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City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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REPORT:

1. B-State: Please see the attached January 2013 Commission packet for the January 23rd meeting.
2. Colorado Street Project Update: The following information is provided by Robert W. Tobin, P.E. with Shoemaker & Haaland Professional Engineers.
 - IDOT bid letting in August of 2013
 - Notice To Proceed (NTP) - Since this will be a IDOT project we are thinking that the NTP could occur immediately after the City Executes the contract (Sept 19th) if allowing work in the fall 13 is acceptable to the City
 - Phasing of Work - We are thinking that the Contractor would be allowed to perform underground utility work in the fall 13. This would be work that could be done without road closure but may require only having one lane available with traffic control and flagmen etc. for short periods of time so that crossing of existing pavement could occur if necessary and temporary patching put back on the existing road to provide a surface through the winter. The fall of 2013 might also be a time to allow the contractor to do some of the earthwork such as building the embankment adjacent to the roadway in areas such as Weed Park. We would like to get your (staff) feedback regarding the Culvert to be placed under Colorado Street at Weed park. We are thinking about the use of a precast box culvert with installation in the fall of 2013. A precast box culvert could be installed in roughly a week. As part of this process Colorado would be closed at the culvert. However we feel use of this approach would minimize long term inconvenience. Precast culverts are generally slightly more expensive (10 to 25%) than cast in place. However if the road is allowed to be closed and a detour were required for a cast in place structure the cost is likely comparable. A cast in place culvert would require a longer time frame for construction roughly 3 to 4 weeks (weather dependent) and we are anticipating that closure for 3 to 4 weeks would not be acceptable so a temporary bypass off to one side would be required.
 - How Much Work Will Be Completed by July 1st 2014 - This will be somewhat weather and contractor dependent but at this time we estimate it could be anywhere from 35 to 65% complete.
 - How will you address the work/phase between Colorado and MCC Schools - We are proposing that the work in front of the schools not start until after the school year is complete with the exception of some of the underground work proposed for the fall of 2013. We would also propose that the road in this area be constructed ½ at a time while allowing access to the adjacent properties.

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

- When do you expect completion - We expect substantial completion to be the end of the 2014 construction season with only punch list items such as seeding, etc. stretching into spring 2015. However if we have constructions seasons like the past couple of years - everything may be completed in 2014.
3. Concessions: Happy Joes has requested a reduced City share down to 15% (presently 20%). As such, we will be rebidding concessions for the soccer complex, Kent-Stein, and the pool. Happy Joes did indicate that they would rebid at the lower rate. The Council will need to set a public hearing at the first meeting in February for action at the second meeting. Please see the attached letter.
 4. MFPRSI: Finance Director Nancy Lueck prepared the following information for me after discussing the issue with Rep. Lofgren last Friday. The attached provides a 5-year MFPRSI pension rate increase/impact. I provided a copy to Rep. Lofgren at his request.
 5. Fire Department: Per Chief Ewers: Effective Monday, January 21 Captain Darrell Janssen is promoted to Assistant Fire Chief (56-hr position). Darrell will remain on Blue Shift. Please help me in congratulating Darrell on his promotion. I plan on having one informal promotional gathering and badge pinning with staff and family members in FD day room once all the promotions are completed. As soon as we get the new badges and collar brass the three shift commanders (56-hr AC's) will be renamed to Battalion Chief's. This will be announced when it occurs officially.