MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members and Department Directors

From: Mayor Anthony L. Togliatti

Date: May 18, 2018

Re: Administrative Update

NE OHIO MAYOR’S:

The Cuyahoga County Mayors and Managers Association traveled to Columbus on Tuesday to meet with State Legislators and discuss current issues. The group was briefed by Senators Kenny Yuko, Frank LaRose and Gayle Manning. Democratic candidate for Ohio Governor Richard Cordray also spoke to the group regarding his insight on the how the State could work more closely with local municipal government. Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Chairman Asim Hague updated the group on the recent First Energy Solutions bankruptcy and current utility trends across the state.

CVCC ANNUAL STATE OF THE SCHOOLS:

The Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual State of the Schools luncheon on Thursday, May 17th at the Holiday Inn Rockside. This event provides area school districts the opportunity to update members of the Chambers as to what is new in their district along with sharing some of the district’s accomplishments and/or student’s successes over the last year. This year’s participating superintendents were Superintendent of Independence Schools, Ben Hegedish, Superintendent of Cuyahoga Heights Schools, Tom Evans, Cuyahoga Valley Career Center Superintendent, Dave Mangas, and Superintendent of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio, Dr. Robert Mengerink.
In addition, two outstanding students were honored with the CVCC Future Business Leader Award, one being I.H.S. Senior, Brian Synek. I had the pleasure of presenting a proclamation to Brian packed full of his amazing accomplishments, both academically and including his many extracurricular successes throughout his four years of high school. Congratulations again, Brian! You have built an astonishing resume of all that you have accomplished throughout your school career!

Best wishes for your continued success in all of your future endeavors! I would be remiss if I did not take the opportunity to recognize your parents who were there every step of the way....Kenn and Laura Synek!

Congratulations to you as well!

ARBOR/EARTH /GOVERNMENT DAY:

Over 100 fourth grade students from the Independence Primary and St. Michael’s Catholic School participated in the City’s Arbor Day/Government Day festivities today. The program which began in Council Chambers was a great opportunity to talk to the students about the workings of municipal government, as well as meet all the City Administration who provide the services to our community. Thank you to Councilman Dale Veverka who was also in attendance and offered a few words about his role as a Councilman.

A special guest appearance by “Musical Mark,” an educator/entertainer who raised the students awareness on various earth friendly topics such as the benefits of trees and the importance of recycling to name a few. The students also had the pleasure of meeting good old Johnny Appleseed (alias Dave Snyderburn) who joined in on the fun and explained his love for trees and told the students he was giving each one of them an apple to take home with them.

After the program in Council Chambers, students walked over to Liberty Playground where they planted a tree in honor of Arbor Day donated by the Independence Garden Club. The students then headed over to the Kiwanis Pavilion where they enjoyed a delicious lunch organized by our Recreation Department.
After lunch, the students were divided into seven groups and had the opportunity to rotate through various stations which included a number of vehicles provided by our Police Department, Fire Department and Service Department. Other stations included a demonstration provided by our K-9 Officers and their police dogs, a planting station provided by the Garden Club, an Animal Control station, and finally a trip to the Concession Stand for ice cream!

All in all it was a day full of fun and educational activities that could not have taken place without the assistance of our Directors and many, many team members. To each and every one of you who played a part in the success of today’s event, big or small, I cannot thank you enough.

The teachers could not have been more appreciative of the City for providing such a great day for their students, and I have a feeling that this was a day the fourth graders will not soon forget!

I would also like to once again thank members of the Independence Garden Club, Michele Soeder and Ivana Pieronek for joining us for the entire day, and to their organization for the generous donation of a tree again this year.
UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- **West Creek Conservancy** will host a 5-mile hike (Hiking the Future West Creek Greenway – Hemlock Trail) to explore the scenic and historic part of the Greenway between the Towpath and Elmwood Park on **Saturday, May 19th from 9:00 am to noon**. Meet at the Gazebo next to the Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library.

- **A Farewell Open House honoring Donna Barrett**, Lead Pastor of Rockside Church will take place on **Saturday, May 19th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Rockside Church**, 4100 Rockside Road. Anyone is welcome to stop by to wish Donna well before she heads off to Springfield, MO to serve in her new position at the National Office of the Assemblies of God.

- **A Public Meeting** has been set for **Wednesday May 23, 2018 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm** in the Red Oak Room at the Civic Center to present the final design elements of the potential Community Greenspace/Brecksville Streetscape Projects.

- **A Community Services Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 29th at 5:00 pm** in the Council Caucus Room at City Hall.

- **A Groundbreaking Ceremony** for the new Hemlock Trail is scheduled for **Saturday, June 2nd at 10:00 am in the morning at 6801 Brecksville Road behind the Cleveland Clinic Business Operations Center across from City Hall.**

  If you are interested in attending this event, please plan to **bring your own shovel** so together as a community we can take part in this commemorative occasion and break ground together!

- **The Fitness Doctor** located at 6571 Brecksville Road, Suite 2 in Independence is holding a fundraiser on **June 9th from 10:00 am to 12 noon** to raise awareness and donations to benefit Pancreatic Cancer research.

- The City of Independence will be hosting the **Cleveland Comets** Professional Women’s Fastpitch Softball Team as they take on the USSSA Pride at the following game times:
  
  - June 8 – Game Time 7:05pm – 9:30 pm (2 hours pregame)
  - June 9 – Game Time 7:05 pm – 9:30 pm (2 hours pregame)
June 10 – Game Time 2:05 pm – 4:30 pm (2 hours pregame)

The events are sponsored and presented by the Independence Blue Devils and Coach Garry Moore in an effort to promote youth athletics and provide young girls and boys with positive role models to look up to. Thank you Coach Moore and I.H.S. Blue Devils for this great opportunity!

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Following are some highlights of recent activity, updates, events and/or statistics from various departments for the week ending May 11, 2018.

The Building Department Reported-

- 1 set of plans was sent to the Plans Examiner
- 5 Commercial Permits were issued
- 11 Commercial Inspections were performed
- 7 Residential Permits were issued
- 36 Residential Inspections were performed
- 7 contractors were registered for 2018; 444 registrations year-to-date.
- 1 Residential Rental Registration for 2018; 7 registrations year-to-date.
- Four (4) signs were removed from the Right-A-Way.
- Plans were approved for the following:
  - 6450 Rockside Woods Blvd., #165, APEX – alterations to existing tenant space.
- An Occupancy Permit was issued to 7700 Riverview Road, for a new 2,621 sq. ft. single family dwelling.
- The Building Official attended NEOFPA continuing education class “Bi-directional amplifiers in building communication systems.”

The Engineering Department Reported-

- Permits were issued for the following work:
  - 6357 Brecksville Road to repair and replace an existing retaining wall.
  - 7324 Ivandale Road to repair and replace a driveway, sidewalk and front walk.
  - Two Miscellaneous Residential Permits were issued at 7424 Braewood Drive and 6321 Brecksville Road to replace concrete.
A Right-of-Way and Road Opening Permit was issued to Dominion for a gas line repair on Brecksville Road.

- **Inspections Performed:**
  - The storm and sanitary inspection for a new house was performed for subplot 150 of the Chestnut Woods Subdivision Section 3 Phase 5 at 7069 Hawthorn Trace and was found to be compliant.
  - The storm and sanitary inspection for a new house was performed for subplot 151 of the Chestnut Woods Subdivision Section 3 phase 5 at 7045 Hawthorn Trace and was found to be compliant.

- A progress meeting for Hemlock Trail revealed:
  - The clearing and removal of the trail alignment continues.
  - A field office has been rented in the City.
  - An extra work order was approved and started to include the removal of an existing fence on the right-of-way border which was in an unmaintained state of disrepair and has been no longer functioned as a fence/barrier.

- A Resident Notice was mailed out to residents of Kingscote Park and Bexley Court, informing them of the upcoming road construction expected to begin Monday, May 14th.

- A Progress Meeting with design consultant, E.L. Robinson, was conducted for the Brecksville Road Improvements Project (from Rockside to Granger).

- Field information, measurements, observations, and item quantities were gathered and calculated for the West Creek Road Improvements Project.

### The Fire Department Reported:

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The Community Services Department Reported:

- 75 students registered this week for Afterschool.
- 13 students registered for Campus Connection.
- Junior and Senior Camp have several weeks at max capacity; Teen Camp is almost full and Tween Camp still has several openings.
- Program Update – Youth 2-8 years
  - Turtles and Tortoises bus trip to the Aquarium – 19 participants registered.
  - The Fairy Tea Party was held on Wednesday May 9th. The 18 girls who participated dressed in their prettiest Fairy costumes, made Unicorn stick horses and made magical Fairy Dust and Wands. The Tea was enjoyed by 35 guests.
- The Community Resource Coordinator:
  - Helped to organize the Health Fair held on May 11th. 42 vendors participated.
  - Sponsored “Welcome to Medicare Program” – over 200 people attended on Tuesday, May 8th.
  - Facilitated “Mind Matters Program” for seniors.
- Working on the July/August Spotlight and the Grand Prize Ticket for Home Days.

The Recreation Department Reported:

- A Tucker Neale Basketball Tournament took place at the Fieldhouse on Saturday, May 5th and Sunday, May 6th using all four courts. Total weekend rental income was $3400 plus the gate tax.
- The ICAN! Cinco de Mayo Dance was held at the Elmwood Recreation Building on Saturday, May 5th.
- The Indy Fit Adaptive Fitness Class session began on Saturday May 5th. This is a 5-week session with another session resuming in the fall as a result of the positive feedback received on this class.
- The Spring Wellness Challenge with the Cleveland Clinic held their 5th class on Monday, May 7th with approximately 50 people in attendance.
- Recreation completed the installation of the shade structures.
- ICAN! Held a Karaoke Night/Talent Show at the Elmwood Recreation Building on Tuesday, May 8th. There were 20 participants.
- The City took delivery of 24 chase lounge chairs for use at the outdoor pool.
- Technical Services Director Snyderburn and Recreation Director Walchanowicz met with a sandblasting/paint company to discuss the refurbishment of the outdoor pool diving stand.
- Staff delivered 43 tables to the Civic Center gym on Thursday, May 10th in preparation for the Community Services Health Fair.
• Residential table and chair deliveries for the upcoming weekend: 28 tables and 122 chairs to 5 residences.

• Liberty Playground Update:
  o The entire project area was graded, tamped down with compaction machine and drainage is near completion.
  o Eric Sarley has been working on the ODNR Nature Works Grant – applying for potential funds for the Liberty Playground Project Phase 2.

Enjoy your weekend!