MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members and Department Directors

From: Mayor Anthony L. Togliatti

Date: February 24, 2017

Re: Administrative Update

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – “Q” TRANSFORMATION:

In an effort to demonstrate the City of Independence’s support for the renovation of the Quicken Loans Arena, I attended the Cuyahoga County Council meeting this past Tuesday and was prepared to speak to the importance of the Cavaliers organization to the City of Cleveland, the benefits of extending the Cavaliers’ lease to 2034 and why specifically the Cavaliers’ organization is so important to the City of Independence. Shaker Heights Mayor Earl Leiken was also in attendance to lend his support to the issue at hand.

Over 200+ people attended this important meeting to express their views. Many restaurant owners and representatives of local organizations were in attendance to show their support, while others who are opposed to the current funding proposal were represented as well.

The proposed Quicken Loans Transformation Project which is estimated to cost approximately $282 million will generate no new taxes. The Cavaliers organization will pay $122 million for the renovations through increased rent payments. The City of Cleveland will provide more than $88 million, using its admissions tax on tickets to “Q” events from the years 2024 through 2034. The remainder of the money will come from Destination Cleveland which will provide a portion of the County Bed Tax it receives, while Cuyahoga County will contribute $16 million from funds left over after the construction of the Cleveland Convention Center and Hilton Hotel.

It is important to note that the Public Funding portion of the project cost will actually be generated from user fees and taxes collected from events held at the “Q”.
I will keep you updated with any additional information obtained as the County Council moves closer to a decision.

**PRE-BID TOUR OF FORMER MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

Representatives from seven companies attended a pre-bid tour of the old middle school building and property. The tour was an opportunity for the companies interested in submitting proposals to demolish the middle school building to view the structure and ask questions of City officials. Gus Katsas, Dave Snyderburn and Jeremy Rowan provided the tour and were available to answer questions about the old middle school building, project scope and bidding process. Proposals to abate asbestos and demolish the building are due on March 6.

**JOHN RYAN – STATE DIRECTOR FOR SHERROD BROWN:**

I met with John Ryan to inform Senator Sherrod Brown of our ongoing and upcoming infrastructure projects in and around the Rockside Road Corridor. The meeting was an opportunity to have the ear of the Senator’s Office to learn of opportunities of potential funding or cooperative initiatives. It also allowed the State Director to get up to speed on our projects, initiatives and economic developments.

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY MAYOR AND MANAGERS:**

Cleveland Metroparks CEO Brian Zimmerman briefed the group on the current projects and initiatives of the Metroparks as well as a historical look back on the last 100 years since it’s inception. The Metroparks will be celebrating holding it’s Centennial Celebration this summer. I will forward on the Centennial Celebration Event Schedule as it is released. Len Komorowski, Cleveland Cavaliers CEO provided the group with a very thorough presentation on the Quicken Loans Arena Transformation Plan. He supplied the Mayors with many economic stats that show the significant impact of the Arena on the entire county.

**CITY HALL COLUMNS:**

Hopefully, everyone has noticed the columns that have recently been constructed as part of a larger landscaping project to enhance the front entrance to our City Hall. These new columns not only add to the aesthetics of our Western Reserve style building, but they proudly display the address of our City Hall.

Soon to be installed is a black wrought-iron fence (same style that is in front of Hemlock Cemetery) which will replace the footprint of the current split rail fence. If the mild weather
continues, the installation of the fence should be completed by the end of March.

NEW – OUR “CONCRETE CREW”

With the unusually warm weather, the Zuber Field improvement project has been moving along ahead of schedule. The following has been completed so far:

First and third base line fence concrete curbing has been completed using 5 yards of high strength concrete mix. This was an afterthought and not on the original plans, but we had the opportunity to do it.

All old bleachers and asphalt have been removed.

New electric service ducts have been installed underground. This was due to the fact that the current electric ducts were found to be corroded and have exposed wires. As a result, a total electrical upgrade is planned.

Additional electric duct provisions were made in anticipation of added park walkway lighting next to the outdoor pool in the future.

First and third base fences were dismantled and the poles/hardware have been prepped, primed and painted.

Fencing is ordered and should be delivered in 3 weeks.

Press box windows were ordered, delivered, and installation has begun.

29 yards of concrete were poured for the bleacher/seating areas with 14 more yards planned to be poured tomorrow (Friday). This will complete most of the concrete work.

I am very pleased to report that all of the above work has been done by City personnel from Recreation, Service and Tech Services.
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Following are some highlights of recent activity, updates, events and/or statistics from various departments for the week ending February 17, 2017.

The Building Department Reported:

- 2 Sets of plans were sent to the Plans Examiner
- 8 Commercial Permits were issued
- 13 Commercial Inspections performed
- 3 Residential Permit was issued
- 11 Residential Inspections performed
- 9 contractors were registered for 2017, 346 registrations year-to-date
- 3 Residential Rental Registrations, 5 Registrations year-to-date
- Two signs removed from the Right-of-Way
- Planning Commission 2-13-2017:
  - Oak Knoll Subdivision – Tabled
  - 6046 Brecksville Road, Vista Springs for a proposed 94 unit assisted living facility was Approved.
  - 4600 Rockside Road, Century Federal Credit Union for a proposed branch inside of the office building and drive-up remote ATM was Approved.
- Board of Zoning Appeals 2-16-2017:
  - 4600 Rockside Road, Century Federal Credit Union requesting variances to allow a remote ATM in the parking lot, was Referred to Planning Commission for parking modification.
- Architectural Board of Review 2-16-2017:
  - 7169 Pleasant Valley Road, Signature Sauces for a proposed 12,000 sq. ft. addition to the front of the existing building was Removed.
  - 4600 Rockside Road, Century Federal Credit Union for a proposed south entrance canopy and remote ATM in the parking lot was Approved in Concept.
  - 5619 Brecksville Road, Verso Restaurant (Spins Bowl) for a proposed outdoor patio and modifications to the front exterior building was Tabled for additional information.
  - 5708 East Schaaf Road, Sifco property for a proposed new 46.5 sq. ft. wall sign be placed on the building was Approved.
- All Building Department staff attended the BOCONEO class “Ohio Ethics Law” presented by Susan Willeke of the Ohio Ethics Commission.

The Engineering Department Reported:

- Water Main Breaks
  - Cleveland Water repaired leak at 6380 Timberlane Drive.
Cleveland Water was notified of a leak at 7829 Montello.

- Two (2) Permits were issued:
  - Road Opening Permit at 6459 Brecksville Road for telephone communication.
  - Miscellaneous Commercial at 4807 Rockside Road to replace concrete.

- Engineering provided pavement replacement detail, standard details, and specifications to Dominion and their subcontractor for the restoration of the new Hillside Road pavement which was removed in conjunction with the ongoing project installation of the new natural gas utility for the Chestnut Woods Section 3, Phase 4.

- Performed inspection at Hawthorn Trace for a new gas connection at the model home.

- Engineering is reviewing a set of site drawings and a storm water management plan submitted by the engineer for Vista Springs.

- Staff attended a scoping meeting hosted by Cuyahoga County for the Stone Road Bridge over Hemlock Creek Replacement Project
  - Various coordination, shared information, design details and environmental requirements were discussed.
  - The Cuyahoga County Public Works office will be directing this project and has tasked Palmer Engineering as their consultant.

- A Legal Notice was advertised on Thursday, February 16 and February 23 for the 2017 Creek, Utility and Infrastructure Maintenance and Repairs.
  - Bids are due on Friday, March 3.

- Utility/sewer plans for Brookside Road were provided to Neff Associates for an upcoming Dominion Gas Line Replacement Project on Brookside Road.

- Attended a meeting in the Mayor’s Office with National Park Service Cuyahoga Valley National park Chief Resource Manager Lisa Petit, Ph.D. and Deputy Superintendent Paul Stoehr to discuss an agreement to build, operate and maintain the Hemlock Trail.

- Attended progress meeting for the Rockside Woods Boulevard N. Sanitary Sewer Project.
  - Mobilization will commence next week with a video recording of the existing condition and the setup of a project trailer.

- Engineering conducted an internal construction status meeting with S & ME regarding the construction contract for the Rockside Road Widening Project.

- Engineering conducted a scoping meeting with engineers from E.L. Robinson, relative to performing preliminary engineering work for the Brecksville Road Improvements Project.
  - Waiting on a proposal to perform a traffic signal warrant analysis and intersection widening warrant analysis of the proposed extension of Rockside Woods Blvd., North and its proposed intersection with Brecksville Road.
• Engineering met with Pulte Homes, relative to the punchlist of work items required prior to the City’s formal acceptance and dedication of the subdivision.
• Coordination continues with the City of Cleveland Division of Water regarding the water distribution system in the area of lower Brookside Road/Bramley Roads.

The Community Services Department Reported-

  o Incoming Calls: 453
  o Outgoing Calls: 209
  o Face to Face/Customer Service: 286 Guests

• People Transported: 52
• Program/Trip Revenue: $3,576
• Community Service Department Meeting/Program Attendance: 442 (Does not include After School attendance)
• External Department Meeting Attendance: 155
• Private Rental Attendance: 589 – 17 Events/Rentals
• Updated the Community Services App with most current events from March/April
• Working on RIBBS verbiage for City Website and working towards providing a link to the RIBBS Website.
• The Community Resource Coordinator assisted a number of residents with various issues including transportation, gas rates and options, Medicare options, family issues, etc.
• Adult Programs:
  o Monday: Juliets -5 Residents
  o Tuesday: Lunch-30 Residents, 6 Employees and 1 Guest; Bingo: 26 Residents and 1 Guest
  o Wednesday: Lunch-16 Residents, 2 Guests & 5 Employees; Movie; 13 Residents and 2 Guests
  o Thursday: Yoga-13 Registered, 5 Walk-Ins
  o Friday 55 + Lunch: Cleveland Cavaliers Day – 61 Residents, 2 Guests and 8 Employees
• Field House Programs:
  ▪ After School Program: 81 Students, Revenue- $2260 (from week of February 13th)
• Campus Connection: Enrollment-8 Students
• School Holiday Specials:
  o February 20th: 39 enrolled (maximum capacity – 40 Students)

The Fire Department Reported-

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The Recreation Department Reported-

• Gymnastics’ program, “Frozen in February” was held at the Field House on February 18 and 19:
  o Brought in participants from all over Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania
  o Rental fees totaled $7,335, in addition to 3% gate fee income of $612
  o Attendance estimated at over 3000 people
  o City’s largest revenue generator at Field House

• A glass bottle was broken on the pool deck (glass is not permitted on the pool deck) which resulted in the draining and cleaning of the pool to remove the shattered glass in the Activity Pool.

• Staff attended the annual Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Conference, Trade Show and Training Day on February 13.

• Staff forming and pouring concrete fence curb, in-house at Zuber Field

• Staff power sanding and washing aluminum bench planks and prepping them for painting.

• Obtaining pricing for a proposed shade structure for the new bleachers at Zuber Field to present the idea to Council.

• A new Precore Treadmill was purchased for the fitness area at the Civic Center, which is considered to be one of the industry’s best reviewed treadmills.
  o Streamlined in design and easy to use console runs on a highly efficient motor for 30% reduction in energy consumption

• Maintenance staff performed a heavy cleaning in Council Chambers.

• Repairs were made in-house to Toro Polar Track in addition to installing a new glass door on the Kubota tractor/loader which was damaged last week.

• Girls’ Softball Camp began on Sunday, February 19 with over 50 children enrolled.

• Basketball play-offs took place at both the Civic Center and Field House over the February 18-19 weekend.
The Technical Services Department Reported:

- Work has begun to facilitate the switching of the Mail Room with the Council Caucus Room at City Hall. Work is expected to be complete on the room swap immediately following the March Council Meeting.
- Staff replaced an exterior door at the outdoor pool. The replacement door is galvanized which will protect it from the chemicals used in the pool water.
- 19 Work Orders were completed this week.