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

Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you for your attendance at the work session last night to review and discuss the CDBG-DR funds. You should receive hard copies of your scoring sheets with your council packets being delivered today, and if you can turn them in Monday evening, the Deloitte team can tabulate the results prior to the next work session. Please let me know if you have any questions once you receive the scoring sheets. The rest of this update is short and sweet.

Key Meetings

- My week was relatively light regarding meetings with external individuals or groups. I did have two interviews, one on Tuesday with a local student completing his master's thesis on the 2011 tornado, and another on Wednesday with a reporter from the Missouri School of Journalism at Mizzou, to discuss our recovery efforts.
- Yesterday and prior to the CDBG-DR work session, several members of the staff and Deloitte teams met with members of the media to give an overview of the evening's work session, in an attempt to help them better understand the capital planning process so they could track our conversation last night. The meeting went well and representatives in attendance were thankful for the opportunity to ask questions and hear from the –DR team.
- Earlier today I did a follow-up interview with a reporter from KODE discussing the possible improvements to 20th Street and Main Street should you decide to move forward with those projects, but I made it clear that while staff prepared its list of recommended projects, the ultimate decision would be yours.
- This afternoon staff and I met with representatives from the South Main Street TIF development to discuss the redevelopment agreement, on the heels of the TIF Commission's vote to move forward with the project. I don't have an exact timeline yet on when the agreement will come to you for a decision, as both sides are working through the details right now.

Miscellaneous

- Scott Garrie will serve as interim parks director effective Monday, June 15th until the position is filled permanently.

- We had problems with the Agenda Center module in CivicPlus this week, which explains why you didn't receive your normal online packet. Hopefully CP will be able to fix the issues next week and we should be back on track for our regular process in July.
- I believe many of you have met Nelson Mwangi, an intern who comes to us from Kenya via Southeast Missouri State, working this summer in our city manager's office. He has been helping out with our pay plan, and has also been outlining a citizens' government academy that we will be rolling out later this fall, possibly after Labor Day. This academy would allow 25 residents to meet with representatives from various departments, tour facilities, etc., with the goal of better understanding what the city staff does on a day-in, day-out basis. As details are finalized, we will be rolling out the program and seeking applications from residents who may be interested. I've touched on this topic a few times in previous reports, but I'm happy to report that we're making real progress on it now.
- I would also like to report that our continued emphasis on employee safety is paying off. Through the first six months of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014, our number of WC claims is down (17 compared to 33 last year), and the total dollar amount associated with those claims is down as well (\$85,000 this year compared to \$188,000 last year). Through training conducted by our departments, we're seeing fewer and less severe incidents, and I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Director Allgood and his staff for pushing the importance of safety, and for our employees who are listening to that message.
- As an FYI and to keep you in the loop on the budget process for this year, department budgets are due to finance on June 19th and internal meetings with finance and with my office are being scheduled for July. As we finalize the dates for the budget work sessions, we will send that information to you.

In the Pipeline

- Staff is working on finalizing the solid waste RFP for release later this year, in advance of our expiring contract next year.
- Just a couple of calendar date reminders:
 - June 18th, tentative, to finalize the list of CDBG-DR projects (also falls on Third Thursday)
 - June 22nd – possible special meeting to discuss health insurance and a likely closed session to review our audit responses with you
 - June 23rd – a public meeting to receive citizens' comments on the HUD entitlement block grant projects/consolidated five-year plan; the meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on the fifth floor of City Hall

If you have any questions about any of these items, please let me know. Otherwise, I hope you enjoy your weekend, and we'll see you Monday night.