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City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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1. Soccer Complex: In discussing the condition of the complex, staff has determined that we will need to limit play at the Soccer Complex this Fall in hopes that we will have enough turf repair that we can have a full schedule for Spring 2012. We will cancel most adult play and will freeze the schedule for all youth games. This will negatively affect Adult Latin League, Adult Church League, St. Ambrose Men's and Women's, youth games not already scheduled, and youth scrimmages. The groups have all been contacted at this point. Hopefully there will be enough turf repair that we can open the schedule back up at a later date. A memo is being prepared by our Athletic Facilities Manager explaining the situation and what our maintenance plan of action is.
2. Goals: Please consider the following dates for our goal setting session and please rank your preferences: Wed 9/28, Thur 9/29, Saturday 10/8, or Wed 10/9.
3. Drainage District: The DD has agreed to our contract terms and we will present this for action at our next regular meeting.
4. Consent Agendas: Please take a look at our present agenda format. We believe that there are opportunities to streamline the agenda. This would include moving such items and minutes, proclamations and other minor items to the consent agenda. Please remember that any one council member may remove an item from the consent agenda should they wish to discuss that item.
5. Carver Swim Center: I have had discussions with Superintendent Bill Decker and he is willing to work with the City on the Carver Swim Center. His preference would be that our contributions to diminish over a period of years versus all at once, but we should be able to begin this process during the coming budget. On a related note, there is interest in having the city take back management of Bruner Field. This is still in discussion and options may include school ownership to allow capital dollars to be expended on the field, city maintenance, reduce pool expenditures more quickly as we take this task on, etc. More to come.
6. CDBG: As this round of CDBG Housing Rehab program ends, another grant is available to pursue, but at this point we plan to utilize more of Jim's time on council and staff goals including the Comprehensive Plan, City Codes, and the Zoning Ordinance.
7. Day Street: The Railroad will close Day Street on Thursday, September 1th for reconstruction. Closing should last about a week. PW staff will provide traffic

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on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain**

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8. Hotel/Motel: For FY 2010/2011 the total hotel/motel tax totaled \$363,664.56 - this is \$53,664.56 higher than the Revised Estimate.
9. ATE: ATE fines received today - \$68,265 less fees of \$23,490 for a net of \$44,775. \$184,527 to date.