



STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2007

DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ At the Federal Transit Administration Region VII conference, Community Development's Sushil Nepal's site selection criteria matrix for a transit facility was displayed as a "best practice" for site selection in a feasibility study. This feasibility study is being performed to determine the best location for the Intermodal Transportation Facility (ITF).
- ✓ At the direction of City Council a neighborhood meeting was held November 1st to discuss issues regarding the proposed development of Garman Homes, Inc./Somnolent Grove Addition development located south of Zika Avenue and east of Edgewood Road. The meeting was attended by Rob Hogg, Attorney for the developer's; representatives for Garman Homes, Inc.; the property owner, Tom Berthel; Hall & Hall Eng.; Community Development staff; Councilman Justin Shields; and about 20 concerned property owners. The Community Development staff used the minutes of the meeting as a basis for identifying issues, possible action items/ responses. Issues/concerns discussed are as follows:
 - Rezoning request to PUD-O (Planned Unit Development-Overly) & potential for multiple family structures. The applicant applied for the PUD-O to allow for Council variances on setbacks to preserve sensitive areas and the lot width for the open space lot
 - Adequacy of on-site storm water detention for the proposed development
 - Design of the City portion of improvements to Zika Ave., the north half
 - Design of the developer's portion of improvements to Zika Ave., the south half
 - Investigate storm water runoff issue north of Zika Ave
 - Increase in traffic from built out Somnolent Grove Add. Project and impact on unimproved portions of Zika Ave
 - Potential wetlands on the proposed development siteInformation addressing the issues/concerns is being prepared by Hall & Hall Eng. Community Development has scheduled another neighborhood meeting on November 29th in Council Chamber at 7:00 p.m. The rezoning and plat discussion is tentatively scheduled for December 5th with possible action on the second and third readings.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- ✓ Non-bargaining employees will be receiving an across-the-board pay increase of approximately 2% effective December 22, 2007, which is payable on the January 11, 2008 paycheck. This is in addition to scheduled step increases. Bargaining unit employees received across-the-board adjustments between 3.25% to 3.5% on their July 13, 2007 paychecks. Overall, compensation packages for FY08 are comparable for all employees, but the individual components of the package vary. The non-bargaining salary plan effective December 22 is available on Citynet. If you are completing Personnel Action Papers for transfers, promotions, adjustments, etc. that are effective after December 22, please remember to use the new schedule information.

POLICE

- ✓ A recruiting drive was held November 17th at Lindale Mall by Officer Matt Magnuson which included handing out department information on topics such as the Citizens Police Academy and Educational presentations.
- ✓ Officer Matt Magnuson gave a presentation to the National Guard on various safety topics on November 18th.

- ✓ CRPD Canine officers will be on site at the Petco store on Collins Rd NE from 10:00am – 4:00pm on Saturdays and Noon – 4:00pm on Sundays for demonstrations each weekend in December. They will also have a DVD player there to show the K9 show on a loop.

PUBLIC WORKS

- ✓ Public Works will continue the loose leaf pick up program with available crews and equipment. Crews will continue the pick up of missed areas/sites until the first snow with crews as available. No scheduled routes will be used for missed locations.
- ✓ A hearing date of December 12th has been scheduled with the Linn County Compensation Commission to acquire by eminent domain the necessary right-of-way required to accommodate the FY06 Sidewalk Infill Project (CIP 301690) from the parcel located at 411 Wiley Blvd owned by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company.
- ✓ A hearing date of January 16th has been scheduled with the Linn County Compensation Commission to acquire by eminent domain the necessary right-of-way, permanent easements and temporary easements to accommodate the 33rd Avenue SW Project (CIP 301182).
- ✓ PW Maintenance Activities:
 - Mounting of plows and spreaders for snow and ice preparation
 - Leaf pick up throughout the city
 - Grading of alleys throughout the city
 - Pot hole patching with crews as available

UPDATES

The annual Christmas tree will be set in place on Mays Island Thursday, November 29th.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' CALENDAR

*(Not all meetings are noted. The calendar is **not** an official posting.)*

Tuesday, November 27	Noon 5:00pm	Sidewalk Assessment Options Brown Bag, <i>(Council Chambers)</i> IDOT Public Info meeting about Hwy 100, <i>(Xavier High School Commons - 6300 42nd St NE)</i>
Wednesday, November 28	6:00pm	Council Meeting, <i>(Council Chambers)</i>
Thursday, November 29	7:00pm	Northwest Neighborhood meeting, <i>(Time Check Recreation Center, 1131 5th Street NW)</i>