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RE: Weekly Report

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Good afternoon, everyone. Please see below for this week's key meetings and other information.

### **Key Meetings**

- On Monday I met with staff and David Naumann with Burns & McDonnell to discuss the results of the wastewater rate study in preparation for a work session on October 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss our sewer rates for the next five years. Because of the anticipated length of the discussion, I have also canceled our monthly update from Wallace-Bajjali, so the 13<sup>th</sup> will be solely dedicated to the discussion of sewer rates. Based on anticipated capital and operating costs to run the system, which is valued at over \$100 million, we will be recommending rate increases each of the next five years.
- On Wednesday staff had training on the CivicPlus Agenda Center module, which I have discussed previously, that allows staff to upload agenda items online to be routed for approval to various departments before the city clerk's office places them on the agenda. We hope to "go live" with the system in the near future after we do a couple of test runs. The biggest difference you will see is that for those who use the tablets, you can simply pull up the agenda online, and hyperlinks for each item on the agenda will be available for you to click on and review.
- On Friday I attended the ribbon-cutting at JHS. We had 143 officers and numerous fire department personnel on hand to support the event.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Regarding Wallace-Bajjali, we continue to wait to hear from HUD officials about how to move forward with the Seniors project utilizing CDBG funds. As I stated, staff members met with K.C. reps last week and received some indication of how they may decide on the matter of whether HUD procurement guidelines were followed properly, but the K.C. office wanted to bump the question up to D.C., and we are still waiting for an answer. Several of us will be meeting with David and Raymond on Monday to continue discussions on this and other projects.
- As the farmers' market season winds down, I would like to thank our Parks Department, in particular Paul Bloomberg, for stepping up and taking it on at a time when we didn't have the resources to do it through the city manager's office. We averaged about 200 visitors on Thursdays, 100 on Saturdays, and got up to about 22 vendors. The last day of the market will be October 30<sup>th</sup>. Next year I would like to solicit applications to turn the

management of the market over to an outside agency, similar to what we did with the Christmas parade this year. My staff will be exploring that idea as well as possible grant funding sources and alternative locations, to continue to grow the market, with the goal of having everything lined out before next season.

- Regarding the 26<sup>th</sup> Street project, Director Heatherly met with the contractor yesterday, and here's the latest. We're working on a plan to have the contractor focus their effort strictly on the road, back of curb to back of curb, so that we can get the road built and re-surfaced before the asphalt plants close for winter. We will finish the ancillary work outside the road area with lane shifts and short term safety zones, but the street should be finished and striped. The contractor indicated that he felt it will be very challenging to finish the entire project by the end of November, but that getting the street area done might be accomplished if he can get the asphalt company to mobilize and be on site when he needs them – this could be a challenge, but we're going to push them as hard as we can.
- In preparation for issuing the COPs on the renovation of Joe Becker, Director Haase has been answering questions from Standard & Poors about our financial condition in order to determine our bond rating. We learned this week that our rating will stay the same for next year, at AA-, which is good news for going to market on the debt issuance on the renovations.

I look forward to seeing everyone Monday night. Thank you for your time, and please enjoy your weekend.