

CITY OF ST. JAMES

JULY 06, 2009

**PUBLIC HEARING
6:30 P.M.**

Pursuant to a public notice posted July 01, 2009 a Public Hearing was held at 6:30 P.M. prior to the regularly scheduled council meeting on July 06, 2009 to allow citizen input regarding the St. James swimming pool issue.

Mayor Dennis Wilson Presided.

Councilmen Jim White, Margaret Roberts, Richard Woolsey, Aaron Hunter, Rodney Edwards, Danielle Verkamp, David Watkins and Don Moore were present for the meeting. Candace Connell, Larry Wycoff, Corky Stack, Tyson Markham, and eleven community members were also present for the meeting.

Candace Connell reviewed the planning history for the pool and the financial numbers.

Corky Stack provided an overview of the feasibility study completed and preferred design option.

Tyson Markham explained the capital improvement sales tax stating it will take a simple majority to pass and the General Obligation Bonds, secured by property taxes, requires a 2/3 approval.

Rodney Edwards stated park employee Clay Coffman will provide overall direction regarding the management of the facility.

Public Comment included:

- The James Foundation addressed plans to demolish the swimming pool in 2005.
- The pool is needed not only for the youth but senior adults also.
- July 23rd a rally is planned in the park at the pool area.

Mayor Wilson concluded the public hearing by stressing that this issue is only for city residents. Voting will take place at a Special Election on August 04, 2009 in one location only, at 318 E. Scioto Parish Hall, at a cost of \$4,430 to the voters.

The Public Hearing adjourned on a motion by Jim White and a second by David Watkins.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

NOTE: (In the absence of the City Clerk Candace Connell took the minutes – City Clerk typed the minutes)

Cc: Mayor Wilson, Councilperson White, Moore, Edwards, Watkins, Roberts, Hunter, Woolsey, Verkamp