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TO: City Council
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RE: Weekly Report

Good afternoon, everyone. This week's report is rather lengthy and includes several updates on public works projects that you may be interested in sharing with members of the public who ask you about the status of various things. On that note, I have begun placing these weekly reports in the Documents section on our website. The reports will be published to the website on the Monday following the Friday that you receive them. Here's a link to their location: <http://joplinmo.org/DocumentCenter/Index/138>.

Key Meetings

- On Monday the trustees of the First Response Fund met to review the financials, recommend disbursement of remaining funds, and voted to recommend to the council that they be disbanded. Chairman Stinnett is preparing a final report to present to you and to the public during one of our meetings in May.
- On Tuesday staff and I discussed whether to make any changes to the internal budget process heading into FY 2015-16. Considering the possibility of having our new budget process in place by later this summer for the following fiscal year (FY2016-17), staff felt that major changes weren't needed this year. Departments will receive their budget packets during the week of May 4th.
- On Thursday we held a meeting of the library design review team to go over some preliminary renderings and concepts for the new facility before the public open houses scheduled for next week. More on this and a future work session is provided in the "In the Pipeline" section at the end of this report.
- Thursday afternoon I met with Director Bolander, Assistant Director Robyn, and members from Deloitte to review some preliminary renderings of the new public park to be located at the former St. John's Hospital location. My hope is to have that information sent to you next week for review. Deloitte staff are currently putting together some budget numbers for the various elements being proposed. In addition, the idea of a park naming contest is being considered as a way to engage the public in the effort.
- Later this afternoon I will be attending a meeting to discuss how to move forward with the volunteer statue that was planned for Cunningham Park. You may recall the volunteer tribute area at Cunningham was designed and built to accommodate a large statue in the

middle of the feature. I will be able to provide you with an update on that meeting in next week's report.

Miscellaneous

- Several of you have asked over the past week or so about the trees on Campbell Parkway that appear to be marked for removal. We've checked in public works, parks, and with Empire, Missouri American and Missouri Gas about any projects in the area that would require removal of the trees, and there do not appear to be any. So the mystery of why they were marked has not been solved, but we continue to investigate. We will be removing the markings from the trees and perhaps that will spark a phone call to the city from the individual or organization who put them there. In the meantime, if you happen to know the phone number to Mystery, Inc., I'm sure Scooby-Doo and the Gang may have some interest in the case.
- Here are several PW updates courtesy of Director Heatherly:
 - **Joe Becker Stadium:** PW crews are working long hours toward getting the parking lots, sidewalks, ADA requirements, and stormwater conveyance system in place before May 15, the date of the first exhibition game
 - **CIST Projects:**
 - The RFQ for the **Jackson Street Bridge** is being advertised, May 13th they are to be received by Newton County Commission
 - RFQ's for **Zora and 32nd** street already being advertised, to be received May 5th
 - **Zora Main to Range Line** – pre-construction meeting held last week with the Notice to Proceed scheduled to be issued next week (survey staking should be the first visible signs of activity)
 - **St. Louis widening** – still working through utility relocation plans with Empire and then we will move into the property/easement acquisition phase; we're looking at least the fall of this year before all of the R/W is acquired and we will be advertising for bids
 - **TST:** overlay program is in transition mode with Dave leaving us – David and Brandon are taking this project over and as of today we're thinking we'll be ready to advertise in May with contract award in June; a map of the micro-surfacing streets should be ready in a couple of weeks, and the overlay map shortly thereafter
 - **CDBG-Entitlement:** NID 4 - this was all a sanitary project – it is probably in the 80% range of being completed
 - **TIGER Grant Projects:**
 - **Schifferdecker:** field data to be collected next week for the re-design of the entrance into Able Manufacturing; a meeting has been set for early next week with the Contractor (APAC) to discuss progress toward finishing this project
 - **26th Street:** the only thing left to finish is the hydro-seeding of the disturbed earth; May 31st is the official completion date per the contract
 - **Maiden Lane:** scheduled date for completion is December 31, 2015; we anticipate having some change orders coming through the system for both Olsson and the contractor APAC; fortunately we detected some design

flaws before things were built, so we're able to modify beforehand. We also have another (had one on 26th) fire service vault that was not picked up during the survey work and is going to result in another CO in the range of \$60K; and we have learned of a billboard issue that apparently was not totally resolved during the R/W phase. With all of these issues, we are going to have a higher cost on the construction administration and the construction. Keeping in mind that the city was going to fund these projects from the first CIST, financially we're going to be alright in that we still won't have to use as much of our local funds as we originally envisioned to build the three CIST projects, but more than what we estimated when we bid the five TIGER grant projects. These issues should not impact the construction completion date.

- **20th Street Grade Separation:** we are very disappointed in the contractor (APAC) and the consultant in not having this project under way as they had informed us; a meeting has been scheduled for next week to discuss the lack of progress
- Our crews have prepped about 60 alleys for the **chip and seal** application – we'll be coordinating this operation with the Joe Becker project as well
- The contractors at the Airport are working on the **taxiways**
- In process of getting new **communications equipment installed into the new trolleys**
- All of the **DED projects** are under contract; we are still working as though they are to be completed by June 30 and the contracts are all set up with that as the completion date, but by getting the money re-appropriated to a different fund we would be able to work right up until then and then have time to close the projects out
- The **Crestview Avenue (Roanoke Subdivision) sanitary sewer** repair is under way and should be done in mid to late May
- **Lone Elm Sewer project** should also be done in that same time frame
- The **“C” and Porter and “B” and Harlem stormwater project** is progressing, but has been a challenge with the numerous rain events; we are looking at August before we will see the completion of this one
- The **annual sanitary sewer clean and TV program** is under way and should last most of the summer or at least into August
- We are opening bids on the **first CDBG-DR construction project** next week, which is about a \$9M sanitary sewer project
- We're seeing an **increase in the plan reviews** of private development projects
- We have an RFQ out for consultant(s) to address several **stormwater and sanitary sewer projects**; qualification statements are to be received at the end of next week

In the Pipeline

- Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, staff from the JFD will be conducting a training exercise with airport staff involving a simulated aircraft crash with victims, using the burn props to offer some live fire simulations as well.

- Earlier today I received a white paper from public works and planning staff about the franchise residential trash service contract set to expire in early 2016. We are looking into the possibility of doing some type of public engagement to see what type of trash service residents would like to receive before we design the RFP for the service. Please stay tuned.
- My office received word earlier today that Representative Billy Long is being awarded the National Association of Manufacturers Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence. The event will take place at the Flex-O-Lators facility in Carthage on Thursday, May 7th, at 2 p.m. if you would like to attend.
- As previously indicated, please mark your calendar for May 11th for a work session to review the renderings and plans for the new library. There are two open houses scheduled for April 29th for the public to review them and provide comments so we can include that information for your meeting.
- You may recall an earlier report where we discussed the possibility of moving our annual 4th of July fireworks show over near JBS in conjunction with the Blasters game scheduled for that day. Parks staff met with public safety staff earlier this week and determined that the size of the shells used for our show would make it unsafe and logistically challenging to have the show at that location. As an alternative, we are now looking at having our show out at the Athletic Complex on July 3rd. The Blasters plan to use smaller shells for their shows, which falls within safety guidelines, so they plan to continue their efforts. As our plans for the 4th of July celebration materialize, we will keep you posted.

Have a great weekend.