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City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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Report:

1. MPW/Ripley's: Staff continues to work with Mr. harder to review the sewer options for the mobile home park and 38/61 connector area. Staff hopes to have an engineering services agreement in the very near future. We also continue to explore water options for the same (a portion of) service area and how we might be able to work with MPW to get this accomplished through repayment of a portion of the water revenue to the City. Voluntary annexation would be a critical part of these projects. Staff plans to hold a session with the Council shortly to bring City Council fully up to speed, but we are awaiting information from MPW concerning costs at this point.
2. Cedar Street/MPW: MPW appears willing to participate and bury the electrical along Cedar Street next fiscal year, but in order to do so, they would like the City to front the cost and MPW would repay the City over a 7-year period. MPW would also request payment of \$25,000 for the remaining life of the above ground poles/electrical lines. Staff will bring this forward for discussion shortly.
3. Fire Station: Chief Ewers and myself met with First Construction and the pre-cast concrete subcontractor on Thursday. The pre-cast contractor would like one last opportunity to provide a solution (stain and sealant) other than removal of 15 panels. It was suggested they complete this next week using one of the panels that would be removed should we enforce replacement. The sub-contractor would also provide a deduct for the project as well. They have verbally agreed to replace the panels if that is our desire following this test.
4. TIF: Just a quick reminder regarding TIF and rebate programs. There appeared to be some confusion at last night's meeting. With a new commercial project, the City has structured the rebate agreements so that existing TIF districts/revenue are not affected. Only new tax dollars (the increment generated off the project) are used to rebate the developer. Typically, 50% goes to the developer and 50% to the City to utilize for TIF eligible projects within the TIF district or urban renewal area.
5. Siren Grant: Per Chief Ewers, it appears that the City's grant is fairing well to date. Our grant assistant at Homeland Security has completed our review and has said its now ready for submission. We should hear something early in 2012. The City share would be \$6,300 if the grant were awarded.
6. Meetings: Blue Zones/Chamber Meeting, MCC/John Dabeet, MHS Internship Coordinator, Business After Hours at Conn Communication, Audit Committee, Bi-State Managers Meeting,

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