



## City Administrator's Report

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October 12, 2023

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### **Streetscape Phase III Update**

Bids were opened for the project on October 3. The low bid is significantly higher than the amount budgeted. Staff has been working with HDR to determine scope changes to the project to fit the budget. These changes would have to be reviewed and approved by both MODOT and MARC as grant funding is involved. Staff should have an update for Tuesday evening.

### **Fairview Crossing - MODOT Traffic Concerns**

Following execution of the original Development Agreement, MODOT raised concerns regarding traffic issues at the new 147<sup>th</sup> Street. In an effort to address these concerns, City staff met on October 10 with the Fairview Crossing Development Team and MODOT. As a result of numerous staffing changes at MODOT throughout the duration of the entire Fairview Crossing project, several of the issues that were purportedly decided by past MODOT representatives, were questioned again. The new staff at MODOT would not issue the permit to connect 147<sup>th</sup> Street to 169 Highway without a new traffic study that included several items outside of the previously performed study. After multiple meetings with the developer, city staff and MODOT, the developer agreed to reperform the traffic analysis for the new staff requests. The meeting on October 10 was to review the new study and was very productive for all involved. MODOT is preparing a new list of improvements it will require before issuing permits, including a phasing plan for the new improvements. Once this list is created, city staff will draft a new development agreement that covers all of the new work required by MODOT. After the developer and MODOT agree to the terms of the new document, staff will present it to the Board of Aldermen in an ordinance for review and approval.

### **Raw Water Pump Station Progress Update**

Earlier this month, HDR and staff met to address some minor outstanding tasks at the Raw Water Pump Station. These tasks have been completed. Staff will coordinate a meeting with HDR for a final walkthrough, marking the last step before project closure!

### **Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Tours**

City staff from all departments and the Board of Aldermen will have the opportunity to tour the water and wastewater treatment plant. Tours will be available on two separate

days to accommodate employees from the same department. These tours are planned for the month of November, with specific dates yet to be confirmed.

This is a great chance for employees and the Board to gain additional insights into City services and interact with staff from various departments.

Please contact Mayra Toothman if you are interested in attending.

**Board Meeting Schedule**

Because November 7 is election day, that meeting will be moved to Monday, November 6.