pool definitely needs to be replaced. It doesn't have to be a water park but this community needs a nice pool that can host swim meets and be enjoyed by all family members. I'm not in favor of allowing access to the pool by people not living in JV or not friends or family members of JV residents.
- My family, my kids(who now live in JV also) and now my Grandkids have always gotten a great deal of enjoyment from the JV pool, especially the swim team! But we need a new and updated pool now.
- My thoughts are a new city pool, large Square. I would like a nice area for swim meets. I would like the splash pad to be enclosed to the pool. There seems to be a lot of birthday parties there . I would like the splash pad to have a code to a gate. This does not seem to be a public splash pad because the city built it. I am not sure, but it makes sense. During school year I see skippers there from school sitting by the bathroom at the pavilion on our benches they have moved there . I have seen them turn on the splash pad because they are bored. When I approached them walking they ran. So I think that needs to be enclosed. I would like the whole area to be more secure and enclosed so it can be used at the times it is supposed to in the Summer months . If it's a new pool built by our tax bonds that we have to pay is it still open to the public ? I have witnessed a woman with many children drop them off at the pool and refused to pay . She gave our lifeguard a very hard time so the lifeguard made a phone call and they told her to let them in for free . I witnessed a man that refused to throw away his glass bottles of beer . It is not controlled down at the pool at all. I want a swimming pool no frills . Just get us a new pool and don't add all the spectacular items . Keep the splash pad for the people who don't pay and build us a nice enclosed one with a new pool

- My husband and I have been residents of Jersey Village since 1985. Thirty-nine years. We raised our three children here and now have the privilege of watching the next generation of our family be raised on the same street their parents were. What has kept us here all these years and aided our daughter in her choice to buy a home in Jersey Village, is a sense of community. A belief that we have a voice in the quality of life within the confines of our City limits. So thank you for affording, we the residents, the opportunity to have a say in the future of our community's pool. The Jersey Village pool feels like home base here in the City. Many gatherings and community activities are centered around the pool and its surrounding recreational spaces. Having used the pool every summer for 39 years, myself and my family have enjoyed it immensely. However, it is hard to not see that the grand old lady has aged, as have we 😊. After 50 years, it is time for our old lady to be retired and replaced. For the past several summers, there were many times that the pool was rendered un-swimmable for a multitude of reasons. Even when the pool was not officially shut down, there were many times when I did not allow my grandchildren to get in the water, because of my concern for their safety, due to water quality. The water is often murky and the pool itself discolored from age and ill repair. Our community needs a new pool and one that is state of the art and something that meets the needs of our residents. Residents of all ages, from children to seniors! We deserve to have a facility that we can be proud of. With a clubhouse, slides, 8 lanes, kiddie area, and beach entry for our elderly. Build it and make it grand! It will be used and enjoyed by many. The current pool is not welcoming. In fact it is somewhat of an embarrassment. We can and need to do better. If we do not build contemporary recreational facilities, like a new community pool, we will not attract young families to call JV home. Without the young families our community dies. I believe the residents will support a new pool if educated to the need for it. A new pool will provide an opportunity for the community to come together as they have for the past 50 years.
- What draws attention (in a good way) and attracts new families to a community? It is in the word itself- "commune." The ability to gather, break bread, meet the neighbors, share common concerns and interests. The last generation to move into Jersey Village saw the need to improve what we had, rallying hundreds to City Council meetings to lobby for more amenities, and to be heard. The result, 9 holes at the golf course converted to a walking trail (and now a dog park), an award winning playground built by 400 volunteers over a weekend; better pay and better swim team coaches; closer cooperation with the schools, more events and celebrations, a true sense of a community. Now the need for and time to rally has returned. A community that doesn't invest in itself dies a slow death. The pool as it exist today is a blight on the community. It would not draw new, younger families. Cosmetic improvements helped, but it smells, is failing, is too small for our city, and continues using the same support materials we used for our kids 30 years ago. It is time to invest. Our city needs a swim and recreational facility, not just a pool. 8 lanes, not 6, beach entry (or separate) section for toddlers, diving tank/area, slides, splash pads, changing rooms, shade, keeping the trees if possible), more parking, ADA compliant. A great facility that is the jewel of the community and can be utilized year around is safer than one that has become obsolete and run down. We need a facility to raise the profile and desirability of Jersey Village. Let's make Jersey Village young again. "
- Although many homes in JV have pools, I feel a great neighborhood pool is a key component to community life and drawing families into our city. We need to be attractive to young residents.

Great recreation facilities will help our property values, keep / make JV a desirable place to live, invigorate the community feel we have enjoyed for so many years. (32 year resident).

- Jersey Village absolutely needs a neighborhood pool. Many ages gain great joy from going there, from toddlers to seniors. We do not all have a pool in our back yard! I truly believe the previous pool bond did not pass because of the other bond items that were included.
- Really disappointed in the community to vote against a new pool. A beautiful pool is what helps bring in new young families. If we don't maintain the pool the neighborhood will decline and be unappealing to buyers. Please whatever it takes can we work out a solution for a new pool. It would be a detriment to the community to not have a beautiful pool to help lure buyers into our neighborhood.
- "I grew up in JV (1984-2000) and spent hundreds of summer days at the pool. It makes me sad that my 6 year old son might not get a chance to do the same. We do not have a pool in our yard and the public pool was one of the reasons we decided to move to JV when our son was born. Our family fully supports either of the following: 1. Any and all repairs need to keep the pool operational for years to come. It is an asset to JV. 2. Any and all additional attractions or improvements to the pool/park area. Waterslides, lazy rivers, more splashpads, BRING IT ON!"
- I have no problems with the pool .. But it seems to be that the residents will have to pay for the upgrade with a bond and taxes and then charged again to use the facility. the pool should definitely be open longer during the year .. It is open now for the swim team but no one that has paid for it and the maintenance. Is it possible to have a pool for residents use only ?
- JV needs a pool. As close to the last one as possible, in size and location. An extra two lanes would be nice but don't sabotage the project like city council did last time by jacking up the cost to millions and millions of dollars! Ridiculous how they love to waste tax payers money. If they hadn't wasted the reserve fund (17M) on the property across 290, we would have had plenty of money for the roads and water bonds, pool and a new road for Jersey Meadows thru street! Just a pool, none of the excess play toys.
- We need a functioning swimming pool for our citizens. I have lived in JV for almost 50 years & can't imagine being without a community pool. Backyard pools are fine for entertaining, but for exercise, no. Many of our youth participate in swim club & need a safe place to participate.
- Our family loves the Jersey Village Pool. This year we joined swim team and it has been instrumental for our 7 year old not only in becoming a stronger swimmer, but in gaining self-confidence and making community friends. The pool brings the community together, at swim team and in the summers. We moved here cross country and were excited to join Jersey Village because of the small town feel and its amenities, including the community pool. I think potentially closing the pool would not only reduce ways that the community can connect, but could negatively affect our property values. People looking to move search for a community that has amenities such as a safe pool that they can enjoy. As we think about Jersey Village as an inviting, thriving town, we should consider keeping and remodeling our pool. This will continue provide an area for people of all ages to relax, build strength, confidence and connection with others.
- We think a pool is a very important amenity for our neighborhood. If we were to not fund that this, not only would we lose that, but we'd be left with an awful eyesore that would take away from our community. And just speak to our lack of foresight in taking care of our city. I recall there was a failed bond in November. I'm confident my fellow citizens can rally to support this. I

wonder if the bond came up too quickly without ample time for those who do care to have awareness. I feel strongly we should fund and keep our pool!

- Pretty much agree with what everyone suggested at the meeting for a new pool. I'm for a new pool with not all the frills and thrills. Let's focus on what most citizens of JV want. More shade, better and more spacious space for our lifeguards. I strongly believe that pool entrance for residents should be free.
- I believe that our community needs a pool. It's very important for our swim team and for the people who participate in water aerobics. Also, the local mom group utilizes the splash pad all summer long. It's been a great way to meet new moms and bring them into the community. I know a lot of folks were hesitant about the costs proposed in the previous budgets, however, I hope there is a compromise to be found.
- My family has 40 years of using and enjoying our pool, which produced 2 collegiate swimmers, and two team coaches. The fact that it has deteriorated to the point of closure is a travesty, and will have a substantial impact on our curb appeal to young families looking for a community to join. Unsaid, the negative impact on our home values. I have heard, for 40 years, that adding amenities or improvements to our community will attract "outsiders." If they are people that wish they had access to our facilities and desired to live in JV, good for all of us. A club house, bigger pool, slides, splash pad, beach entry or toddler pool are both the minimum and required elements of a first class community pool. Whatever it takes, but without a facility we are the next community in decline. JV proud.
- JV does not need additional pools. Replace the existing pool in place. Citizens should not pay for facilities for sports clubs not run by the city. There are nearby facilities that can be utilized by those private clubs. The distance to the natatorium off 1960 is no further than other sports clubs travel to train and compete.
- I'm not sure if the Bond Committee or any citizens have ever seen "bids" to repair/ replace parts of our existing pool so we can utilize our existing pool for a few more years until we can establish our needs without rushing into another project as we (JV) often does. When I talk about "BIDS" ... I'm talking about bids from three (3) local, reputable pool repair/ refurbish companies. I'm not talking about a bid from a company that has been requested by us to provide information & pricing on a completely NEW POOL. Why would I want to subject the normal citizens of JV, who don't care about Swim Meets into paying for two (2) pools? Double chemicals, double equipment, double life guards (we can't get life guards now), double plumbing, etc.... This is not a good representation of citizens in JV, only a "special group" and of course this is the 10 Million dollar solution. Who exactly are we (the citizens of JV) trying to impress? I go to a car dealer and he looks at my old car, and shows me a top of the line, new car. During the discussion I ask this salesman if he thinks my old car will last me a few more years, or should I buy the NEW, HIGH PRICED MODEL... what do you think this sales guy would tell me ??? If I'm looking at new homes and I'm all excited about what I'm looking at.... I ask the salesman if he thinks it would be a wise decision to keep my older house or buy his new home.... what do you think he's going to say ??? Listed here are a few of the discussion items in this weeks bond meeting that are confusing to me.
- I have one question and one statement. First the statement, After checking the amount taxes are expected to increase with this bond, I think you need to reassess the "Average value" of the houses in JV. Have you seen the home prices lately? I know my house is well over that and it's

nothing fancy or oversized. Now the question...how profitable is the pool? Does it bring in enough money to warrant a 10M bond? I'd assume the rates are going to increase with a new and improved pool. Are there other pools in the area which are less expensive where those current customers will go? My understanding is the main reason people come to the JV pool is for the deep end. If we lose the deep end, we will lose customers. I think if you look at an aerial view of JV you would see a high percentage of the homes have a private pool, so is this pool really for JV or is it for non residents to come in and the JV Stars? It seems like JV is footing the bill for something which has a much different target group than the city. Yes, this bond may "only " raise our taxes \$500 (which is not a small amount to a lot of people), but let's not forget about the other two bonds that just passed AND the fact the home values are drastically increasing. I know my taxes have more than doubled in the past few years. I just want to make sure we are being SMART with our money.

- I think the design of the current pool should be used for the new pool with the addition of 8 lanes. I do not think a baby pool is needed but do like the gradual entry on that edge for young ones. I think a diving board and water slide are useable for all age groups and would prefer a new, larger slide if possible. I also think we need some attractive shade. The restrooms need improvements and we do not need lockers.
- My preference is to build a pool similar to the existing pool. The Z shape is a great shape for everything we need.
- In this economy, citizens are struggling with inflation 30-40% for everyday items. Maybe we just do the minimum fixes on the pool until the extra burden lets up over the next few years, God-willing. Also I think putting in a new pool but using the same "hole" of the current one but maybe expanding out on all sides, would be the ticket in a few years. Also a permanent shade structure similar to the size of the current one is crucial for escaping the heat.
- Our family has had pool season pass for last four years. We very much prefer the extended current layout option esp for diving board and ability to easily swim to various depths as desired (as opposed to multiple pool option).
- I prefer the one pool option. It gives the widest range of use. There are tweets and even high school age kids who like slides and they are not going to go into a "shallow", essentially kiddie pool. Plus if you're a parent swimming with your kids, do you really want to be standing in 3 ft of water? I used to go with my daughter from age 4 or 5 to college and we both enjoyed the pool as it is now. Building a big shallow pool is a waste of money and space. One pool. The bond will fail if you propose a \$3million kiddie pool.
- I would like to see two pools where one has lanes and one is equip for others to swim and play.
- I think we should invest in having a great pool for our community to keep the neighborhood desirable for young families.
- My preference would be the Z shaped pool, similiar to what we have. I take my grandkids to the pool quite a bit, and I typically see older kids, 8 and up, and I think they would prefer the diving board/slide option. The shallow area with the long steps is more than adequate for the number of small children I typically see.
- I prefer to have one pool. One concern is the initial and ongoing equipment cost, maintenance and staffing for two pools. One large well-designed pool would be best.