

Status & Information Report

To: Mayor & City Council

Department: Administration

Month: May 2022



Special Events Committee

CATEGORY: Department Goal (Budgeted)

On April 27th, the Special Events Committee approved the following events:

Quad Cities Marathon – September 24, 2022

Unity Pride Parade – June 18, 2022

Bierstube Classic Car Show – Every Third Thursday May-September

Moline150 Festival – August 25-27, 2022

The committee was very excited to hear, VisitQC is bringing in the 2022 ISC World Tournament to the Greenvalley Sport Complex this August. This event is estimated to bring in over 2,500 fans, 2,000 overnight hotel stays and a \$1.2M direct economic impact for the region. Moline has not hosted this tournament since 2016. The committee has approved a funding commitment to the tournament in the amount \$15,000.

The committee has approved \$39,850 of funding out of the total budget amount of \$50,000.

City Hall Renovations

CATEGORY: Department Goal

The Fleet and Facilities Manager met with City Hall Staff last week to discuss the basement renovation project and the movement of stored items. The City Clerk has set up record retention training for next week and has begun the process to find a vendor to do the digitalization of records. Facility staff has reached out for quotes to obtain portable storage options to begin clearing out the basement to start the plaster removal for the waterproofing project. The proposals for the waterproofing were due April 28th.

Mayor's Water Challenge

CATEGORY: Department Goal

April is Earth Month and to show support for environmental stewardship as well as promote the excellent work of the Moline Water Treatment plant and encourage water conservation by Moline residents, the City is participating in the Wyland Foundation's Mayor's Water Challenge. Moline's participation kicked off with a press conference at the plant on March 30, with the Mayor joined by representatives from RiverAction and Living Lands & Waters. Following the media conference, weekly social media posts – including video – have been shared featuring tips and tactics for conservation. In addition, the City shared media toolkit opportunities with the Moline-Coal Valley School District, which is also participating in the Challenge.

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Moline 150

CATEGORY: 3.3 D Launch City's Sesquicentennial Celebration

Major progress was made in April toward organizing and launching the Moline 150 Sesquicentennial Celebration. John Deere committed to being title sponsor for the event at the \$50,000 level. In addition, a sponsorship of \$25,000 was secured from First Midwest Bank. When added to other sponsor pledges, the planning committee is now nearly at its \$150,000 matching fundraising goal. Additionally, we have added Public Works' annual "Touch a Truck" event to the celebration lineup at a new location adjacent to the festival grounds on Saturday, August 27. The committee expects to announce the entertainment lineup for the festival in the coming weeks.

Fire Station Tours

CATEGORY: Department Goal

The Fire Chief and City Administrator conducted tours to inspect the physical conditions of the buildings, furnishings and equipment of Fire Stations 2, 3 and 4. Given the results of the inspections, it is apparent that the City needs to invest in the future maintenance and upkeep of these three properties to protect the taxpayer's public infrastructure. All three buildings are in need of improvement and the Fire Chief and Fleet and Facilities Manager need to properly assess the needs and report to Administration with a budget and timeline to accomplish those improvements in fiscal year 2022 and 2023 at the latest.

Pour Bros Grand Opening

CATEGORY: Department Goal

The City Administrator, along with Mayor Rayapati, Alderman Moyer and Main Street Manager Manis attended the grand opening of the new Pour Bros Taproom at the Element Hotel. The occasion was well attended and marked by a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by remarks from the Mayor, ownership, chamber of commerce, general contractor and Element Hotel general manager. This unique new business addition to the City provides Moliners, Quad Citizens and visitors with another great place to visit.

Strategic Action Plan FY 22 Quarterly Report

CATEGORY: Department Goal

The Administration in concert with all Department Directors prepared and released the first quarterly Strategic Action Plan Report for Fiscal Year 2022. This report provided a complete update for all 85 Strategic Plan goals year to date. Completed, started, delayed, and not started goals are clearly identified on the dashboard for all three Strategic Pillars – Infrastructure, Economy and Quality of Place.

Director Recruitments

CATEGORY: Department Goal

During the month of April Administration in collaboration with Human Resources completed the recruitment of three key Directors marking the end of several long-standing vacancies. The positions of Director of Engineering, Director of Public Works and Director of Community and Economic Development were successfully completed with the assistance of three executive recruiting firms including Baker Tilly, GOVHRUSA and Strategic Government Resources, respectively. The start dates for the three Directors are scheduled for June 6, May 23 and June 1 respectively.

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Assistant City Administrator Recruitment

CATEGORY: Department Goal

The executive recruiter, Municipal Solutions has worked with Administration and Human Resources to narrow down the list of candidates to the top nine out of fifteen applicants. At this time, they are conducting candidate screening, a multi-faceted process, and will provide the City with all the required information in order to further narrow the list for in-person interviews anticipated for mid-May. This newly created position will serve as an integral part of the City Administration.

High Speed Fiber Optic Broadband Project

CATEGORY: 1.1 D Procure City-Wide Broadband Installation

The Request for Proposal process has resulted in the receipt of five (5) vendor proposals, which clearly indicates that there is a great interest in providing this service for the citizens and businesses in Moline. The list of firms includes AT&T; Geneseo Communications; Mediacom; MetroNet; and Windstream. All proposals were received on time by the April 29 12:00 PM deadline at the Office of the City Clerk. The proposals were publicly opened and read aloud on May 2 at 9:00 AM and allowed for both in person and video participation of any interested party. The next step in the process is for the City's consultant CTC Technology and Engineering to review each of the five proposals and to provide the City with its recommendation on which firm best meets with all of the identified requirements in the RFP. Based on the recommendation and review by staff and the City Council the next step would be the negotiations of terms and award.

TIF #7 Opportunities

CATEGORY: 3.2 E Review TIF Development Opportunities

The Administration, Community and Economic Development, and Legal Departments continue to hold discussions with the Illinois Quad City Airport Authority on potential development(s) in TIF #7. Expectations are that potential project discussions will lead to a joint announcement with the IQCAA of a new project early this summer.

Renew Moline Collaboration

CATEGORY: Department Goal

The Administration is collaborating with Renew Moline on several projects to promote new growth and development in Downtown. Several projects are currently underway and include the following: Form Based Code; 200 21st Street market and feasibility study (Spiegel Building); 1701 5th Avenue and adjoining 4th Avenue Apartment Development Feasibility Analysis; IDOT property acquisition along old I-74 corridor; IDOT licensing for the skate park/pump track; adaptive reuse of the Utilities Department garage on the river; and 1330 Fifth Avenue redevelopment by a private developer.

I-74 Bridge Pedestrian and Bike Path

CATEGORY: 3.4 F Adopt an I-74 Redevelopment Masterplan & Beautification Plan

Administration and Public Works continue to work with ILDOT, IADOT and the City of Bettendorf to finalize the remaining punch list items for the I-74 Bridge project. Of particular note, the Cities of Moline and Bettendorf entered into an IGA for the long-term maintenance of the pedestrian/bike path element of the new Bridge. The pathway was unofficially opened on April 28th and a formal ribbon cutting ceremony is slated for May 18th. Remaining work continues on the aesthetic lighting on the eastbound bridge, and the DOT will be releasing RFPs for the landscaping and let down structure projects shortly.

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