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TO: City Council  
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RE: Weekly Report

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Good afternoon, everyone. Let's jump right in...

### **Key Meetings**

- On Tuesday staff and I had our weekly conference call with representatives from Mercy to discuss the plans for the former St. John's hospital site. We are scheduling a planning meeting to be held the week of July 7<sup>th</sup> to advance some site concepts for the city's portion of the property once it is donated (back) to the city.
- Our weekly staff meeting with Wallace Bajjali was cancelled to allow them additional time to respond to a request for supplemental CDBG information/documentation pertaining to the Seniors project. They are also working on the timelines for the various projects, which we should have ready before the next JRC meeting; I will forward that information to you as soon as we receive it.
- On Wednesday the mayor, Assistant Director Bolander, Patrick Clark (one of our planners) and I met with the HUD delegation from Kansas City. We had a fruitful discussion with them to relay some of our concerns with the CDBG-DR funding, in particular with the two-year time limit for the second round of funding. They have invited us to Kansas City to meet with them and the other federal agencies (EPA, EDA) to discuss in further detail some of the challenges with the -DR funding.
- Also on Wednesday afternoon we met with the Hope Valley TIF developers to work out our request for additional financial information. I'm happy to report that we've resolved that issue; so please look for the TIF plan approval on your agenda for July 7<sup>th</sup>. Our TIF attorney will need some time to develop the redevelopment agreement, but that will likely be brought to you on July 21<sup>st</sup> for consideration/approval.
- On Thursday I met with Trisha Patton, director with the Downtown Joplin Alliance to discuss the partnership between DJA and the city. At this point Trisha is aware that the city's financial support for their organization will expire at the end of this current fiscal year, but I wouldn't be surprised if she wishes to address the council during our budget work sessions.

## Miscellaneous

- To date we have received four applications for the city attorney position. Director Allgood is reviewing them to ensure compliance with our position requirements as listed in the Charter before distributing them to you for review. I will ask him to send them to you next week and follow up about scheduling interviews.
- Likewise, we will be posting the advertisement for the fire chief position within a week. I will likely need to name an interim fire chief until the position is filled permanently, but I envision some sort of public engagement process that would include a “meet and greet” session with council and residents when the list of finalists is identified.
- As a heads up, tomorrow morning we will begin making our parking lot behind City Hall available to the 100 MPH Club for a monthly “cars and coffee” get-together. This event will take place every third Saturday of the month, so if you’re a car or coffee enthusiast (or both), you’re invited to come check things out.
- The parks department has secured a grant to build a mountain bike/BMX course at Ozark Park (Dover Hill). As part of the survey/site work to develop the amenity, a researcher has found evidence of a “prehistoric site” near the area that contained remnants of stone tool production. The researcher is continuing to investigate the site and will develop a report for us, but this could work to our advantage from a tourist perspective. We would obviously relocate the bike trail so it doesn’t disturb the historic area, but we could have two amenities identified for the price of one...
- Finally, mark your calendars for July 3<sup>rd</sup> – that’s the anticipated date to have the ribbon cutting and ride-along on the new trolley. It will be placed into service for July 4<sup>th</sup> to shuttle residents from Memorial Hall to Landreth for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic/fireworks show, and into regular service on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, as a reminder – I will be out of the office starting tomorrow, coming back on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Nick Heatherly will be in charge during my absence and can be reached by cell at 417-569-5576. I will be in Colorado and checking my email sporadically, but otherwise I’ll be available in the case of emergency.