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TO: City Council
FROM: Sam Anselm, Interim City Manager
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RE: Weekly Report

Good afternoon, everyone. The great thing about three-day weekends is an extra day of relaxation. The bad thing is that when that day off falls on a Monday, the week that follows is usually hectic. Let's get started.

Key Meetings

- On Tuesday I had a conference call with the governor's office to discuss the last-minute legislation that was passed on the last day of the legislation session, which could have a major impact on our revenues if the bills are signed into law. Yesterday I sent you an email with the letter we drafted to go to the governor that expresses our opposition to these bills. I followed that up with a copy to Gary Burton, who is trying to get some information for me as to which way the governor will go on signing or vetoing these bills. Gary is in Spain this week, but upon his return I'll work with him to find out what the future may hold with respect to this legislation.
- On Tuesday I also attended the chamber board meeting along with the mayor. A topic of discussion was the joint meeting scheduled for June 20th, so this will serve as a reminder that we're fast approaching that date. Last week I asked that you begin thinking of topics for discussion; please continue to do so.
- Wednesday we had our weekly update with Wallace-Bajjali. Gary Box and Bruce Anderson were in attendance; Raymond was unable to attend, but did tell me later that he's continuing work with the architect on the 20th & Connecticut site, and working to advance the plans for the science/discovery center at the St. John's site. City Attorney Edwards indicates that he will have an update for you on the Coca-Cola building via memo to you this afternoon. In addition to that memo, David will be in town Monday night, and the mayor, Attorney Edwards and I are planning to meet with him and Raymond after our council meeting to discuss some of the concerns that have been voiced by members of council. I'll provide you with an update after the meeting takes place.
- Yesterday members of the HR department and I met to select the employees who will serve on our committee to update our rules and regulations manual. Those meetings

should start within the next couple of weeks, so I'm excited to see progress being made on that front. It's a project that has long been overdue.

Miscellaneous

- As you are aware, the budget season is upon us, and staff is working diligently to input their numbers into the system. As we work towards the budget presentations scheduled for September, I will send out a separate email asking for your input into programs or things you'd like to see included in the budget. Along those lines, the budget work sessions are scheduled for September 23rd, 24th and 25th. I had previously booked a trip to Chicago for my wife and me to celebrate our 15th anniversary on the 25th, so I may not be able to attend the last session, if it is needed.
- We have scheduled a work session immediately following our council meeting on June 16th to discuss our options for Memorial Hall. I confirmed with the school district that they intend to be out of the building by July 31st, and Director Cotten and I would like to move forward with a discussion of the plans for the facility now that we know we will be back in possession of it in August.
- I will have a draft ordinance to the legal department next week that would create a new planning department for the city; I'm waiting for some last-minute input from Assistant Director Bolander before we move forward with bringing it to you, however. But within the next two or three council meetings, you should see that item on your agenda.
- Finally, to circle back to the announcement from Chief Randles regarding his retirement and acceptance of a new position in Texas, I have asked HR to begin reviewing the job description for posting the position. I do not see a need for a search firm to find Mitch's replacement, but I will be working with Director Allgood on the interview process. Given the high-profile and public nature of the position, I believe a meet & greet session with Council and the public may be in order for the final candidates before I make the decision. But as those details get worked out, I'll keep you in the loop.

Have a great weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone Monday night.