

City of Selah
Council Minutes
July 26, 2016

Regular Meeting
Selah Council Chambers
115 West Naches Avenue
Selah, WA 98942

A. Call to Order Mayor Raymond called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Paul Overby; John Tierney; Roy Sample; Laura Ritchie; Roger Bell; Diane Underwood

Members Absent: Russell Carlson

Staff Present: Don Wayman, City Administrator; Bob Noe, City Attorney; Gary Hanna, Fire Chief; Jim Lange, Deputy Fire Chief; Eric Steen, Deputy Police Chief; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Ty Jones, Public Works Utility Supervisor; Harmit Bedi, City Planner; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer; Dave Mullen, Recreation Manager; Bree Tait, Civic Center Manager; Andrew Potter, Human Resources Manager; Monica Lake, Executive Assistant

C. Councilmember Absence – Motion to Excuse

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Carlson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Invocation

Pastor Mark Griesse gave the prayer.

F. Agenda Changes **None**

G. Public Appearances/Introductions/ Presentations **None**

H. Getting To Know Our Businesses

1. Dr. Trevor Labrum, Selah Family Dentistry

Mayor Raymond welcomed Dr. Trevor Labrum and invited him to speak.

Dr. Labrum said that he and his family moved to town last August and have been going strong since then. They really enjoy Selah and it has been a pleasure to get to know the community.

I. Communications

1. Oral

Mayor Raymond opened the meeting. Seeing no one rise to speak, she closed the meeting.

2. Written

a. Selah Downtown Association Monthly Report

J. Proclamations/Announcements **None**

K. Consent Agenda

Council Member Ritchie moved, and Council Member Sample seconded, to add N – 1 and N – 2 to the Consent Agenda. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

Executive Assistant Lake read the Consent Agenda.

All items listed with an asterisk (*) were considered as part of the Consent Agenda.

- * 1. Approval of Minutes: July 12, 2016 Council Meeting
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll:
 - Payroll Checks Nos. 79816 – 79932 for a total of \$240,096.11
 - Claim Checks Nos. 67977 – 68055 for a total of \$182,740.52
- * 3. Resolution N – 1: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Recreation and Conservation Office/Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Application
Resolution/Authorization

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Carlson seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as read. By voice vote, approval of the Consent Agenda was unanimous.

L. Public Hearings **None**

M. General Business

1. New Business

- a. Authorizing the Public Works Director to apply to the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) for a funding application for a Sidewalk on the north side of Park Avenue

Public Works Director Henne addressed M – 1a. He requested Council’s permission to make an application to the TIP for a sidewalk on the north side of Park Avenue, referring Council to their packet for the map highlighting where he wants to put in the sidewalk. He gave a breakdown of cost, which includes fifty-one thousand two hundred and forty-four dollars from the City, noting that the application is due August 19th.

Council Member Overby asked for an explanation of the City’s cost.

Public Works Director Henne responded that the application fee is approximately four thousand two hundred dollars, and the match funds forty-five thousand five hundred eighteen, which combined equal fifty-one thousand two hundred and forty-four dollars.

Council Member Overby wondered if it was a stretch to use transit funds for the project.

Public Works Director Henne replied that they could be used for sidewalks to connect to the transit facility, and within a quarter mile of a stop for said facility, adding that the gravel parking lot at the Civic Center is a transit stop for the Ellensburg and there is a stop for the local Yakima to Selah bus out front.

Council Member Tierney inquired why the sidewalk is not going on the south side of the street.

Public Works Director Henne responded that the CMAQ project for paving the parking lot would provide for paving on the south side of Park Avenue and the north side of Selah Avenue, to the end of the City-owned properties, although it will leave a section of uncompleted sidewalk.

Council Member Carlson asked if this would mean a sidewalk on both sides.

Public Works Director Henne replied that it would be about one and three-fourths and that he took the TIP person down and showed the site he wanted to do the application for. They would rather see the City do a completed segment, on the north side. He noted that they believe the SEPA review for the new aquatic center will request that the balance of the sidewalk be picked up as part of that project.

Council Member Ritchie wondered if they needed completed sidewalks on both sides of the road.

Public Works Director Henne responded that they will eventually rebuild the road, and that it is fairly busy during Community Days.

City Administrator Wayman told the Council that they would start seeing information from City Planner Bedi regarding redevelopment in the older parts of town, a key element of which is infrastructure, including roads, sidewalks, water and sewer, adding that they are looking at other sources and development in town to help fund improvements.

Council Member Ritchie commented that they discussed the possibility of redeveloping that strip of Park Avenue into a park or something else at last year's retreat, and questioned the need to put sidewalks on both sides when it could also be put on Selah Avenue, south of the Civic Center parking lot.

Public Works Director Henne responded that the CMAQ project for the Civic Center would take the sidewalk on Selah Avenue from 1st Street down to the end of the City-owned property, and do the same on Park. He added that they could eliminate a sidewalk on the north side and make an application to complete the sidewalk on the south side of Park Avenue, where the majority of people walk.

Council Member Sample said that he understands the need for sidewalks and a walking path to the parking lot, but wondered why the north side instead of the south side.

Public Works Director Henne explained that CMAQ funding to our region is one point five million, and it is highly likely our project will be funded, but which year depends on how we score. He added that the TIB project will be almost certain to be constructed next year, but he will not know when the CMAQ will be until after the deadline for TIB applications has passed.

Council Member Tierney asked for confirmation that CMAQ will pave the south side of Park Avenue from 1st Street to the first non-City owned property, and do the same on the north side of Selah Avenue.

Public Works Director Henne replied in the affirmative.

Council Member Carlson wondered if they really needed two sidewalks on Park Avenue.

Public Works Director Henne replied that TIB would not fund a partial segment, just one with a complete start and stop termini.

Council Member Carlson suggested splitting the cost of extending the sidewalk from the Civic Center parking lot to 3rd Street with the SPRSA.

Public Works Director Henne responded that they have not discussed this with the SPRSA, adding that the cost of splitting would be approximately thirty-five thousand dollars each to complete the segment.

City Administrator Wayman noted that any infrastructure improvements will be hashed out when the SEPA review is done for the aquatic center, as there are a number of factors that could affect the build. He stated that they tabled this discussion last night with the SPRSA, as a potential item that can be discussed at a later date.

Public Works Director Henne commented that, if the funding goes through, they would only have a partial sidewalk on the south side of Park Avenue.

Council Member Carlson was in favor of splitting the cost a full sidewalk with the SPRSA, as well as two sidewalks if they are needed. He did suggest asking the TIB to fund the sidewalk on the south side if they decided that only one sidewalk was needed on Park Avenue, and only ask the SPRSA to fund thirty-five thousand rather than seventy thousand, to complete the segment.

Public Works Director Henne remarked that the City only has a forty-foot right of way on Selah Avenue, which would only let them do a sidewalk on one side. He noted that there are several ways to do the project, depending on what Council wishes to do.

City Administrator Wayman commented that it was not just consideration for pool access that prompted this, as the City will be attempting a revitalization of the neighborhood over the next five to ten years, and a sidewalk could stimulate possible investment and improve the street access for any potential buyer of those properties.

Council Member Sample called for the question.

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Carlson seconded, to approve Authorizing the Public Works Director to apply to the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) for a funding application for a Sidewalk on the north side of Park Avenue. Roll was called: Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Sample – yes; Council Member Ritchie – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Carlson – no. Motion passed with six yes votes and one no vote.

- b. Authorizing the Public Works Director to apply to the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) for a funding application for a Grind & Overlay of North First Street, Fremont Avenue to Merinda Drive

Public Works Director Henne addressed M – 1b. He explained that the TIB has a pavement preservation project and will fund up to four hundred thousand dollars per jurisdiction for this purpose, which will provide funding for a Fremont Avenue to Merinda Drive on 1st Street. He explained that the City would be responsible for replacing approximately two hundred feet of curb, gutter, and sidewalk, as well as the application fee, which will come out of the street department fund.

Council Member Sample wondered if this would only do half the street.

Public Works Director Henne replied that the grind and overlay will be five lanes wide per the application, and will replace curb, gutter, and sidewalk.

Council Member Bell wondered about any consideration to move the stoplight in front of the school.

Public Works Director Henne responded in the negative.

Council Member Bell said that he heard it would be moved to match up with middle school traffic flow.

Public Works Director Henne reiterated his prior response, saying that the light was put in as part of the SEPA for the school project.

Council Member Overby moved, and Council Member Tierney seconded, to approve Authorizing the Public Works Director to apply to the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) for a funding application for a Grind & Overlay of North First Street, Fremont Avenue to Merinda Drive. Roll was called: Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member

Sample – yes; Council Member Ritchie – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

2. Old Business

a. Selah Pool

City Administrator Wayman addressed M – 1b. He gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed aquatic center, showing the current footprint and larger one recommended as the footprint for the new facility, to include up to one hundred eighty feet of frontage on 3rd street. He read aloud the staff recommendation for conditions from the AIS in the packet, which included the frontage, proposed acreage, and no real or artificial grass within the facility. He talked about the history of Wixson Park, which was founded in 1945 as Selah Garden Park, with a wading pool installed where the big gazebo is today in 1949. The municipal park was created in 1965, renamed to Wixson Park in 1968 after a Council Member who sponsored having it turned into a municipal park, and a pool installed in 1969.

Norma Smith corrected him, saying it was built in 1954.

City Administrator Wayman replied that he stands corrected, citing as his source the Lince history of Selah for his information. He said that today Wixson Park is free for all, with shelters available to rent for exclusive use, and his reason for recommending a restriction on grass inside the new facility is that he sees it as a park within a park, creating an enclosure for a slice of Wixson to accommodate guests of the aquatic center. He went on to say that they only have five point six acres of park at that location, along with Playland Park as a picnic park, and he does not see the wisdom of enclosing a portion for paying customers to use as a picnic area. He recommended that any development behind the fence only support those activities associated with using the pool, adding that he is not opposed to free movement from inside the aquatic center to outside. He also mentioned that they are looking at a long period each year where the center is closed for the season, which would render any grassy areas inside inaccessible during that time. He felt that the other conditions suggested are pretty reasonable, referring Council to the staff recommended motion on the AIS.

Council Member Sample expressed his belief that an open fence to allow people to come and go during tournaments and other events would be desirable.

City Administrator Wayman noted that this is an allocation for the architect's guidance. They don't know if they will need forty thousand square feet, but are saying it can be anywhere from that up to fifty-four thousand, which is a more than adequate amount that doesn't violate the integrity of the park.

Council Member Overby asked if they were committed to the rectangular shape.

City Administrator Wayman responded that they need to stand pat on the one hundred eighty feet of frontage on 3rd street.

Council Member Overby commented that it could be less, depending on how they design it.

Council Member Ritchie did not want Wixson Park to become just a pool park, and suggested thinking about relocating the pool altogether to give them the freedom to do as they wish. She felt that, with the growing population, to take that much away from the most popular park in Selah is very short-sighted.

City Administrator Wayman replied that it could be done, maybe utilizing some of the property on Northgate, which already has water, sewer and electricity and could accommodate a large aquatic center.

Council Member Tierney remarked that costs would increase then, due to installing a parking lot.

City Administrator Wayman did not think it would any more of a challenge than where it is.

Council Member Ritchie commented that there would be a parking issue at Wixson Park, with people parking along the street and at the Civic Center, and that it is not appealing to her personally to hike from the Civic Center to an aquatic center. She suggested discussing an alternate location with the SPRSA to see what they think.

City Administrator Wayman observed that it would fit in with the sports center and hotel already in that same area, but that it would require a lot of discussion between the Council and the community due to the impact it would have on the rest of the City.

Council Member Ritchie wondered if City Planner Bedi would care to speak in the issue.

City Administrator Wayman said to give him time.

Council Member Overby stated that the pool at that park is embedded in the psyche of the residents, and that he feels it should stay in Wixson Park.

Council Member Carlson felt they should ask the SPRSA, saying that he liked Council Member Ritchie's idea of a sports complex project.

City Administrator Wayman did not think it is the City's prerogative to dictate how and where the pool will go, but it can be offered as an alternate location.

Council Member Tierney asked if they could still offer the alternative even with approving the footprint before them tonight.

City Administrator Wayman reiterated that this is for planning purposes only.

Council Member Overby remarked that he would not support presenting that as an option to the SPRSA.

Council Member Ritchie felt that a lot of this might be a bit premature and that City Planner Bedi should present how this would fit into the vision he and any developers may have.

Council Member Sample liked having to pool downtown, saying he does not want Selah to be like downtown Yakima. He suggested that interested people attend the SPRSA meetings.

Council Member Tierney agreed with his fellow Council Members in regard to keeping the pool at Wixson Park, as it is central, and the heart of the City.

Mayor Raymond said that it is the downtown heart of Selah.

City Administrator Wayman read aloud a statement from Kelliann Ergeson, the chairwoman of SPRSA, as a counterpoint to what he was saying. The letter is included as part of the official minutes. He said that he considered her opinion developing the staff recommendation, but felt that the architect may not understand what the park means to Selah, as the aquatic center is an addition to the park, not the most important piece.

Council Member Carlson remarked that the pool will never create revenue, and should be designed without items that will increase the maintenance and operations of the facility, such as green space. He admitted to not understanding the orientation issue, but added that he does understand frontage as it relates to business storefront property.

Mayor Raymond opened the floor to those in the audience who had put their name on the sign-up sheet, saying that each person would have two minutes to speak.

Norma Smith, 906A Speyers Road, approached the podium and addressed the Council. She said that she was here when the pool was built in 1954. It became the place to be for all the kids in Selah, and that the older people need to be considered too, as the cover would allow them to do swimming exercises and pool therapy. She felt that they need to make sure the community receives what was in the bond, including the cover. She noted that she had been involved in three other committees to build a new pool, and they looked at various properties around town but found any that were acceptable to SEPA. She asked that Council not change the location of the pool from the center of the community.

Kelliann Ergeson, SPRSA Chairperson, approached the podium and addressed the Council. She brought some comments that were made by the principal architect, regarding tonight's possible vote, saying that he advocated for allowing the design process to determine the best orientation in the design process, and that only a rough idea of a footprint is required at this stage of design.

Council Member Ritchie wondered what would happen if the Council said they do not want the aquatic center to exceed fifty-four thousand square feet wherever it is located within the park, and then decided they did not like the architect's design and placement.

Ms. Ergeson replied that she would not like to get too far in the design process without discussion. Nothing is set in stone, and they are flexible about what the configuration would be and where the corners go.

Council Member Sample did not want a pool design that blocked the park itself.

Ms. Ergeson felt they had a very fair opinion on preserving the frontage and various other things, and had discussed at the SPRSA meeting last night that there are clear parameters.

Carl Torkelson approached the podium and addressed the Council. He expressed concern about building a pool without knowing how much it will cost to run and maintain, feeling that the taxpayers should have a vote on that and that the SPRSA should be very transparent regarding costs for maintenance and operation. He felt that it should go to the taxpayers first, and that it is asinine to put the cart before the horse by building a pool before passing a maintenance and operations levy. He stated that he is in favor of the new pool, but thinks they are doing it in the wrong fashion.

Dick Graf, 806 Ridgeview, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He said that he also voted for the pool bond, as he thinks it is an asset to the community, and echoed previous comments regarding location. He stated that Wixson Park is a critical location, which creates a lot of activity that affects the local businesses. He agreed with Mr. Torkelson regarding confusion on the pool bond and M&O levy, feeling that they need to refigure those things and make sure have everything done before construction to ensure they have the funds to maintain it.

Ms. Ergeson responded that the M&O levy they are currently collecting on was for six years, with an opportunity for voters to approve a new one every six years. She stated that they could become an entity that does a permanent tax in lieu of that in the future, adding that they didn't do a new M&O before the bond because they don't know what will be needed for the new facility and what kind of revenue to expect from pool operations and programming.

Council Member Underwood felt that Ms. Smith brought up a very valid statement regarding the need for a covered exercise place for the elderly in the community, as her understanding at the last meeting was that the cover would only be used for the Selah Dolphins and the school district.

Ms. Ergeson replied that they would make every effort to have programming that meets the needs of those who want to use the facility for therapy and exercise, and that they would never make a design that would be exclusive to one user group.

Council Member Ritchie remarked that it would be hard to have an M&O amount without a design, asking when they anticipated the design being done.

City Administrator Wayman responded that it should be done by the end of September.

Council Member Ritchie inquired if they would be able to project the amount needed for an M&O levy at that point.

Ms. Ergeson replied that they should have a good idea.

City Administrator Wayman commented that there are several factors that determine the cost of an M&O levy, such as how much to maintain and operate the facility, and that they need to understand the business expectations for the aquatic center. He said that the City and SPRSA will work together to determine how much red is tolerable and to determine how many weeks the facility will be open each year, and then it will go to the voters for approval.

Council Member Ritchie observed that voters can be unpredictable, and asked if it is reasonable to wait to break ground until the M&O levy passes.

Ms. Ergeson responded that the current levy is at seven cents, and that waiting is not reasonable, as costs go up for delay. She added that they did issue five million of the bonds in 2016, and that the people of the community are paying taxes towards building a new aquatic center. She did not think holding construction until an M&O passes is reasonable.

Council Member Ritchie wondered what would happen if the levy did not pass.

Ms. Ergeson said that there are interest groups impacted by an M&O levy, and they will work with the architect to design and plan for an M&O levy. She hoped it would not be a surprise when it goes before voters, but added that there are multiple election dates in every calendar year. She stated that they would not allow the pool to sit idle, that we the people will find a way, and if it means modifying the programming, they do that, although they do not anticipate it ever sitting fallow.

Council Member Ritchie commented that they are not building until August 2017, and could put a levy before the voters prior to breaking ground.

Ms. Ergeson agreed that it is possible. They do have legal authority to cut short the current levy cycle, and theoretically could choose to go before the voters with a new levy before breaking ground.

Council Member Ritchie reiterated that it could be done, and wondered why it would not.

Council Member Carlson felt that all parties involved should be commended for their efforts, asking that she please accept their gratitude for their efforts. He said that they are doing right by the voters to put an M&O before them before breaking ground on a new facility.

Council Member Tierney commented that Council is getting way off target, and that they are here tonight to decide what footprint to what to put forward to the SPRSA, not to discuss an M&O or a business plan.

Catherine Platt, 633 Cabin Lane, approached the podium and addressed the Council. She said that we can agree that we all want a new pool, but she has concerns about the M&O levy, feeling that they have the cart before the horse, and also for the division this is creating within the community, with the cyber bullying taking place on social media. She asked that people not forget that we are all people who live in and love this community.

Shirley Johnson-Hoy approached the podium and addressed the Council. She said that she wondered if relocating the pool is going to alter the survey that was done and paid for.

Mayor Raymond responded that it would not cost any more beyond what was already paid.

Ms. Johnson-Hoy said that she enjoyed listening to the SPRSA's attorney at their meeting last night, adding that he said this does not need to be voted on right now. She remarked that she would like to see all of the funds created by the pool stay with the pool, and not go into the General Fund.

Kris Rees, 1010 West Goodlander Road, approached the podium and addressed the Council. She said that she is here to encourage Council not to vote on an allocation, suggesting that they wait to hear what the architect proposes.

Council Member Ritchie remarked that her motion after the executive session last meeting was to leave the orientation up to the architect, as they have the design knowledge and experience, and that a box may not be the best fit for what they will design. She expressed concern regarding the frontage of the park, saying that she is in favor of letting the experts decide.

Council Member Overby observed that what he is hearing is that they are not willing to let the architect have free rein on where in the park to put the new facility, and that Council needs to provide a maximum amount of area where the aquatic center needs to be confined.

City Administrator Wayman responded that this is an allocation for architectural team to consider, adding that there is no way they can put in a structure that fills fifty-four thousand square feet with the budget they have, but there can be all kinds of designs within the proposed footprint.

Council Member Tierney commented that they are looking at an allotment of forty to fifty-four thousand square feet, with a maximum of one hundred eighty linear feet on the front.

Council Member Carlson felt that the architect should have direction from Council, agreeing with City Administrator Wayman that there is no possible way they can fill up the space being offered. He suggested offering them guidelines, such as no enclosed grass, then let them design the facility, adding that he believes the SPRSA knows the City's guidelines and opinions.

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Bell seconded, that the allocated property for the new pool will be located at the east end of Wixson Park with a one hundred eighty foot North to South frontage facing 3rd Street. The East to West frontage will run on the North edge of the park to accommodate a total square footage ranging from 40,000 to 54,000 square feet, with the following conditional items: 1. This square footage is to be used only for pools, pool decks, bathhouse, associated structures, equipment and fencing. Interior grass or simulated grass intended as a picnic area or park space is prohibited. 2. Reasonable efforts shall be taken to contain and screen construction activity to the allocated property. 3. Any property damage as a result of construction activity on City property will be remediated by SPRSA.

Council Member Tierney asked if anyone on the Council has a conflict of interest with voting on this.

Mayor Raymond stated that Council Members Overby and Sample sit on the SPRSA board.

Council Member Overby remarked that they were appointed by Council to sit on the board.

City Attorney Noe commented that two Council Members sitting on the board would only be an issue if they were discussing provisions of the lease agreement, as they could not be both the lessor and lessee, but he did not see that impacting the current matter.

Council Member Sample inquired about the architect or SPRSA being able to come back to Council if they do not like the allocation offered by the City.

City Administrator Wayman responded that this allocation is guidance for the SPRSA to give to their architect, and they should consider it as a decisive motion by this body as to what this body is willing to offer and the limitations to what they can do with the property. He said that they have options regarding scaling and what to put inside, adding that it would be a waste of resources on their part to come to Council with a different design.

Council Member Sample asked if they could come back to appeal that decision.

Council Member Carlson felt that Council could entertain something like them coming back to request one hundred eighty one linear feet of frontage rather than the proposed one hundred eighty.

City Administrator Wayman remarked that they are certainly not inflexible. This is simply guidance to the SPRSA for their architect.

Roll was called. Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Sample – yes; Council Member Ritchie – no; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Carlson – no. Motion passed with five yes votes and two no votes.

N. Resolutions

- * 1. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Recreation and Conservation Office/Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Application Resolution/Authorization
- 2. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign Supplement No. 1 to Task Order 2016-06 between the City of Selah and HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. for Geotechnical and Environmental Services for the New City Hall Improvements Project

Public Works Director Henne addressed N – 2. He said that the architect for the new City Hall and Police Station requested that the City provide these services, noting that Public Works will provide the backhoe and personnel to dig the hole. He requested that Council approve the task order.

Council Member Overby moved, and Council Member Ritchie seconded, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign Supplement No. 1 to Task Order 2016-06 between the City of Selah and HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. for Geotechnical and Environmental Services for the New City Hall Improvements Project. Roll was called: Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Sample – yes; Council Member Ritchie – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

O. Ordinances None

P. Public Appearances **None**

Q. Reports/Announcements

1. Departments

Fire Chief Hanna said that the addendum he wrote to use the monies remaining on the SCBA grant for structural fire gear replacement was approved, and he received notification on that earlier today.

City Planner Bedi said that the City is preparing an update of the Comprehensive Plan, which is progressing very well. He went on to say that the Planning Commission reviewed and approved the facilities element at their last meeting, and the next two elements, transportation and land use, are crucial in how the impact future projects. He urged Council to provide input on these elements.

Recreation Manager Mullen said that they will have a pump track demonstration at Wixson Park this Thursday, and on August 5th they have the taco feed dinner for the skate park. He noted that they are averaging approximately fifty kids per Wednesday for the teen center and dance, and gave a brief update on the Army Base race and Autumn Festival.

Council Member Ritchie asked if tickets needed to be purchased in advance or just at the door.

Recreation Manager Mullen responded that they would prefer to have tickets purchased in advance so they know how much food to buy.

Council Member Tierney wondered what a pump track is.

Recreation Manager Mullen replied that it is a track that connects, that one can ride bikes and skateboards up and down.

Council Member Carlson inquired if the LDS church is involved in the base race.

City Administrator Wayman responded that he believes they are assisting with the aid stations.

Recreation Manager Mullen added that they are increasing the number of aid stations and port-a-potties.

Council Member Carlson requested that he let him know what is needed.

Council Member Ritchie asked if a Facebook page was created for both the taco feed and the base race,

Recreation Manager Mullen replied in the affirmative, and that it is on the Parks Facebook page.

Deputy Police Chief Steen said that National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 2nd, and that Community Specialist Maki has done a great job putting it all together.

City Administrator Wayman added that the military is leaning into this as well.

Civic Center Manager Tait said that the Civic Center is having plumbing issues, and that Public Works is looking into it, giving a brief explanation of what was found and will need to be repaired.

City Administrator Wayman remarked that they would need to cut through the concrete slab, which will impact usage of the facility and cost the City some money for repairs.

Council Member Carlson wondered if she was advising those using the facility about the repairs.

Civic Center Manager Tait responded in the affirmative, saying that they will have to close the facility most of time, except when seniors are there, and they cannot allow it to be open for larger events.

Council Member Carlson inquired if she was notifying those who have booked the facility.

Civic Center Manager Tait replied that she has not done so at this time, and that the impact may not be as severe as estimated.

Human Resources Manager Potter informed Council that Whitney Stohr would be placing invitations in their boxes regarding the upcoming awards ceremony put on by the Selah Downtown Association, adding that it will be their only fundraiser aside from the B&O tax credits and business donations.

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski gave a brief update on the favorable sales tax revenues for the year to date.

Public Works Director Henne touched on the Washington State Department of Transportation's grind and overlay project, which will start on Highway 12 by 40th Avenue and proceed into Selah, stopping at Southern Avenue. He noted that a link would be placed on the City's website to allow folks to view the weekly progress. He commented that Daniel's Kitchen is temporarily closed due to sewer issues. He remarked that the Civic Center pipe affects the kitchen and the restrooms on the right side, but not those in the Legion room or back of the facility.

City Attorney Noe had no report.

2. Council Members

Council Member Ritchie had no report.

Council Member Overby had no report.

Council Member Sample had no report.

Council Member Tierney had no report.

Council Member Bell said that he was interviewed by a twelve year old young man on what it is like to be a city council person, and that he promised to bring up the young man's concern regarding the light at John Campbell school, as there is always larger crowd waiting to cross than the light allows to go through at one time, both morning and afternoon, and he thinks it is a safety hazard.

Public Works Director Henne replied that the light in question has three times the average amount of time for a crosswalk, and that the priority isn't just children, it is also the vehicles.

Council Member Bell responded that he felt it was important to bring the matter up.

Council Member Underwood had no report.

Council Member Carlson felt that, given the current economy in the US, and the situations they see in media, that National Night Out is a crucial event. He praised the police force, saying that Selah is known as a safe community because of our police force and firefighters, who go through a lot of effort to take care of us. He echoed Ms. Platt's comments from earlier about creating unity instead of division, saying that there are professional ways to talk, discuss and express concerns, and that making assumptions does nobody any good. He commended City Administrator Wayman for his efforts in the community, noting that the sales tax revenue is a measurable sign that things are happening that are really good.

3. City Administrator

City Administrator Wayman talked briefly about bond rates, referring Council to the handouts in front of them as he said that they are at an all-time low, which is good news for any municipality wanting to take on a project. He said that the Mayor and himself had a conversation with the Buxton folks that morning about how to get the attention of retailers and turn it into action, adding that they are looking to attend a regional conference in Portland in October, along with a development team consisting of people involved in community development in the City. He updated them on discussions with Traho, saying that they are working on getting the square footage of the building down to something reasonable that will accommodate current and future needs for a City Hall and Police Station.

4. Boards

- a. Planning Commission Minutes – May 17, 2016
- b. Parks and Recreation Board Minutes – May 2, 2016

5. Mayor

Mayor Raymond thanked Council Member Tierney for stepping in at the last meeting. She reminded everyone that the Dollar Tree is now open and encouraged them to support the store; also urging people to support the skate park taco feed fundraiser next Friday.

Council took a five-minute recess.

P. Executive Session

1. 30 Minute Session – Real Estate RCW 42.30.110 (1) (c)

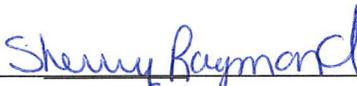
Council went into Executive Session at 8:05pm. At 8:32pm, Council went back on the record. Mayor Raymond stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Carlson seconded, to allow City Administrator Wayman, in concert with legal advice, to work on negotiating a lease term for the stated footprint that we had earlier today, of 40,000 to 54,000 square feet, for the Selah pool. Roll was called: Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Sample – yes; Council Member Ritchie – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

Q. Adjournment

Council Member Overby moved, and Council Member Ritchie seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.



Sherry Raymond, Mayor

Paul Overby, Council Member

John Tierney, Council Member



Roy Sample, Council Member



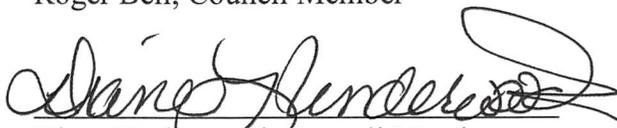
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Russell Carlson, Council Member



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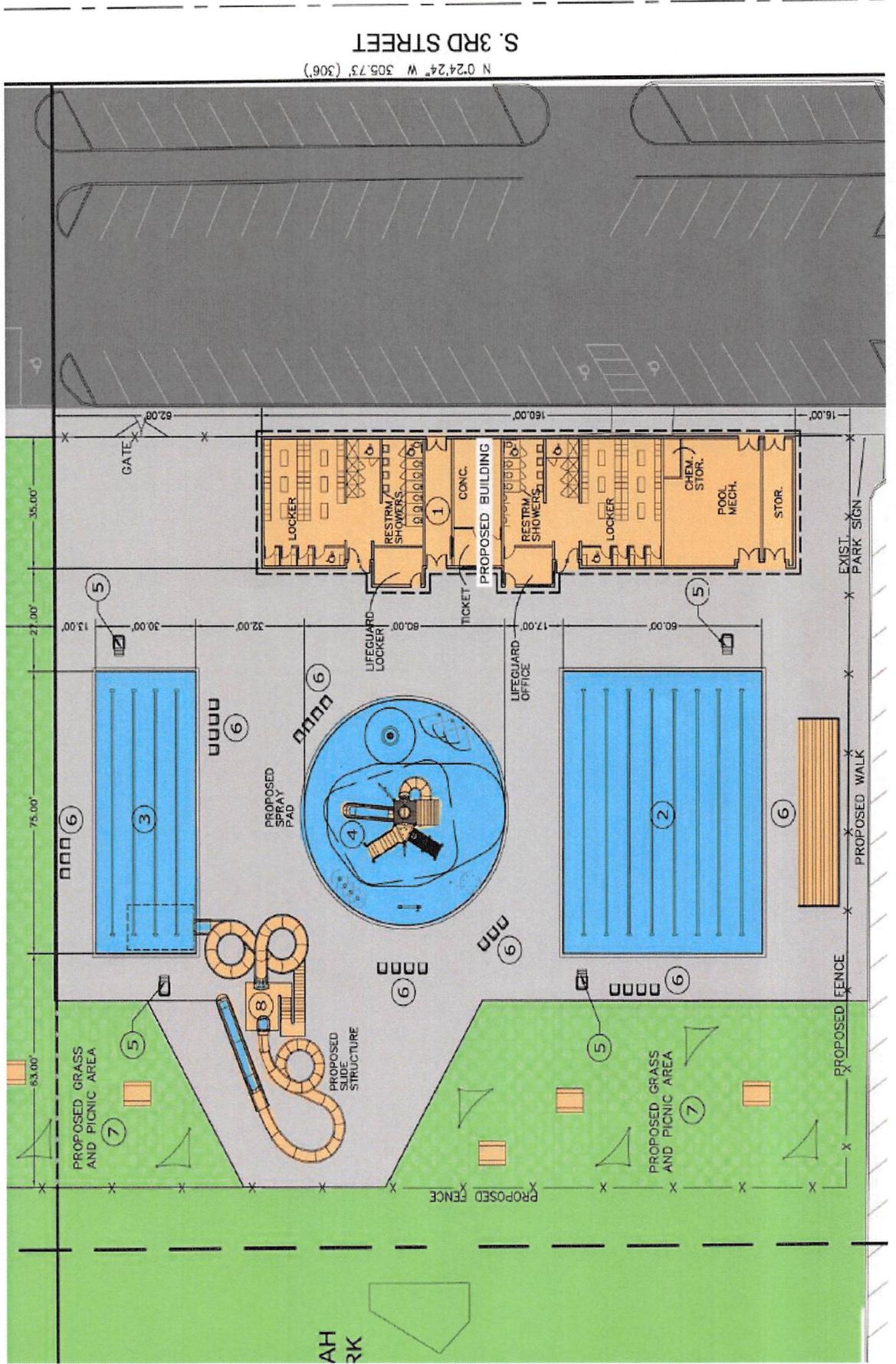


Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer



Selah Aquatic Center

WMS Aquatics Proposal

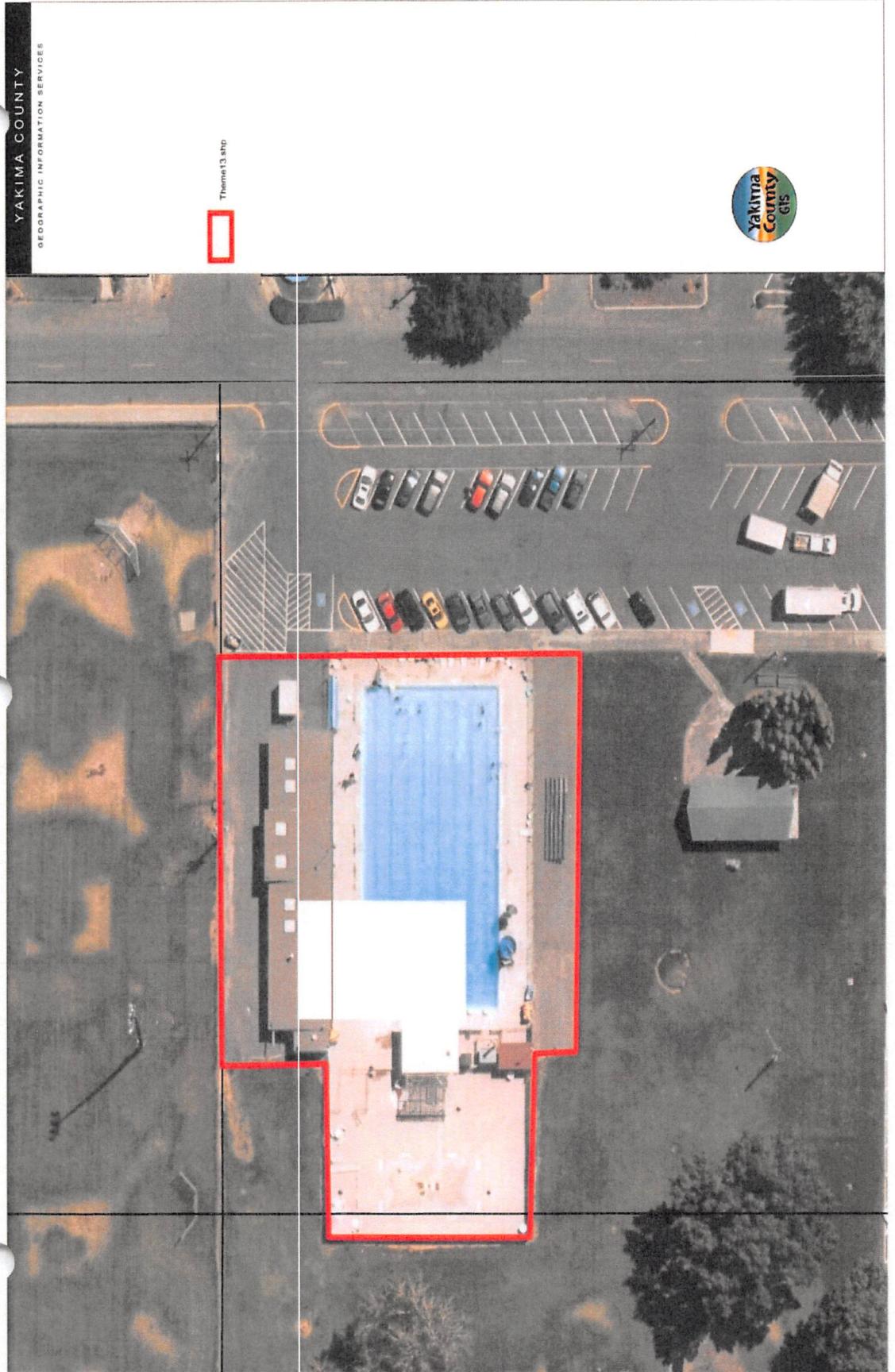


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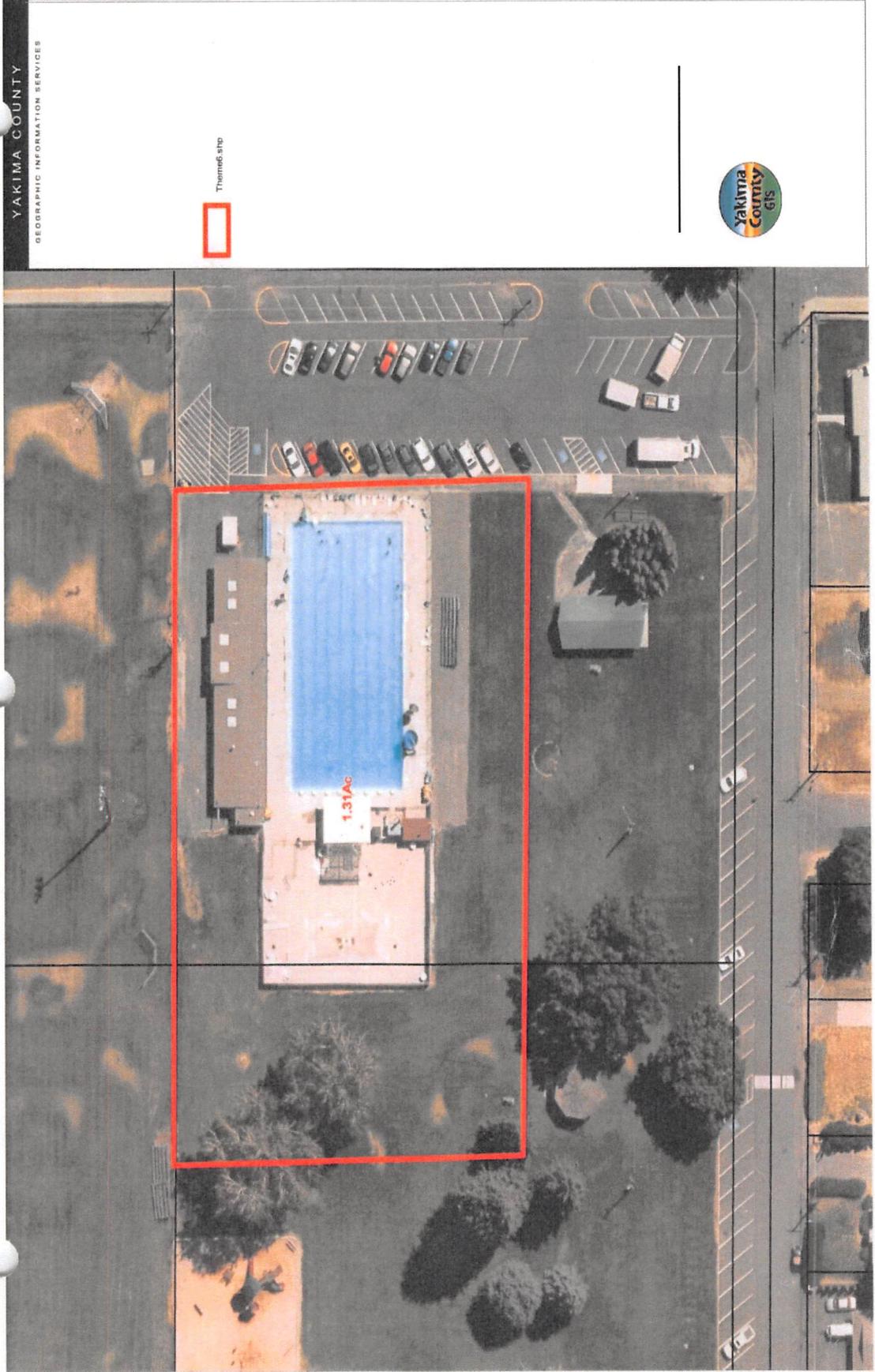
Current Pool Footprint



Proposed Aquatic Center Footprint



Proposed Aquatic Center Footprint



Wayman, Donald

From: Kelliann <kelliargeson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2016 6:06 AM
To: Wayman, Donald
Cc: Tiera Girard
Subject: Selah Aquatic Center Footprint

Don,

Per our conversation of yesterday afternoon, here is the requested e-mail detailing my position on the proposed footprint for the Selah Aquatic Center.

It is premature to establish the exact footprint, or four corners, for the new facility. While I agree that we'll need the footprint sooner rather than later, the exact footprint does not need to be in place at the beginning of design work. More important than the four corners (in the earliest stages of design work) will be the feedback provided by community members - including the City Council. The Council's concern that the design compliment rather than compete with Wixson Park is important and will be incorporated into the planning. As we know, the Council is not alone in having strong opinions about our pool project. Many people in our community are passionate about all things pool (pool design, pool positioning and even pool programming). Given this level of interest - and support - we have an opportunity for a particularly productive and engaging design process, one that will leave our community, our voters, excited about the role they played in the final design. A Council vote establishing the footprint now has the potential to muddy the waters - no matter the merit of the footprint - leaving a key voting block upset about perceived unilateral decision making. I do worry that missteps now could harm M&O levies going forward.

After all that, please know: we are lucky. We have an excellent partner in NAC. If we simply let them take the lead, providing the even-handed and thoughtful advice we're paying them for, all will be well.

I look forward to attending the Council meeting on the 26th. I sincerely appreciate the invitation.

Happy Wednesday,

Kelliann