

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
July 8, 2024 Council Meeting

1. W. Main Street Sewer Replacement Project:
 - a. Recent road closures- The recent road closures through the construction site were due to voids found under the road that needed to be backfilled. For safety reasons, the road needed to be closed to undertake this task. As we continue moving forward, it should be noted that additional closures are likely.
 - b. Updated Construction Schedule- The latest construction schedule has been received by the contractor and has been posted on our website.
 - c. Minutes for Progress Meeting #3- Forwarded to council members.
 - d. Progress Meeting #4- The next Progress meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2024 at 10 AM in Council Chambers.

2. Stormwater Master Plan Update: We've proceeded through Step 1, base mapping, and are into Step 2, the Condition Assessment-Field Study phase of our planning where among other things, "problem identification" is the priority. As a result of the recent three (3) heavy rain events experienced within a ten-day period, all the reported problem areas were reported back to our consultant to assure they are documented and mapped. Most of those areas were already accounted for. Step 3, (which we're moving towards) involves project identification/prioritization, concept planning, cost estimating and ultimately financial planning. I anticipate having our consultant provide another update to council in the near future (Sept.). As a reminder, the ultimate goals of our program are to reduce flooding and improve water quality throughout the city.

3. Smoke Testing Announcement: FYI- In an effort to identify ongoing infiltration in targeted areas throughout our sanitary sewer system, we will be conducting a smoke test starting tomorrow, July 9 and running through Wednesday, July 10. Door hangers were delivered last Wednesday to notify all residents in the test areas. More information regarding the smoke testing can be found on our website.

4. OPWC FY 24 (Round 38) Austin Rd. Pavement Improvement Project: Three (3) bids were received on June 26, 2024, with the bids ranging from \$131,032.20 to \$147,698 (Engineer letter and bidder breakdown in council packet). The low bidder was Koski Construction Co. After review, their bid has been found to be in conformance with all contract requirements. With Koski being an experienced and qualified contractor and having submitted the low bid, it is my recommendation we accept their bid of \$131,032.20. (*On Council Agenda*)

5. OPWC FY 26 (Round 39) Lawn Street Waterline Replacement Project: FYI- After speaking with the county Engineer, I have agreed to an adjustment of our requested OPWC Funds (from what was presented in our pre-application) to enhance the likelihood of our application being funded. The change includes the shifting of \$100,000 from grant to loan: our grant request goes from \$299,900 to \$199,900 and our 0% loan request goes from \$50,000 to \$150,000. The total of our requested OPWC resources does not change (\$349,900). Official notification of our application status should occur in October, 2024.

6. CDBG Senior Center ADA Improvement Project Update: We are currently looking to advertise the project on July 12 and 19 with a scheduled bid opening on Friday, July 26 at noon. If all goes well, we anticipate presenting a bid recommendation at the August 12, 2024, council meeting. The estimated project cost is \$137,200.

The project will improve the rear entrance of the building by flattening the steep, non-ADA-compliant ramp at the door, as well as installing a vertical platform lift, handrails, guardrails, stairs and a unit heater in the entryway. Also, electrical work for new lighting, power to the vertical lift and two new doors with push pad openers will be installed.

7. Grant Writer as an Independent Contractor RFP Update: After concluding with the RFP process, we have successfully procured a quality bid, which we are in the process of following up on. We are currently looking to set up a preliminary meeting with the applicant. I will keep council apprised of our progress as we move forward.
8. Union Negotiations for Contract Years 2025 – 2027: FYI- Negotiations with our four (4) bargaining units is now right around the corner. To that point, I am in receipt of the first two “Notice to Negotiate” from SERB, as filed by the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association (OPBA) for both Patrolmen & Sergeants and Dispatchers. I anticipate the same in due-time with our two other unions, IAFF #3695 and Laborers International Union of N.A.-Local 860. I will keep council apprised of our status as we progress.