

Councilmember Bernheim noted the agenda memo indicated Mayor Haakenson would provide comment at the meeting. He asked whether regardless of Council action tonight, the pool would open on its regular schedule. Mayor Haakenson clarified the request before the Council was to approve the fee increase. He

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pointed out fees were not typically a Council issue but because the Council has made an issue of the fees on several occasions, they were presented to the Council tonight for approval. Councilmember Bernheim pointed out approval of the fees was not on the agenda.

Anticipating the Council would in all likelihood adopt the fees next Tuesday, Councilmember Plunkett asked whether staff could move forward or did the fees need to be adopted first. Mr. McIntosh responded the fees did not need to be adopted to move forward with opening the pool. Councilmember Plunkett concluded adopting the fees next Tuesday would not impair staff moving forward.

Due to comments regarding support for using emergency funds to open the pool, Councilmember Peterson commented he was unable to consider opening the pool without passing the fee increase first. He would not support opening the pool by taking money from somewhere else when labor had taken salary cuts. As much as he wanted to see the pool opened and recognizing the incredible fundraising effort, he would not inform the Parks Director to open the pool based on the Council probably approving the fee increases. He reiterated his suggestion to make copies of the fee schedule and consider it tonight.

Councilmember Bernheim commented he did not want to get pushed into approving the fee schedule by an irregular procedure. It was not on the agenda and the Council did not know what increases were proposed. He suggested proceeding with opening the pool and scheduling the fees on next week's agenda. Mayor Haakenson apologized the fee schedule was not in the packet, commenting he believed by emailing it to the Council on Friday and allowing the Council the weekend to study it would provide them enough lead time. He commented the updated fee schedule was provided to him tonight; there were two minor changes made to the schedule he emailed to the Council on Friday. He concluded staff should have approved the fees themselves and not brought it to Council.

Councilmember Wambolt agreed the Council received an email on Friday stating they would be asked to approve the fees tonight. He assumed the material was made available after the Council packets were prepared and therefore was emailed to the Council.

Council President Wilson was embarrassed by administration's reluctance to answer questions and urging Council to simply approve the fees and not interfere. He expressed concern with emailing the fee schedule to the Council Friday evening which did not allow the Council or citizens an opportunity to comment.

Following a brief recess, staff distributed copies of the proposed 2009 Yost Pool fee schedule.
COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOVED TO DELAY THIS ITEM UNTIL AFTER AUDIENCE COMMENTS. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.