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City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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Report:

1. WPCP: We recently had one of three pumps fail at our Isett Lift Station. This lift station serves a very large area including the Heinz Plant. There appeared to have had something caught in the pump that destroyed the entire power head assembly. We are able to handle most flows with one pump but during heavy rains we have to run two pumps. We need to get this pump repaired as soon as possible in case one of the other pumps goes down. We have the potential of flooding some basements including some areas of Heinz. We have contacted Zimmer & Francescon who is the supplier of these pumps and found we can purchase a new power head for \$18,575.00. It will take about 8 weeks for a replacement. A completely new pump is \$21,280.00 and it would take 12 or more weeks for a replacement. Our staff has pulled the pump and inspected all components. Staff recommends purchasing just the power head at a cost of \$18,575.00. Staff considers this an emergency situation and would like to get a purchase order sent out today if at all possible.
2. Hershey: We will be holding a project progress meeting for the Hershey Avenue Reconstruction Project on Thursday, October 27th at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Department of Public Works at 1459 Washington Street. The meeting format will include a west-to-east rundown of the project corridor activities and issues. All attendees can provide reports of their activities. Staff is looking to see if the sidewalk at the corner of Houser and Hershey should be extended to the soccer complex per resident requests funneled through Councilmember Bynum.
3. Fire Station #2:
 - Cheung Chan, Architect: We have asked First Construction to come up with a game plan for replacement panel so we have a better idea on the schedule impact. The following email from Stephen layout the current plan and the time line. The amount of time allocated for each scope of work seems reasonable to us. The City would need to determine if this schedule is acceptable. Depending on the opinion of the precast consultant on Friday, the least time consuming scenario is the consultant were able to tell us that he know of contractors that can patch the cracks to be unnoticeable so APC can hire one of these contractors and allow the apparatus bay construction pick back up right away. Also attached (Earlier email) is the qualification of the precast consultant. He appears to have a long experience in precast and was on the PCI board for the guideline 117 we have specified. Both of these qualifications should allow him to render a fair judgment.

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

Let us know if you have any concern on the following schedule or if you have any concern regarding the precast consultant.

- Stephen Freese, First Construction Group: We have reviewed a game plan for replacing the precast panels if the patching process does not work. Once we know that the panels will not be acceptable, Advance Precast has indicated they will put new panels in production. Since the drawings are complete, producing the panels and cure time would take approximately 2 to 3 weeks. During the panel production time frame we would complete our concrete removal and excavation to get to footing. Once the panels are ready to delivery and set it would take approximately 2 weeks to replace the panels. As the new panels are set, we would re-grout, backfill, caulk, replace the concrete paving, and tie the roof back in. After that, we would continue on with construction in the apparatus bay. Below is a recap.

From the time a decision is made that the panels cannot be patched:
10/31/11

1. Cast and cure new panels delivered 11/21/11 - 3 weeks
2. Set new panels - complete 12/12/11 - 2 weeks
3. Backfill & replace concrete paving - complete 12/12/11 - 1 week
4. Continue underfloor heat loop; also will set OH doors at same time - complete 1/2/12 - 3 weeks
5. Pour floor slab - complete 1/16/12 - 1 week
6. Misc. interior finish; have to finish office south side - complete 2/6/12 - 3 weeks
7. Ready for punch list on 2/6/12.

Please note the schedule may go quicker but with winter approaching, we wanted to be conservative.

4. Police: Problem Oriented Policing effort. Please see the email attachment for details on this new Police Department effort. Per Captain Snider: A couple of months ago I asked the Lieutenants and Sergeants from each shift to identify problems within the community that they felt we might be able to take a role in and develop a plan (or plans) for dealing with them. One of the issues that they brought back to me was the issue of safety in the downtown area at night. Part of this was based on the results of the Nation Citizen's Survey but there has also been a number of encounters with drunk and disorderly patrons, fights within the bars, and serious assaults that we have responded to, throughout this past summer.

At last month's staff meeting, we had some discussion on how to approach this problem and incorporate the communities help in resolving some of these issues. Lt. Sink and Lt. Kies submitted a plan of action, which is intended to target the downtown as a whole and not just the bars. One of the

steps within this plan was to identify and contact the local bar owners/managers and any other businesses in the area that are open during the late night hours with the intent to organize a meeting with these people to discuss these concerns and seek their input on the problem. I also expressed to them that I did not want us stepping up enforcement in the area until the business owners were aware of what we were trying to accomplish and given an opportunity to address things from their end.

Our next staff meeting is tomorrow and I am expecting a update on their progress then. At this point I am unaware of any letters being sent out or delivered but I will inquire about it tomorrow and keep you posted. I will be sending you a separate email, which will be a scanned copy, of Lt. Sink's and Lt. Kies' plan of action, which will hopefully provide answers for anything I have left out.

Update 10/27: I met with staff yesterday and received an update on their progress with the downtown project. I was advised that NO letters have been sent out or delivered but members of the 3rd shift have been contacting bar owners and inviting them to a meeting. They hope to discuss some of the issues going on in the area and some steps the owners can take to help curtail the problem. This meeting has been set for Nov. 9th in our downstairs conference room. I believe the start time is going to be 7:00pm and I plan on attending the meeting as well. Lt. Kies advised they have had several owners ask questions about hiring bouncers so I am sure that will be one of the topics. Lt. Kies advised they have also begun an increased presence in the area and have already seen a drop in the amount of fights and other problems that were going on. Lt. Kies expressed concern that this is only a bandage on the problem as he will not always be able to staff people in the area due to manpower and call load. He would like to see the business owners take more of a role in policing their own activities, which is the ultimate goal of the meeting. I inquired about any other non-alcoholic business owners that are open or in the area during these hours. There appears to be no other businesses open during these hours with the exception of the pool hall next to Jody's. Lt. Kies was going to make an effort to contact them and see if they would be willing to participate. Lt. Kies did contact other bar owners that were not located in the downtown area and offered them the opportunity to participate. I guess we will just wait to see how much of a response we get. We have obtained a list of emails from all the bar owners which will hopefully open up some additional lines of communication. I'll let you know how the meeting goes and I would imagine it will be sometime after that meeting that we will begin targeted patrols in the area. If you have any other questions let me know. I would also appreciate it if you could keep me apprised of any feed back you hear, negative or positive.

5. Community Development: Rogers four-wheel drive vehicle is out of service and he is currently using one of the squad cars that was intended to be removed from service. We are looking at alternatives and may be back to City Council with a recommended purchase.