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TO: City Council
FROM: Sam Anselm, City Manager
DATE: December 15, 2017
RE: Weekly Update

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

Key Meetings

- On Monday, Mayor Seibert, Councilman Stanley and I as well as staff from police, public works and CVB met with our area state legislators to discuss a number of topics. Lynn already prepared the media report for you, and I understand that Debby Woodin is working on a story that will cover the meeting as well as some of the issues we discussed.
- On Wednesday, Gary Burton, Steve Gaarder (a volunteer with the nature center) and I went to Jefferson City to meet with Aaron Jeffries, deputy director of MDC, and his staff to discuss Wildcat Glades. Mr. Jeffries had a meeting with the commission yesterday and has asked to address council on Monday night to give us an update on their planned involvement in the future of the center, along with a request to explore a partnership with the city to continue operations. I have asked Paul to begin exploring options regarding how we could get involved. We will not be ready to present those options on Monday night, but I plan to continue the conversation with MDC after the new year, as they get close to finalizing their transition plans with the National Audubon Society.
- Earlier this morning staff met to discuss financials on Joe Becker Stadium, as we prepare to continue our discussions with the Southwest League next week. More information will be forthcoming as it is available.

Department Updates

- Although we have not yet received formal notice from SEMA or FEMA, we have heard through both Representative Long and Senator McCaskill's offices that our request to extend the deadline for FEMA projects has been granted. In other FEMA related news, Director Haase has informed me that our appeal on one of our FEMA Public Assistance projects was successful, resulting in \$77,683.36 coming back to the city for restoring the sidewalks, driveways and parking lots around the fire stations grounds. This only leaves our sewer projects under appeal. All other outstanding projects are just waiting to be processed for payment. Leslie plans to have a full update in the coming months.
- In PD news, we recently went out for bid for the purchase of a new K9, and the company that won the bid is doing an online promotion where the agency with the most mentions on their Facebook page will receive the training for free. If we are successful, this would result in some substantial savings to the city. Results will be revealed on December 31st.

- My office continues efforts to develop a new framework for a new pay plan. We will have another department head meeting on Tuesday to continue the discussion, but I'm growing optimistic about our ability to develop a sustainable plan for our employees.
- Finally, attached is the most recent economic update from Rob O'Brian. Unemployment continues to be low, and I would echo Rob's comment about the importance of affordable housing as it relates to attracting new employees to our area.