
Meeting Date: November 12, 2024

Subject: Metropolitan Park District Election Results

Attachments: Yakima County Preliminary Election Results

Presented by: Adam Vaughn, Finance Director

Approved for Agenda by: Dan Ford, City Manager

Discussion:

Preliminary election data shows that Toppenish voters rejected the formation of a Metropolitan Park District. This means that the City is not able to levy a property tax of \$0.75 per \$1,000 to fund parks and recreation activities. The City's General Fund deficit is currently about \$1.4 million for 2025. The Parks, Aquatics, and Recreation preliminary 2025 budgets are \$326,316; \$215,531; and \$102,319 respectively.

The budget estimates that aquatics and recreation services would bring in about \$70,000 of revenue.

With a budget deficit for the foreseeable future, it is recommended that action is taken now to limit costs of programs that are not essential to City functions. Staff recommends cutting recreation, aquatics, and reducing park services to minimum service level.

Fiscal Impact: Estimated \$300,000 reduction of the 2025 budget deficit.

Recommendation: Cut Aquatics, and Recreation services from the 2025 budget

Alternatives: 1) Keep service levels as is 2) Modify hours or fees