



# City Council Report

**Date:** July 1, 2014  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Kari Kent, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** Marc Heirshberg, Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities  
Department Director  
**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement with Mesa Public Schools for the Mesa  
High School Aquatic Facility  
Council District #4

## Strategic Initiatives



## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request Council authorization for the City Manager or his designee to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Mesa Public Schools regarding the construction of the Mesa Aquatic Facility (Project No. CP0212), located at 1630 East Southern Avenue in Mesa. Staff recommends approval of the resolution authorizing the IGA.

## Background

The City and Mesa Public Schools have worked cooperatively throughout the history of the aquatic program to build and maintain pools. Recent cooperative construction projects have included complete renovations of Carson, Rhodes, and Kino Pools and construction of Skyline Pool. As a component of the Council-approved regional pool plan for Mesa residents, a new aquatic facility at Mesa High School is now being proposed due to its central location in an area currently underserved for aquatic opportunities.

On November 6, 2012, Mesa voters approved a Parks Bond package that included funding for the construction of a pool. The initial site was identified as a replacement for the aging Taylor Pool. Following the election, residents of the area asked the City and Mesa Public Schools (MPS) to work together to locate the facility at Mesa High School, rather than keeping it at Taylor Jr. High. The City and Mesa Public Schools reviewed several options and ultimately agreed the that pool site should be in the southwest corner of the existing parking lot (northeast corner of Southern Avenue and Harris Drive).

## **Discussion**

Through a separate agenda item, Council is being asked for approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the construction of the Mesa High School Aquatic Facility.

An IGA between the City of Mesa and MPS is needed to outline the partnership involving construction of the Mesa Aquatic Facility. This pool IGA contains similar provisions as previous agreements outlining the City's responsibility for design and construction management, the City's financial responsibilities, and the school district's provision of land for the footprint of the pool facilities and easements for pool utilities. The provision of land is in the form of a 30-year no cost lease that is part of the IGA due to the City's capital bond funding requirements. Through the 1986 agreement governing the operation and maintenance of the City's pools, MPS will continue to pay for utilities while the City takes care of operations and maintenance. The MPS District Governing Board authorized the IGA at its meeting on May 13, 2014.

## **Alternatives**

Council may choose to deny approval of this IGA. Selecting this alternative will result in delaying or cancelling the construction of the Mesa Aquatic Facility since the City will not have authorization to construct the pool facility on the campus of Mesa High School. Continued operation of Taylor Pool is complicated by the failing infrastructure of that facility. It is unlikely that Taylor Pool will be functional beyond the current 2014 swim season without significant investment in repairs.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal impact includes allocating funds from the 2012 Parks Bond program for the Mesa High School Aquatic Facility (approximately \$8 million for design and construction) and funding an increase in operations and maintenance costs over the current expenses associated with the simpler facilities at Taylor Pool.

## **Coordinated With**

The Engineering Department concurs with this recommendation.