

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
October 14, 2024 Council Meeting

1. W. Main Street Construction Project:
 - a. Full-road closure is in effect and working as well as could be expected. Timeline for full closure: TBD
 - b. In an effort to make UH Hospital easier to navigate during the road closure, we're placing additional signs directing traffic to the hospital at the following locations:
 - i. West St./SR-84 intersection, for eastbound and westbound traffic
 - ii. SR-534/SR-84 intersection, for westbound traffic
 - iii. SR-534/W Main St. intersection for westbound traffic
 - c. Minutes of the September Progress Meeting #6 have been emailed to council members
 - d. Progress Meeting # 7 is scheduled for 10/23/24 at 10 AM in Council Chambers

2. DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) Status: On September 27, 2024, we learned from the Ohio Dept. of Commerce-Div. of Liquor Control, that our application for the City of Geneva DORA was determined to have met all related liquor requirements. All participating establishments (of which there were seven identified in our application) will be receiving a letter from the DLC authorizing them to participate within the DORA. Once all letters are received, the required signage is up along the boundary area, window stickers have been distributed and our DORA narrative (directions for participation) is fully in place, we will be able to officially declare the DORA activated. Current target: Winterfest 2025 (the Christmas parade is a long shot)

3. Utility Committee Meeting: As previously discussed, we're Looking to set up a council Utility Committee meeting to review current and proposed Water/Wastewater rates for 2025-29. In order to have three readings, we would need to have the Utility Meeting prior to the first Council meeting in November.

4. Finance Committee Meeting to Review Proposed 2025 Operating Budget: As previously discussed, we're looking to set up a council Finance Committee meeting to review the 2025 Operating Budget the week of November 4, 2024. Later in the week is preferred to give us time to utilize October-actual numbers in our forecasts. Thursday, November 7 would be ideal however, it would need to be understood that minutes from that committee meeting wouldn't be available until the November 25th council meeting (due to short timing).

5. Budgeted Vehicle Acquisitions: FYI- (*On tonight's Agenda*)
 - a. Water Department- The acquisition of a 2024 Ford F-550 Dump Truck, including outfitting, is a scheduled, budgeted acquisition. The sale price is at or below the State Bid price (see enclosed vehicle info). Total amount: \$85,769.90. Budgeted: \$90,000
 - b. Police Department- The acquisition of three 2025 Dodge Durango's, including outfitting, is a scheduled, budgeted acquisition. The sale price is at or below the State Bid price (see enclosed vehicle info). Total amount: \$161,092.71. Budgeted: \$187,500. NOTE: while various other vehicle "options" were reviewed and evaluated, we believe our best current option is to stick with the Durango's at this time.

6. Stormwater Master Plan “Field Investigations” Update: As of last Tuesday, crews began their on-the-ground field investigations that continued throughout the week. The work included open channel stream assessments, road culvert assessments and railroad assessments. They started near the high school and worked north to East Main Street. While in the field, they identified 30 stream crossings on the critical extents that will require more time to inspect than originally thought. As such, there will be additional time spent throughout the week in the field conducting the open channel stream assessment. A review of their activities and progress to date will be presented to council in a Work Session on October 28 at 5PM.
7. Geneva Twp. Fire Levy Informational Meeting #2: FYI- There will be a second, public informational meeting on the Geneva Twp Fire Levy tomorrow night, Tuesday, October 15, from 6-8 PM, at Regal Vineyards. The purpose of the meeting is to have an open dialogue on the need for the levy and provide as much information as possible on how the funds are utilized within Departmental operations. Township officials and representatives from the GFD will be present.
8. Yard Waste Pick-Up Service: Our seasonal bagged yard waste pick-up service, which runs from spring through September (with pick-up being on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month), is now over. It will start up again next April.
9. Traditional Leaf Pickup Service: This annual fall service will commence next week (traditionally the third week of October) and run through December 1. To take advantage of this service, we ask residents to bring their leaves close to the curb but not in the street, so we can most effectively pick them up.
10. Ghoulfest 2024: This year’s festivities are scheduled for Saturday, October 26th, from 7 AM to 8 PM. There are a significant number of activities scheduled throughout the day, including a parade starting at 6 PM (beginning and ending at Depot lot). For a complete rundown of those activities, please check out our website.
11. Halloween in the City: Sunday, October 27 from 4-6 PM.