

# West-end splash pad, ice rink discussed during budget

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*Mike Zuke Park*

During last night's discussions on where the City will spend money and what amenities might be added, citizens in the west end waited.

The proposal to add a new splash pad to the west-end, to be located at Manzo park was supported by a majority of councillors during the straw poll.



It will be added to the prioritization list for staff to allocate some of the extra gas tax money, to the tune of \$625,000.

Councillor Matt Scott put forward the Mike Zuke ice rink to council to also be funded during the budget deliberations, although this was not supported and won't become a reality for this year.

"Citizens were looking forward to having that," said Scott after the meeting. "I'm really disappointed in the result."

Councillor Matt Shoemaker voted against the proposal for the rink and explained his position in a phone call earlier today.

"I voted against Mike Zuke, but for the splashpad and that was my justification there," said Shoemaker. "I thought if we are going to be enhancing a service in Manzo Park it ought to be the splashpad, I think that's more of a need across the entire community than an additional rink is."

A report on the splashpad will come back in the new year.

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