

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
February 26, 2024 Council Meeting

1. W. Main Street (WMS) Infrastructure Improvements Project update: As a result of the Pre-Construction meeting held February 14, I have the following updates:
 - a. Project Timeline- The project will start the second week of April, 2024 and conclude the first week of October, 2025.
 - b. Communicating Project Updates- The contractor, construction management team and the city will be meeting monthly (or more as needed) to review any and all relevant project items to assure we're all on the same page throughout construction.
 - c. Communicating with the Public- We will be maintaining a special WMS Project Updates section on our website. That will allow us to communicate all the latest updates and relevant information on the project to help keep the public properly informed on our progress.

2. Stormwater Master Plan update: I'm excited about the progress our consultants are making. Since our initial kick-off meeting last month, they have been compiling a significant amount of information and are preparing maps for our work sessions. Our next session is scheduled for the week of March 4, where we'll start mapping known problem areas throughout the city. Once this stage is completed, we plan to bring our consultants to council for an update of our progress-to-date and an overview of the path forward. At present, we're targeting April (TBD).

3. Discussions with County on Water System Monetary Obligations: FYI- Discussions between the county, Mr. Pasqualone and myself are continuing. We have another meeting scheduled for next week. I plan to update council on our progress soon.

4. DORA Public Hearing: The public hearing on the DORA Application will be held Monday, April 1, 2024 at 5:15 PM in the Council Chambers.

5. Potential Capital Projects (OPWC) for 2024 Application(s): Between Streets, Water and Wastewater, we're working with our engineer to target priority capital projects to seek new funding for, from OPWC, etc. Among others, were looking at a few waterline replacement projects: Lawn St., between Swan & Lockwood and North Ave., from 534 to just past Eagle. Also, we're looking to conduct a traffic study at 534 and 84 to see if altering the traffic pattern is warranted (adding a left turn lane off 534 southbound turning East).

6. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grant Discussions: As mentioned at the last meeting, we were contemplating submitting an SRTS application for a sidewalks and signals project near the Middle School by the March 1 deadline. After consulting with different sources about the scoring parameters for this project, we chose to hold off and not submit at this time. As far as I understand, the Township is proceeding with their application that would run a new path along the West side of Austin Rd. between Austin Manor MHP and GPS Elementary.

7. City Planner / Grant Writer update: FYI- I've been in preliminary discussions with various individuals about this opportunity (with another scheduled). I'm also working on the RFQ. The position, in general, would be a contractual opportunity where the general focus would be on community planning and development projects (seeking funding for the comprehensive plan, etc.) as opposed to larger infrastructure projects (water & sewer). I'll keep council posted on our progress.
8. Waste Management updates: I recently met with the city's sanitation service provider, WM, to review our overall service agreement and discuss various company-wide updates. A few points of note from the meeting are:
 - a. Spring Clean-Up- Scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2024 (see handout, which will also be put on our website).
 - b. Presentation to Council- WM Public Sector Rep. Vince Crawford will be making a presentation to Council on Monday, May 13, 2024 to provide information on various WM updates (Income Tax is also presenting that night).
9. My Upcoming Schedule: FYI- I will be attending the Ohio City/County Management Association (OCMA) Annual Conference in Columbus this Wednesday, 2/28 through Friday, 3/1. Should anyone need me for any reason, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.