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TO: City Council
FROM: Sam Anselm, City Manager
DATE: July 2, 2015
RE: Weekly Report

Happy Thursday, everyone. There was a lot of activity around city hall this week, so let's jump right in.

Key Meetings

- On Monday Interim Director Garrie, his staff and I met with Tony Holden and Larry Boyd to explore the possibility of using Memorial Hall for a Four State Franchise boxing event in August. After a tour of the facility and a discussion about some of the issues surrounding the condition of the building, we were able to commit the facility for their use. A press conference was held at 2:30 p.m. this afternoon to make the announcement.
- On Tuesday I met with Alan Marble and Brad Hodson to catch up with each other on what's going on with our organizations. Dr. Marble mentioned the possibility of inviting the council to tour the new fieldhouse facility and dorms before they open on August 1st, so as those details are finalized I will bring them to you.
- Later that afternoon I met with a trainer to discuss the possibility of conducting some customer service training next fiscal year for key personnel who work regularly with the public.
- Yesterday, staff and Deloitte representatives (the Infrastructure Team for the purpose of this update) met to discuss the game plan moving forward on the infrastructure projects using CDBG-DR funds. We are working to set up some guidelines that we can use to rank/prioritize the streets, sidewalks, curb/gutter, and sanitary sewer/storm water projects recommended to us by the consultants in each of the zones in the recovery area. We are aiming to have an amended action plan for these projects to you on August 3rd.
- During the afternoon, I had a phone call with a graduate student from Wayne State University who is working with another university to research disaster policy, with a specific emphasis on shelters and safe rooms. They are putting together a grant proposal to study five communities and their response and policies in this area, and they would like to consider Joplin as one of the five communities. If their request is approved, they would be here in late 2016 or 2017 to conduct interviews and field research.
- Earlier this morning, the Infrastructure Team met again to finalize the guidelines for the infrastructure projects and to discuss the 20th Street and Main Street projects in

conjunction with Infrastructure Projects 1 & 2. We have set a meeting date next week to meet with the engineering consultants to lay out the next steps.

- This afternoon I had a conference call with Jon Johnson to discuss some dates when they may be able to present the Priority Based Budgeting concept to you. We have penciled in September 21st for the presentation.

Miscellaneous

- We are “live” with the Citizens Academy that will take place beginning on September 3rd. Our website has information about the academy and how to enroll, and Nelson (our intern) will be working with Lynn to put the word out to the public.
- From our PD:
 - On 06-30-2015 between the hours of 0800 and 1800 officers from the Joplin Police Department, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Newton County Sheriff’s Department and the Ozarks Drug Enforcement Team participated in a cooperative drug interdiction detail focusing on narcotics violations in the Joplin metro area.
 - This detail resulted in 45 traffic stops, 46 warnings, 7 citations, 4 unlicensed drivers, 13 arrests were made including 7 for narcotics violations, 2 were felony violations. 7 fugitives were located, one illegal immigrant.
 - During the detail one missing or endangered child was located, 100 grams of methamphetamine was seized, one stolen vehicle was recovered and one illegal weapon was seized.
- From PW:
 - Shoal Creek Expansion Project: Start-up of new plant expansion elements began this week. Flows being diverted into the new oxidation ditch and final clarifiers are in operation now. Have some issues with some of the pumps, but working through them.
 - Turkey Creek: Still working on getting bearings for one Screw Pump replaced. Have a contract to going to City Council Monday night for the construction/installation of new tertiary filters.
 - Trolley/MAPS: New routes are in effect, experiencing higher ridership. June 2015 posted a new record for rides on the Blue Route during the month of June and the Red route recorded a new second best ridership for the month. Overall our transit system experienced a 16.2% increase in ridership compared to June 2014.
 - Infrastructure: Main St restoration has been taking place with some good results. We will be another couple of weeks (provided the weather cooperates) and anticipate having to do some night work in the intersections due to the high volume of traffic and safety concerns for our employees. Had mowing & ditch crews assisting Parks in and around Shifferdecker Ave. “No Parking” signs in the neighborhood have been installed around Joe Becker Stadium to assist Police in traffic control.
 - Airport: Taxi D Project is finished. Airport staff has met with contractor doing the Hangar A Rehabilitation Project, which means tenants at the airport may have to move their aircraft at different times to accommodate this.
 - Events: Several Block parties taking place during the 4th of July weekend, and City fireworks at the Sports Complex on the 3rd.

- The first of several meetings with the neighbors of the St. Louis street widening project has taken place.
- Utility relocations under way on the Zora widening project.
- The annual overlay and micro-surfacing contracts will be in front of Council Monday evening. Bids came in lower than the engineering estimate.
- Have an engineering contract going in front of Council Monday evening to assist the City with our Stormwater Management Program and MS4 permit compliance.
- Staff continuing its' work on a RFP for residential solid waste collection franchise agreement.
- J-HAP offices have been relocated to the first floor of City Hall, so if you were wondering what all of the cubicles were for, there's your answer.

In the Pipeline

- Staff budget meetings with the finance department begin on Monday, and meetings with the city manager's office will take place the week of July 13th. As a reminder, I have included the budget calendar with this week's update for your review. Budget work sessions are scheduled for the week of September 14th.

If you have any questions about any of these items, please let me know. Otherwise, I hope you enjoy your holiday weekend, and we'll see you Monday night. The agenda is shaping up to be a lengthy one, but I don't think anyone can ever accuse us of not accomplishing anything.

BUDGET CALENDAR

FY 2016 BUDGET

May 4, 2015	Budget Expense Packets & Budget Worksheets delivered to Departments
June 19, 2015	Departments return completed Expense Worksheets to Finance Department
July 6-10, 2015	Department Budget Meetings with Finance Director
July 15-17, 2015	Department Budget Meetings with City Manager
August 3, 2015	Set Public Hearing Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set date for Public Hearing on Proposed Budget• Set date for Public Hearing on Property Tax Levy
August 10, 2015	Complete FY 2016 Estimate of Needs
August 17, 2015	Public Hearing on FY 2016 Proposed Budget
August 24, 2015	Public Hearing on Property Tax Rate
Sept. 14-16, 2015	Council Budget Work Sessions
October 19, 2015	Adoption of FY 2016 Approved Budget Present Year-End Budget Adjustment