



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Mayor and Commissioners

FROM: Clai Brown, City Manager

DATE: August 21, 2015

SUBJECT: **WEEKLY REPORT**

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- The City Planner and Public Works Director participated in a required Local Administered Projects interview for Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) certification. The City was recommended for full certification. Minor modifications to the original application have been made based on GDOT comments. This certification is required to receive federal funds. The City plans to receive grant funds from the Livable Centers Initiative for the redesign of US 278.
- City staff received a Conditional Use Permit for a dance studio and special events space. Staff is reviewing the application.
- The recent Supreme Court case Reed v. Town of Gilbert has impacted interpretations and vulnerabilities of sign codes. Staff attended a webinar on the topic and will be reviewing the City's sign code.
- Two Downtown Development Authority members and City Staff met with a local developer to discuss development and their interest in the City.
- The City was approved to receive the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant from GDOT in the amount of \$22,783.18. The grant funds will be used as part of the funding to repave the entirety of Hess Drive.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Chief Broden and City staff reviewed a film permit request for a production titled "Mother's Day", to be partially filmed at 47 Covington Highway/First Baptist Church on Tuesday, August 25.
- Avondale Estates Police Department (AEPD) personnel attended a meeting with the supervisory staff of the Public Works Department. They discussed the ongoing problems involving dogs chasing and confronting on-duty Public Works personnel. Different solutions were discussed including the possible use of pepper spray and

training on how to handle dog attacks. Also discussed were various policies and procedures relating to this topic.

- AEPD patrol units received annual Radar Systems calibration and certification. The state of Georgia requires annual calibration and certification of each Radar System. Every AEPD patrol unit is equipped with a mounted Radar System and officers carry a handheld Laser (Lidar) Speed Detection Unit for use during their shift.
- Ofcr. Bennett attended and successfully completed the 20-hour Health and Wellness course at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth County, Ga. The course is approved by Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) and is a required course for POST Intermediate Certification. The course is designed for public safety personnel seeking to improve their health and wellness, and covers topics on strength and flexibility conditioning, nutrition, weight and stress control, the cardiovascular system and the effects of alcohol and drugs on the body.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Removed graffiti from the sidewalk at Ashton Place and Covington Road.
- Trimmed rose bushes, abelia hedges and several shrubs around City Hall.
- Pulled honeysuckle vines from abelia hedges located on North Avondale Road.
- Removed broken tree limbs throughout the City due to the recent rainstorms.
- Cut limbs away from the stop sign at Wiltshire Drive and Lakeshore Drive.
- Pruned the hedges and blew debris from streets at Stratford Green.
- Cut down two dead dogwood trees.
- Cleared the sidewalk of overgrowth along Windsor Terrace.
- Site Visits - 11
- Sign Violations - 12
- Grass Violations - 2
- Parking Violations - 2
- Household Waste Removed - 33 tons
- Yard Waste Removed - 6 tons

- Special Pickups - 6