



Administrative Report
Mayor Eddie Moran

TO: City Council
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MEETING DATE: September 25, 2023
AGENDA MEMO DATE: September 20, 2023

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development has the following updates:

Community Development met with NewCold, an interested company in the 50-acre Dana Site tract. Several approval mechanisms were discussed at the meeting:

- Zoning approval for storage towers exceeding allowable height of 60 ft. Zoning detailed the process of requesting a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board.
- Approval of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will be required due to proximity of the storage towers to the Landing strip as well as zoning requirement for airport overlay.
- Availability of 10 to 15 Mega watt. City introduced acquisition team to MetEd staff.
- Fire Marshal will request detailed design for suppression system. FM is familiar with the technology used for reduction of oxygen in storage towers.
- Team was introduced to Environmental firm to conduct phase I investigation.
- Team was introduced to Norfolk Southern to discuss use of rail on site.

The Sidewalk project is nearing completion. PMI and PW are working together to inspect construction activity. So far, six applications have been submitted, each with a signed owner/contractor agreement.

During the reporting period, the lead abatement program completed 4 residences. Families were relocated to a motel while lead hazard elements were removed as part of the cleanup work.

FIRE

The Fire Department has the following updates:

Three candidates applied for positions that were solely for paramedics. September 23 is the date of the written exam. Physicals and interviews will come later, in early October. By the end of the year, they should be employed and out on the streets.

The New Rescue 1 is nearly finished. On September 26, four members will travel to Florida (on the Pierce portion of the contract) for final inspection. The shipment will arrive in early October. The objective is to have it operational by the end of November, following equipment installation and familiarization.

On October 1st, the department will march in the 275th Anniversary Parade.

POLICE

The Police Department has the following updates:

On Thursday, September 14th, between 1600 and 2200 hours, the Neighborhood Gun Violence Unit conducted an operation.

Capt. Cheryl Pentheny and Deputy Chief Ruiz went to Lancaster PD on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023, and met with Lt. Zahm, Sgt. Todd Grager, and Grace Mentzer, BSW Police Social Worker. The meeting's goal is to determine what is required to integrate and operate the Police Social Worker position.

On Thursday, September 7th, 2023, Deputy Chief Ruiz attended the Civil Service Meeting with Capt. Rogers and Capt. Pentheny, where we opened conversation about Lateral Transfers from other Police Departments and monetary incentives for new hires.