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City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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Report:

1. Fridley: City Staff received Fridley's annexation request on Monday, December 12th to begin processing. This will go before the Planning Commission in January for discussion and site visit prior to coming to the Council for final approval. I expect that we will be proceeding shortly with the proposed establishment of a new TIF district.
2. Budget Schedule: Please see the attached schedule for 2012 budget deliberations. This follows nearly the same schedule as 2011. Internally, we have begun review of department budget requests.
3. Start Up Iowa: Please see the new startupiowa.org website and program focusing on entrepreneurship in Iowa. This follows the "Economic Gardening" concepts and can incorporate into community economic development activities.
4. Daveri Group: At this point, I understand that the Daveri Group (low income housing) is planning to meet with IFA next week and is strongly considering moving forward with their application even without TIF assistance. The housing portion through HUD/City Housing Department has the prospect of 40 points for their application while the TIF component was merely 2 points in the application process. They may yet request a letter of support from the City.
5. Orientation: To date, Nancy and I have conducted an orientation session with Mayor-Elect Hopkins and Councilmember-Elect Spread. We have a final orientation session scheduled with Councilmember-Elect Phillips and a tour of our major facilities for all three incoming members set for 12/29.
6. Fire Station #2: City Staff received confirmation from First Construction (FC) as to the extent of work being done to the panels. FC has indicated that the patch contractor is patching the north panel on the west side. He has two of the cracks patched and is trying to get one panel patched so the texture of the patch is the same as the panel. APC is scheduling Nawkaw to come down and treat the panel being patched, but they need a dry panel so hopefully they can do this work early next week (We'll let you know when it is complete). If the city accepts the Nawkaw solution, then the patch contractor will work on correcting and patching the remaining cracks in the panels. The City reserves the right to reject the proposed fix and proceed with replacement of 15 precast panels.

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