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

Good afternoon, everyone. Please see below for this week's update.

Key Meetings

- On Tuesday, I met with Director Tuttle and a representative from SixTwo Digital, a consulting firm, to review their report on the *Strategic Marketing Evaluation* of JCVB marketing efforts.
- On Wednesday, AtCM Kelly and I traveled to Columbia for the MCMA winter professional development workshop. We spent the afternoon in a planning meeting for our annual conference, which will take place in May.
- On Thursday, we heard from AJ Wilson, ICMA Senior Advisor and former city manager of Kansas City, Missouri, on the topics of coaching and mentorship. During the afternoon, AtCM Kelly participated in a speed coaching session while I attended two committee meetings, one to discuss emerging issues in local government, and the other to discuss ways to improve regional efforts to promote better collaboration among cities.
- Earlier today, I met with our employee engagement committee to discuss our employee intranet/idea system, employee training and development opportunities, etc.

Miscellaneous

- Earlier this week, I received a report from our finance department that we have collected \$559,506, or 86.13% of the total amount owed under the FEMA duplication of benefits program as noted in the state audit.
- Earlier today, our public information office issued a news release announcing the dates and times for the pre-disaster training workshop to be held in the council chambers at city hall, being brought to Joplin courtesy of the St. Bernard Project, for the benefit of homeowners and small- to mid-sized businesses. There is no cost to attend.
 - Times and dates for the Homeowners Sessions are: 7 p.m. Thursday, January 28; 1 p.m. Tuesday, February 2; 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, February 17; and 6 p.m. Thursday, February 18.
 - Sessions for Small to Mid-Size Businesses will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 2 and Wednesday, February 17.

In the Pipeline

- As discussed at our meeting this past Monday, please mark your calendars for a work session on Monday, February 8th, to discuss our change order policy. If there are any other items you would like to discuss, please let me know so I and/or staff can prepare for the discussion. The work session will be held at 6 p.m. in the council chambers.

If you have any questions about any of these items, please let me know.