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

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#### Updates

- This morning, representatives from the parks department and I met with MDC staff to discuss the Wildcat Glades nature center. The state has asked if we would be willing to consider taking over the maintenance of the trails and grounds that don't sit adjacent to the building itself. We will conduct an analysis to evaluate the time and cost involved and provide you that information along with a recommendation in the near future. But MDC staff did give me the green light to let you know that after discussions with the National Audubon Society, the state intends to take over the facility July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. As additional plans and details are announced I will keep you informed.
- I am in the process of completing the financial impact of adjusting police and fire personnel pay based on the list of comparable cities each department gave to me. Once that review is complete I plan to discuss the results with the departments before we bring the information to you. Chief Furgerson will be out of the office next week, but I plan to sit down with them within the next two weeks.
- Some of you may have received a letter from the Missouri Municipal League asking the city to consider endorsing the Service Line Warranty Program offered by Utility Service Partners through the National League of Cities. In short, USP would offer insurance to residents for repairs to utility service line repairs including water, wastewater, etc. After reaching out to other cities, I learned that a majority of them have chosen not to endorse the program when other companies can and do provide the service without the city endorsement – in our case, Missouri American already offers such a program. One community has experienced problems getting local plumbers to sign up to make the repairs, leaving any work to be completed by contractors outside of that community. Other cities are exploring programs of their own that would help address Inflow and Infiltration issues on the private side. For these reasons, I am not comfortable recommending that we endorse USP for the program at this time. I have reached out to the company representative to find out if there's anything preventing them from offering the program to residents without the city's endorsement, however.

Please let me know if you have questions about any of these items.