

EL DORADO

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TO: City Commission
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager
SUBJ: Weekly Report
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Items of Note:

- The City received three statements of qualifications for the Transportation Master Plan Project. The firms submitting included TranSystems/Benesch, PEC, and JEO Consulting Group. Staff anticipates interviews with the firms by the end of the month.
- The City plans to coordinate a meeting with Conco Construction in the next week or so to finalize the project scope and agreement for the Concession/Restroom projects at East Park and Central Park baseball and softball complexes. The total estimated cost of the proposal was \$599,948. The City budgeted \$600,000 from excess sales tax proceeds for the project.
- The City's property insurance premiums will increase by 11% to 15% for this year's renewal. A brief issued by Travelers Insurance stated that *"because the cost of building materials and labor has escalated so steeply over the past three years, many commercial properties may be difficult to reconstruct for the values stated on their insurance policies."* Catastrophe-exposed areas, of which Kansas is included, may experience a price increase of 15% to 25% of commercial property lines of coverage. Cyber coverage is also experiencing significant increases due to increasing exposure in this space throughout the nation.
- The Public Works Department received two bids for the Airport Road Improvement Project. Pearson Construction submitted a low bid of \$542,684.75. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$557,179.
- The Engineering Department anticipates receiving the revised options for the 9th Avenue Improvement Project by the end of next week. Staff will review and then schedule for discussion with the governing body.
- The Township Village Street Improvement Projects (5th, 2nd, Hunton, and Simpson) have been completed this past week. Final touches, such as clean-up and seeding, remain to be done, although construction activities are done. Norris Drive is the only remaining street in the Township Village neighborhood that is unimproved.
- Staff provided an overview of the exiting temporary and off-site signage regulations to the Planning Commission this week. The body will begin its review of the regulations in earnest next month. Staff anticipates the public hearing for proposed changes to the regulations in June.
- In April, the Planning Commission will be hearing a rezoning case for the parcel of land where the former drive-in theater was located. Evergy has purchased the property and

wants to construct an electric substation on the site. The Planning Commission will also hear a request for a special use permit for a distillery at Star and 5th Avenue.

- I have asked the Public Works Department to conduct some initial research to understand what would be needed to install a few electric vehicle charging stations in El Dorado. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *“Although forecasts for the rate of EV adoption over the next decade vary widely given rapid changes in both government policies and the auto manufacturing industry in recent years—many forecasts expect a strong acceleration in EV adoption. S&P Global Mobility forecasts electric vehicle sales in the United States could reach 40 percent of total passenger car sales by 2030, and more optimistic projections foresee electric vehicle sales surpassing 50 percent by 2030.”* There exist potential opportunities to partner with local agencies to facilitate the installation of charging stations, which is becoming more important as more electric vehicles enter the market.

Commission Follow-up:

- None at this time.

Upcoming Milestones/Deadlines:

- **March 25** - 9th Avenue Improvement Project Supplement Services
- **April 12** - McDonald Stadium Turf Replacement Bids Due (2:00 pm)
- **May** - WSU Housing Needs Assessment

Personnel Update:

- *Vacant and advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (4), Police Officer (6), Management Fellow, Water Plant Operator, and Recreation Specialist.
- Andreas Couch started his tenure with the Police Department on Monday. Both Chris McGathy and him will head to the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center next week.

Commission Calendar: *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*

- **March 29 Work Session** – Civic Center Discussion
- **April 3 Regular Meeting** – No items scheduled yet.
- **April 12 Work Session** – Kansas Gas Franchise Agreement; Credit Card Fee Proposal