City of Kansas City, Missouri



Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution # 230708
Submitted Department/Preparer: Mayor/Council's Office

Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in Administrative Regulation (AR) 4-1.

Executive Summary

Recognizing the historical value of the Swope Park Swimming Pool Complex; directing the City Manager to develop a funding strategy to preserve and renovate Swope Park Swimming Pool Complex by identifying potential funding sources; and reporting back within 45 days.

Discussion

The Swope Park Pool Complex was constructed in 1941 through funding provided by the Works Progress Administration. In 1951, the Kansas City branch of the NAACP filed a federal lawsuite to require Swope Pool to be open to African American residents after six African American residents were denied entry on the basis of race. In 1952, a district judge held that segregation would have to be eliminated or an equal pool in Swope Park would have to be constructed for African Americans; the Supreme Court subsequently upheld this position. Swope Pool has not been operational since the summer of 2019 due to flooding and numerous repairs.

Swope Pool holds historic significance to the residents of Kansas City, and City Council wishes to acknowledge and respect this significance by exploring options to preserve and restore the pool.

Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? □ Yes ⋈ No What is the funding source? Funding source(s) will be identified as the outcome of this legislation.

3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?

Current fiscal year impact is unknown at this time.

4. Does the legislation have fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.

Future fiscal impact is unknown at this time.

5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?

N/A

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Office of Management and Budget Review		
(OMB Staff will complete this section.)		
1. This legislation is supported by the general fund.	☐ Yes	⊠ No
2. This fund has a structural imbalance.	☐ Yes	⊠ No
Additional Discussion (if needed)		
Click or tap here to enter text.		
Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact		
View the FY23 Citywide Business Plan		
Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?		
Housing and Healthy Communities (Press tab after selecting.)		
Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):		
 Maintain and increase affordable housing supply to meet the demands population 	of a dive	rse
\square Broaden the capacity and innovative use of funding sources for afforda	ıble housi	ng
Invest in neighborhood stabilization and revitalization to reduce blight, sustainable housing, and improve the wellbeing of residents while sust diverse cultures		ir
☐ Ensure all occupants of residences have quality, efficient, and healthy minimal economic or regulatory barriers	housing w	/ith
oxtimes Address the various needs of the City's most vulnerable population		
oxtimes Utilize planning approaches to improve the City's neighborhoods		
Prior Legislation		
N/A		
Service Level Impacts		

N/A

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Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?

This legislation will explore options to restore the Swope Pool. If reopened, this would provide another option for swim lessons, as well as a place to cool off during the summer.

2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?

N/A

3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?

This legislation aims to restore a defunct pool in the 5th Council District, promoting equity among residents.

4. Does the ordinance/resolution include Civil Rights antidiscrimination requirements in compliance with the Code of Ordinances (Chapter 38, titled "Civil Rights")?

No

5. Has the ordinance/resolution been submitted for review of economic equity & inclusion requirements in compliance with the Code of Ordinances (Chapter 3, titled "Contracts and Leases")?

N/A