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City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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Report

1. Bandag: Greg Jenkins reported that Bandag will not be taking advantage of the state IDED grant opportunity at this time and therefore, the City's \$70,000 match (RLF Backfill) will not be necessary as well. Plans to make improvements to the Learning Center have been put on hold and this is the investment that would have made them eligible for the state grant. Unfortunately, this also means that the state's 5-year job requirement will not apply. We have not heard that jobs will be affected by this decision.
2. Meetings: Mark Post/Carver Pump tour and meeting, Lofgren, Lofgren and Kauffman, Jim Elias/MCC re: marketing
3. Mad Creek: The Army Corp has reported that the Fed Government may pull back Mad Creek funding if the project is not ready to go by July 1st. This is merely talk at this point, but it has us concerned. Staff is following up with federal staffers and if necessary we may have to divide the project into phases to get it out in time. We will report as we learn more.
4. Drainage District: Our discussions with the Drainage District continue to proceed as we discussed during the budget review. We will likely have a proposal to discuss in an upcoming closed session. More to come...
5. Library/MCSA: We are working with the Library and MCSA to explore using MCSA residents (employees) to provide cleaning services for the Library at no cost to the City. This would provide the residents with a work experience and save the City funds. We may provide some technical or building maintenance assistance from time to time at MCSA in return for this service.
6. Hershey II: Langman is working on storm sewer continuation on West Third Street. They are installing pipe toward the Green Street and West Third intersection from a point where they left off with the storm sewer to complete intake pipes and street surfacing work. They closed Green Street to through traffic this morning. They will be excavating in the intersection tomorrow to locate all the buried utilities there, and install the new manholes and sewers. There may be conflicts with the telephone duct going up Third Street. Langman believes they can make the crossing where they need to but that will need to be monitored as they proceed. Langman is also doing some "finishing touches" on areas such as "Little Busch" apron, the trail sidewalk at the Hershey Lift Station, and scheduling some other items. Most of my Punch List items are completed. Heuer will do the Busch and trail sidewalk items tomorrow. They will also work on a couple of manhole box-outs. The only streets affected (closed) are West Third (Main to Ash) and Green Streets. Per Denny Kistenmacher, City Project Manager

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

