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

Good afternoon, everyone. Here is this week's report.

Key Meetings

- On Monday we finished up the second round of budget meetings with Public Works. Changes have been entered into our budget software and I'm reviewing those now. We've made progress on closing the gap between projected revenues and expenditures, but unless further cuts are made we're still projected to eat into our unrestricted fund balance for next year. Work continues.
- On Wednesday I began reviewing the applications for the fire chief position. I've asked Chief Randles for his help as well, but until the position is filled permanently I will be naming an interim fire chief.
- Also on Wednesday staff met with representatives from Wallace-Bajjali and their architect for the 20th and Connecticut project. We also met with a representative from a movie theater company that WB plans to partner with. I am pleased with the progress they seem to be making on that project, and hopefully they will be able to make an announcement within the next few weeks. As a reminder, we're also hoping to bring you the agreement next month for the selection of the project manager for the library.
- Finally, on Wednesday afternoon I attended the Connect2Culture board meeting to better familiarize myself with their plans.

Miscellaneous

- As a heads up for our special meeting on August 11th to get an update from Wallace Bajjali, we will also have some information ready to discuss the project with Mercy at the former St. John's hospital site. In addition, we would like to walk you through our planned approach for the CDBG-II process. Due to the time constraints our community and others who received the supplemental funding are under, staff felt we needed to brief you on the process. It may be complicated, which is why we felt some extra time needs to be devoted to this topic outside of our regular council meeting.

- I am attaching a draft ordinance for your review that bans smoking in public parks. While it isn't in its final form, there is enough information there to give you the general idea about what would be included in the ordinance. As I've referenced in earlier reports, this is something the Parks Board has been in favor of for quite some time, so I want to move the discussion off center. If you have any comments or feedback I would appreciate your thoughts, but if I don't hear anything you can expect it on a future council agenda after we clean up the formatting/language.
- Finally, I've had an interesting conversation with a group out of Colorado this week to discuss priority-based budgeting, which would bring an improved process to Joplin. This process is currently being used by Jefferson City, and about 70 other cities nation-wide. I have a meeting scheduled on August 14th to discuss the concept with their group. But interestingly, one of its co-founders is our former HR director, Jon Johnson. In my conversations with him, he said the concept of the idea actually began when he was in Joplin, so he's looking forward to coming full-circle with the idea and bringing it back to his hometown.

That's all I have for now; please enjoy your weekend, and let me know if there's anything I can do for you. I'll be in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, for swim championships, but am available by cell, text or email if you need to reach me.

Smoking Ban Ordinance

An ordinance amending Chapter 86 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin, Missouri Parks and Recreation Article II Park Rules and Regulations and eliminating Sec. 86-126 under Article IV. Memorial Hall/Amphitheater.

86-47 – Smoking

Definitions

“Enclosed area” means all space between a floor and a ceiling this is enclosed or partially enclosed with (I) solid walls or windows, exclusive of doorways, or (II) solid walls within partitions and no windows, exclusive of doorways that extend from the floor to the ceiling.

“Enclosed or partially enclosed park facility” means any sports pavilion, stadium gymnasium, arena, swimming pool, skating rink or other similar space where members of the public assemble to engage in physical exercise or participate in athletic or recreational activities or to witness sports, cultural, recreational or other events and which constitutes an enclosed or partially enclosed sports arena.

“Park property” means any land, building, enclosed or partially enclosed park facility, or other public place which is owned, leased or operated by the City of Joplin Parks and Recreation Department, and includes portions of land and buildings owned by the City of Joplin Parks and Recreation Department which is leased to a private third party individually or entity or to which a private third party individual or entity had been granted a license by the Parks and Recreation Department to use all or a portion of its land, buildings and/or enclosed or partially enclosed park facilities.

“Smoke” or “smoking” means the carrying, smoking, burning, inhaling or exhaling of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, hookah, tobacco, weed, herbs or any kind of smoking equipment. Smoke or smoking does not include smoking that is associated with a native recognized religious ceremony, ritual or activity by American Indians that is in accordance with the federal American Indian Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. 1996 and 1996a, for which all applicable federal, state, county, local and park permits, if any, have been procured.

86-47 (a) Smoking in Park and Recreation Buildings, Facilities and Grounds Prohibited. This includes all athletic fields, bleachers, hard court play surfaces, swimming pools, playgrounds, picnic shelters, walking trails, off leash dog areas, splash pads and parking lots.

86-47 (c) Smoking in Parks and Recreation Vehicles Prohibited

Smoking in any parks and recreation vehicle or on any parks and recreation motorized equipment is prohibited. No person shall smoke in any vehicle or on any motorized equipment which is owned, leased or operated by the parks and recreation department unless specifically exempt under section 86-47 (d).

86-47 (d) Exemptions

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Ordinance, smoking is only allowed in the following areas on parks and recreation property and in the following parks and recreation vehicles:

- (i) On the Schifferdecker Golf Course and in golf carts operated at the Schifferdecker Golf Course.
- (ii) In any designated and approved smoking area designated by the Parks and Recreation Director conspicuously posted and marked to allow for smoking.

86-47 (e) Offenses and penalties.

- (i) Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor infraction, punishable by a fine for the first conviction of \$50. The penalty amount will increase for multiple citations within one year up to \$500.

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