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TO: City Council
FROM: Sam Anselm, City Manager
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RE: Weekly Update

Good afternoon, everyone. Please see below for this week's update.

Key Meetings

- On Monday, Director Haase and I met with officials from Joplin Schools to give an update on the 15th Street project and its impact on the 1717 TIF, as well as updates on other TIF districts. Later that morning I attended the monthly Chamber of Commerce meeting to hear updates from various ex-officio members. I gave an update on infrastructure construction and the candidates who have been certified for the April election.
- On Tuesday, department heads had another discussion on what a new pay plan might look like. Finance is compiling some information on what the financial impact of a few options might be, which will then be shared with departments to see what we can do within our existing budgets to help fund the plan. We're also exploring other funding options.

Department Updates

- From Parks:
 - Work to remediate the water/mold issues over at the golf course clubhouse has been completed.
 - New parks & rec software training is nearly complete, and we plan to "go live" with the new system on January 9th.
 - The new shelter/amphitheater at Ewert Park is nearing completion, with electrical work to be done soon.
- Our application to the Missouri Development Finance Board to assist Downtown Joplin with the renovation of the Empire Market building through the MDFB Tax Credits through Donations program was approved. You will recall hearing about this item at an earlier council meeting and the discussion around the city's time commitment involved by serving as the recipient of the grant, even though the project is intended for the benefit of DJA. Staff will arrange a meeting with MDFB and other city representatives to discuss this issue.
- As the result of two incidents this week involving a member of the public causing disruption at city hall, I will be working with staff to outline a plan to further secure the building and provide better service for customers doing business at city hall.

- Finally, during my meeting with Chief Furgerson this week, he gave me an update on activities at the Public Safety Training Facility. I asked him to prepare a memo that I could forward to you, and it will be sent to you via email along with this update.

As a reminder, I will be out of the office December 26th-January 2nd. Director Hertzberg will be in charge during my absence.