

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: February 17, 2026

DEPARTMENT: City Manager

TITLE:

Lake Worth Community High School Olympic Swimming Pool Concept Discussion

SUMMARY:

Discussion of the pool design concept for the Lake Worth Community High School Olympic swimming pool.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

Back on December 17, 2024, the Mayor and Interim City Manager attended a meeting with the School District of Palm Beach County. In attendance were County Commissioner Joel Flores, District 4 School Board Member Erica Whitfield, School District Superintendent Michael Burke, Chief Operating Officer Joseph Sanches, PBC Parks & Rec Director Jennifer Cirillo, among other staff.

Discussions included past / present / future City pool plans / budget, the upcoming closing of the Lake Worth High Community School pool (this meeting occurred prior to the mid-2025 closure), project costs for other pools in the County such as Lake Lytal / Wellington / Boca Raton High School, etc. The District inquired if the City would be interested in the possibility of a joint use Olympic swimming pool being that both parties currently have a need. The meeting concluded with the County stating they would look further into the matter and research site possibilities should this be of interest to the City in the future. Subsequently, Erica Whitfield presented this same idea at the August 5th, 2025 Commission meeting.

An undertaking such as this would obviously require further discussion, public input, and an interlocal agreement with the District, but an initial Commission discussion on the proposed pool location and concept received from the School District is necessary. The location footprint illustrated in the attached pool design proposal is owned by the School Board of Palm Beach County and currently consists of four basketball courts and a softball field.

MOTION:

N/A

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A
LWCHS Pool Design Proposal