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**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Sam Anselm, City Manager  
**DATE:** September 2, 2016  
**RE:** Weekly Update

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Good afternoon, everyone. Please see below for this week's update. This week was fairly light on meetings outside of meetings with department heads.

### **Key Meetings**

- On Wednesday, I attended the board meeting of the Joplin Regional Partnership.
- On Friday, I attended the monthly meeting of the Woman's Club of Joplin, to give an update on events/projects going on in and around the city. We discussed topics like the 20<sup>th</sup> Street overpass, CDBG-DR projects, library, etc.

### **Miscellaneous**

- If you have not had a chance to visit Mercy Park since it's opening last Saturday, or since Wednesday when the new mural was dedicated, I would encourage you to do so. We've received very positive feedback on the park and mural.
- On tonight's PBSNewsHour, Joplin's recovery will be featured. The program airs at 6:00 p.m. on Ozark Public Television.
- Departments continue to work on their non-personnel cost allocation sheets as part of the Priority-Based Budgeting process.
- Schifferdecker Pool will for the holiday weekend, but as students have headed back to school, we lack the necessary number of lifeguards to safely open the entire facility. So only the main pool will be open. As a result, we will be offering half-price admission for the weekend.

### **In the Pipeline**

- Please mark your calendar for the next budget work session, scheduled for September 12, 2016, where we will go over the line item budget. Pursuant to your directive given at our meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup>, I will also have my recommendation on further reductions in spending to meet the stated objective of presenting a balanced budget that also accommodates a 3% raise for employees.
- Staff is also preparing for our Issues & Options work session, which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. You will hear the request from the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, the museum, the general employee committee, and we will be reviewing the parks portion of the parks & stormwater sales tax.

- The city auction will take place on October 8, 2016. You can expect a list of items to be declared surplus at your meeting on Tuesday night.

Just a reminder that city offices will be closed on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Labor Day. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday night for our council meeting.

If you have any questions about any of these items, please let me know. Thank you for your time and service.