



City Manager Monitoring Report

May 21, 2013

Below is a compellation of updates and projects that are either new or have changed since the last City Council meeting.

- **Public Works**

- Crack Seal

- Crack seal is a long-term, cost effective way to maintain the life of your pavement. It seals the cracks from water intrusion and other damaging factors. Material is applied hot to create a bond with the existing pavement as a defense against pavement deterioration.

- Benefits of Crack Seal:

- It is the most cost effective process to maintain your existing pavement
 - Prevents sand, stones and dirt from entering into open cracks causing compressive stresses
 - Prevents water from entering and weakening the sub base and asphalt
 - Prevents or delays pothole formation
 - Reduces the damage from freeze-thaw cycle

- The priorities/locations that we will be focusing on in Evans this year are as follows:

- 42nd Street: From Hwy 85 to Industrial Parkway
 - Boulder Street: From 36th Street to 42nd Street
 - 8th Avenue: From Hwy 85 connection to Southgate Drive
 - 23rd Avenue: City Limits to 37th Street
 - 17th Avenue: City Limits to 37th Street
 - Village Subdivision
 - Carson Avenue: From 40th Street to 42nd Street

- ***This project is still on going!***

- **Economic Development**

- Library Project

- The final design phase is moving forward, and the City and Library will next agree to an ownership structure that will lay out the various responsibilities and cost sharing for the project. We received \$675,000 for our DOLA grant!!! A formal site plan submittal is expected on May 28th. A demolition of the building will follow by June of 2013. The completion date is still July of 2014. Several public meetings will be held throughout the project.



Retail Strategy

Staff is attending the largest international retail conference and convention this coming week in Las Vegas. We have set up specific meetings with targeted retailers that might be interested in considering Evans for a location. Staff will return on Thursday the 23rd and present a full report to Council and EEDAC later in May.

Urban Renewal

The Highway 85 Corridor Urban Renewal Plan is in place, and the next steps will be to begin an actual project. That project could involve working with a developer and/or tenants to secure land, begin the process of making the land shovel ready, and site planning. The update of Section 19.62 of the code (the overlay standards) are an integral part of this process. (See above retail strategy information)

Wayfinding Signage

Phase II is under design approval from the City Council for funding. We will be working with the same contractor to determine how much of our program is feasible given our budget.

Business to Business Conference

The B2B was a great success! We received good feedback and positive comments, and plan on holding it again next year.

Shop and Dine Map/Web Page

We are updating this twice a year, new business added and update in June of 2013.

Leadership 2.0

Six members of Leadership 2.0 met on Economic Development for 4 hours on May 13th. Our next meeting is on June 12th, and each team member will be presenting information on economic development that they were asked to research.

Focus on Existing Business

The EEDAC has reached a determination to focus on retaining, expanding, and assisting our local business community. That will allow them to suggest projects and funding to the City Council to achieve that goal. Our first approach is a BEAR program: Business Expansion and Retention. That will include a Shop Local component as well as a business survey component, and may include an ombudsman program.

• **Fire District**

Development Meetings

Staff has recently had development meetings with the following:

- Family Dollar – 35th and 37th – building permit pulled, work begun.
- Ashcroft Park Apartments – 35th and 34th – building permit pulled, work beginning
- Cave Creek Phase III – 35th and Prairie View Drive – site plan submitted, review comments returned
- CDOT Park and Ride – east side of Highway 85, south of 42nd Street, informal submittal, comments due back next week.
- Renaissance – 49th and 23rd – site plan approved, building permit in process, easements to Council on 21st.
- Envirotech Annexation – public hearing set for City Council and Planning Commission

Neighborhood Services

We are interviewing for Code Enforcement staff this week and next. Animal Control continues to be covered by the Police Department. We are researching other opportunities for contracting or covering animal control to outside agencies. At this time we plan on making a presentation to City Council in late July regarding options.



- **Police Department**

The hiring process has kicked off in PD resulting in 18 applicants participating in the first phase, the physical agility course. The written examination is scheduled for June 3rd. Although the applicant pool is relatively small, the quality of the applicants appears high.

We have begun the e-ticketing installation process. Our vendor, Brazos, has already installed necessary software in the court system and hardware installation in our police cars will begin soon. We anticipate being up and running by mid-August. The system will significantly reduce the amount of time officers spend on writing traffic tickets and completing accident reports. The system routes tickets directly to the court system, alleviating personnel time manually entering the data.