

# EL DORADO

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TO: City Commission  
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager  
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### **Items of Note:**

- Derek Schmidt recently named Katie Sawyer, the staff member from Senator Marshall's office who has been assisting with the City's water storage contract, as his running mate for the upcoming gubernatorial race. She will remain on Senator Marshall's staff for a little while longer and will share contact information for her replacement so we can stay abreast of our issue as it progresses through Washington.
- Work at the municipal pool continues in earnest this week. Everything is on-schedule to open the pool by mid- to late-June. The Public Utilities Department removed the large slide due to several safety concerns. Staff informed lifeguards of the expected opening of the pool. I believe most, if not all, are expected to return.
- Staff is working diligently to complete the remaining items needed for the annual audit. It is my understanding the auditors were very impressed by the improvements made over the course of the past year. This audit will not have any significant findings. Instead, the auditors have provided several recommendations to improve operational or administrative efficiencies and for improving internal control.
- The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) informed the City this week that the City's financial report for year-ended December 31, 2020 qualifies for GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. According to the GFOA, "the Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management." The City has received the award for the forty-three consecutive years.
- The City received a conceptual drawing from Gravity Works for a concession/restroom building for the softball complex at East Park. The drawing also showed a layout that includes a locker room for Butler's softball team. You may recall from prior communication that Butler Community College is interested in obtaining an exclusive lease agreement for the North Field at East Park. The softball team has used this field almost exclusively over the last few years. An agreement would make such an arrangement official and would allow Butler to make some investments to the field. I am in the process of coordinating communication with Butler Community College to further the discussion on these projects and an exclusive use agreement.
- The Executive Leadership Team participated in a tabletop exercise this week concerning a cybersecurity scenario. Keri Korthals, Butler County Emergency Management Director, facilitated the exercise, which gave department directors the opportunity to think through

a response to a made-up situation. Cybersecurity is a going concern for local governments, especially since the public relies on the critical systems we operate. Tabletop exercises allow the City to understand where weaknesses may exist so these areas may be addressed before an incident occurs. It also helps to walk-through a scenario so department directors generally know how to respond if a situation should happen.

- Jeff Christensen and Emily Connell met with me this week to provide an update on Main Street's Master Plan. They informed me the plan is nearing completion. The anticipated delivery date is July.
- The City received the cost-benefit analysis prepared by Wichita State University concerning a requested industrial revenue bond (IRB) to Gordy Heritage, LLC. The project plans an \$11.5 million renovation of the Gordy Square and Heritage House apartments. The cost-benefit analysis looked at a scenario whereby the City grants a 35% property tax abatement. The analysis demonstrates a positive cost-benefit analysis ratio, meaning the project is expected to have more benefit to taxing entities than cost. Staff anticipates meeting with the developer to discuss the project in more detail before bringing the request to the City Commission.
- I will be out of the office from June 6 through June 10 attending scout camp. Kevin Wishart will serve as acting city manager while I am away.

#### **Personnel Update:**

- *Vacant and advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (5), Police Officer (2), Fire Captain, Building Maintenance Worker, Wastewater Superintendent, Wastewater Operators (2).

#### **Commission Calendar:**

- *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*
  - **June 6 Regular Meeting** – BASE Grant Local Match Authorization Resolution; Liquor Tax Distributions; Industrial Water Tower Project bids; Deer Run Public Infrastructure bids
  - **June 15 Work Session** – Revenue Neutral Rate Discussion; Downtown Electric Project; Gordy Heritage IRB Request; Water and Sewer Studies Overview
  - **June 20 Regular Meeting** – Year-end Transfers; Golf Cart Amendment Ordinance; Tall Weeds and Grass Amendment Ordinance; Vac Truck Purchase Authorization
  - **June 29 Work Session** – Capital Improvement Program Overview
- *Pending Items (Items to be scheduled for upcoming meeting once completed):* Street Cut Ordinance; Food Vendor Ordinance; Transient Vendor Ordinance; Business Park Re-platting and Rezoning