



January 6, 2026

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

City Staff Response to the Proposed Resolution to Expand Operating Hours at the Bill Witt Aquatic Center

For Review at the January 14, 2026 PRAC Meeting

Members of the City of Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee have received much input from the community requesting extended hours at the Bill Witt Aquatic Center during the “off season” months.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee request that City Council consider the following recommendations to keep the Bill Witt Aquatic Center open to the public beyond the traditional Summer schedule and for recovering costs for the same:

Recommendation #1:

That the Bill Witt Aquatic Center remain open for lap swimming during the Winter Season on Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 9:00 am.

Recommendation #2:

That a utilization fee be charged for access to all pools open for either lap or recreational swimming during the Winter Season to assist in cost recovery for the extended hours and that payment of this fee shall grant access to any City-owned and operated pool open on the same day.

Recommendation #3:

That the Parks and Recreation Department explore the possibility of a system wide “Monthly Pass” or “Season Pass” for individuals who would utilize the facilities extensively during the Winter Season.

Recommendation #4:

That the Bill Witt Aquatic Center be included in the Spring Break lap pool schedule for 2026 and beyond and that, during Spring Break week, open swim hours should be free to the public.

Recommendation #5:

Beginning the first weekend of April 2026, the lap pool at Bill Witt will be open during weekends to include Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, weather permitting, until regular summer hours begin during Memorial Day weekend.

City Staff Response

The Parks & Recreation Department do not recommend opening the Bill Witt Aquatic Center for Winter operations due to staffing limitations and budgetary constraints. Winter operations would require an additional \$20,000 in staffing costs. Currently, the Department does not have any budgeted funds for these staffing costs. The hiring and onboarding of five part-time employees would require additional time.