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City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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Report

1. ATE: April 15, 2011 –The NB and SB cameras at Park & Cleveland, the WB camera at 61 & University, and the WB camera at 61 & Mulberry will transition from their 30-day warning period to real citations this Sunday April 17. Construction of the 5th and final intersection at Park & Washington is scheduled to commence April 12.
2. Hershey Update (Kistenmacher): This week Langman continues work on the new under-drain system on Eighth Street, and on the storm sewer system on Main Street. Both should be completed by the end of the week. Langman is beginning work on the laterals for the underdrain system on Eighth Street; they finished work on the main line pipe last week. They will be totally finished with the underdrain system this week. It is anticipated this work will eliminate the problem with the springs bleeding out on the street surface from the hillside on either side of the street. The old system was essentially a non-functioning system. It had been constructed with corrugated metal pipe, which had rusted out and deteriorated over time. That will finish the pipe installation work on Eighth Street, but Illowa is not available to overlay it with asphalt until the middle of May. It will therefore remain closed to traffic for a while. On Main Street, above the split from Eighth Street, Langman is installing the last two storm water intakes on this system. They should be finished with the storm sewer system there by the end of the day. However they have two existing intakes to remove up at the George Street intersection yet. After finishing on Main Street they will be proceeding up West Third Street, later this week. There are a number of issues to deal with in this area. One of the issues is garbage and recyclable pick-ups. I have been speaking with Allied Waste Systems about the recyclable pick up. I will be meeting with their representative on site this week, if he shows up this time, as promised. Langman has volunteered to carry the bins to nearby, accessible intersections. Langman and Heuer also continue driveway and sidewalk construction on Hershey Avenue. They should be finished with this work by the end of the week. Two of the concrete slabs poured last week were driven on over the weekend, before the concrete was adequately cured. The areas were cordoned off, but the owners chose to remove the tape and park there. There is no visible damage, but the property owners will have to do the repairs if something shows up later. For the record, the addresses are 1707 and 1812 Hershey.

"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain

3. Utility Franchise Fee: We received the Alliant Utility Franchise fee for the Jan-March quarter in the amount of \$117,935.69 on 4/18. This brings the total for the first three quarters to \$190,955.99.
4. ATE: Please see the following in answer to the calibration question raised in the newspaper: The antennas are calibrated before they leave the factory and that is good for one year. Before a year in the field is up, GATSO will come to town and either replace the antennas with freshly calibrated ones or calibrate them on site. GATSO has the factory test equipment and training required to do this.
5. Website/Iowa League: City Staff has been asked to participate in an Iowa League of Cities workshop at the annual conference. Beforehand the league will put together a video vignette about our process and then have a representative from the city and the vendors involved taking questions from the audience. The league would also like to make some handouts for the group – planning documents, lessons learned, etc.
6. Airport: The Airport Advisory Commission will not meet Monday, April 25. Please continue to think of ideas for an open house with the Reserve Center. Ideas will be discussed at the next meeting.
7. Meetings (Sample): Gage Kent, Muscatine Foods; ISO pre-survey meeting (FD); Urban Renewal Consultation; CIAT