

TO: City Commission
CC: Department Directors
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Items of Note:

- The Senate voted to take up a nearly \$1 trillion national infrastructure plan for debate after President Biden and a bipartisan group of senators reached agreement on the major provisions of the package. The current version of the legislation will provide funding to various infrastructure areas as follows: \$110 billion for roads and bridges, \$39 billion for public transit, \$66 billion for passenger and freight rail, \$7.5 billion for electric vehicle charging stations, \$5 billion for the purchase of electric school buses and hybrids, \$17 billion for ports, \$25 billion for airports, \$55 billion for water and wastewater infrastructure, and \$65 billion to expand broadband access. Congress must approve the final bill and President Biden must sign it before it becomes law.
- KDOT recently completed a corridor safety study along the K-254 corridor from Rock Road to Shumway Road. KDOT informed the K-254 Corridor Association the next step is to develop a Corridor Management Study, which will include the entire length of the K-254 corridor from east Wichita to El Dorado. Access planning proactively identifies transportation areas or corridors with significant growth potential and implements tools to manage access and the increased traffic caused by future development. The eight local governments located directly along the corridor (Wichita, Kechi, Bel Aire, Benton, Towanda, El Dorado, Sedgwick County, and Butler County) would participate and financially contribute to the project. The study identifies the need for improvements after technical analysis and public consultation. It is likely El Dorado will be asked to participate in the study in the coming weeks.
- All property owners along Country Club Lane have consented to dedicating the private drive to the City as public right-of-way. Ashlyn Lindskog, City Attorney, has been working for several months to get this matter resolved. Now that the property owners agree, the final steps may be completed including processing payment for the right-of-way acquisition and filing of the legal instruments to transfer ownership to the City. You may recall this was agreed to as part of the negotiations to sell Prairie Trails Golf Course. Once completed, the City will have perpetual maintenance responsibilities of Country Club Lane.
- The swimming pool closes for the season on Sunday (August 8). The decision of when to close the pool largely stems from when lifeguards return to school and are no longer available. Splash parks will remain open until Labor Day.
- The City will receive marketing and promotions valued at \$25,000 from 101.3 FM KFDI, Wichita's Country Favorites radio station, for the 150th Celebration. KFDI will serve as a primary sponsor for the event and will air advertisements on air and on its website to promote the celebration and its many activities.
- The City will be buying radio and video advertisements from Butler Community College during football and basketball games. To my knowledge, the City has never promoted with BCC so this will be a good experiment in promotional science. We are also buying digital billboard space on north I-35 at 17th Street in Wichita and at another Wichita location. These will be used to promote the 150th Celebration and general brand awareness in the Wichita area.

- The Civic Center parking lot rehabilitation project is underway and will be completed in the next week or so.
- The Police Department hosted its annual National Night Out on Tuesday night. Approximately 150 people came down to enjoy the event in wonderful summer weather.

Personnel Update:

- The following positions are vacant and currently advertised: Police Officer, Public Works Maintenance Worker (3), Assistant Court Clerk, Sanitation Lead (2), Distribution/Collection Maintenance Worker, and Firefighter.

Commission Calendar:

- *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*
 - **August 11 Work Session** – Industrial Development Update; Lake Debt Plan
 - **August 16 Regular Meeting** – Dilapidated Houses
 - **August 25 Work Session** - Code of Procedure; Public Works/Sanitation Recruitment Challenges
 - **September 6 Regular Meeting** - Professional Services Agreement for Lake Master Plan