MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members and Department Directors

From: Mayor Anthony L. Togliatti

Date: June 10, 2016

Re: Administrative Update

GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

Facing $7 million worth of funding cuts at both the Federal and State levels, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees met last week to vote on the proposed service modifications and fare increases discussed back in March of this year to try and balance their budget. You will recall the weekend 77F bus service on Brecksville Road was in jeopardy.

I am happy to inform you that RTA heard the concerns of my Administration, Council and many of our residents. There will be no elimination of the weekend 77F bus service, only a reduction in the span of service to every 90 minutes. Although this may cause some challengers for riders, this is still a great outcome as opposed to a complete cancellation of the route.

SHOW AND TELL SESSION HOSTED BY FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Independence Fire Department will be hosting a Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Southwest Emergency Response Team (SERT) show and tell on the evening of June 15th. Present will be SERT’s Hazmat and Technical Rescue vehicles as well as some of our CERT POD equipment. The event will run from 7-9 pm and will be held in the rear parking area of the Fire Station but will be moved inside the station in the event of inclement weather.

Council is invited to attend this event as it will be a good opportunity for each of you to see some of the resources these teams have available for our community and how they may play a part in the upcoming RNC.

WE BID FAREWELL:

It is with much sadness that I share with you the resignation of IT Director, Jim Gibbs. Gibbs has accepted the Director of Technology position at the City of Solon. Jim came to the City of Independence in 2004 and since that time he has become an invaluable asset to the
communication operations of our city. Jim’s role as IT Director touches every person who works for the City of Independence at one time or another and his knowledge and talents have taken each department’s operations to a new level of efficiency.

Jim will surely be missed by everyone who worked with him. His quick wit, distinct sense of humor, and compassion for his co-workers will be difficult to replace.

Congratulations Jim! May the success and respect you have earned at the City of Independence grow exponentially throughout your future!

IN Volta GROUND BREAKING:

Involta LLC’s plans to build a new multi-tenant data center on Pleasant Valley Road will soon be under way. Elected Officials are invited to attend a special Groundbreaking Event on June 22, 2016 at 3:30 pm, 7100 E. Pleasant Valley Road, Suite 300. As parking is limited, Involta has arranged to shuttle guests from the parking lot at City Hall. As it gets closer and we receive more information we will certainly pass it on to you.

CLEVELAND MAGAZINE RATING THE SUBURBS:

The most recent edition of Cleveland Magazine’s Rating the Suburbs has rated Independence as the 8th most desirable suburb in the greater Cleveland area, moving up from number 12 from 2015!

This should not come as a surprise to any of us as we know what a great City we all live in. Thank you to our Elected Officials and our Department Directors for all your hard work and countless hours of dedication to make Independence a city we can all be proud of.

INDY COLOR RUN:

If you are not already aware, the Independence Athletic Boosters are sponsoring the Indy Color Me Fun Run on Saturday, June 18, 2016. Registration begins at 7:30 am and the Race starts at 9:00 am at the Independence Kiwanis Pavilion. The race is a 5k (3.1 miles) run or 1 mile walk that incorporates a colorful surprise (for those who do not mind displaying many colors of the rainbow by the end of the route) at various check points along the route.

This past Tuesday, I met with Superintendent Ben Hegedish and representatives of the Athletic Boosters to go over the details of the event. All are very excited in anticipation of the first Color Run here in Indy in hopes that this may become an annual event!
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Following are some highlights of recent activity, updates, events and/or statistics from various departments for the week ending June 3, 2016.

Building Department Reported—
  • 2 Sets of Plans were sent to the Plans Examiners
  • 4 Commercial Permits were issued
  • 6 Commercial Inspections were performed
  • 8 Residential Permits were issued
  • 13 Residential Inspections were performed
  • 5 contractors were registered, 458 registrations year-to-date
  • 473 homes were inspected for Property Maintenance
  • 27 homes were found to have violations

The Fire Department Reported—

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• Independence, Brooklyn Heights and Newburgh Heights provided mutual aid to Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department to put out a crane fire in a steel mill on Harvard Road on May 27th. The location of the fire was very challenging, three stories up in an open factory area. The incident ran smoothly and the fire was brought under control within 30 minutes and no personnel were injured during the event. Unfortunately, two crane operators needed to be transported to area hospitals for medical evaluation.
• Congratulations to the Independence Fire Department Honor Guard for doing an outstanding job in their role participating in the Memorial Day services and parade on Monday, May 30th! We are all so proud of you!

The Police Department Reported—

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The Community Services Department Reported—
  • They have been working to secure units for this year’s Home Days Parade and for the new “Kidz Zone” for Home Days.
  • They had 30 people come for Tuesday’s Lunch and 27 people stayed for Bingo.
  • They had 15 people attend the Wednesday Lunch and 12 people stayed for the Movie.
  • 69 Residents and 8 Guests attended the Friday Lunch.
• Community Resource Coordinator, Jenny Flynn has been working on various issues with residents including: Lifeline, transportation requests, Medicaid, health concerns and NOPEC.
• Summer Playground has 18 people on the Wait List.

The Engineering Department Reported-
• A Right-of-Way Permit was issued to Dominion East Ohio to install a new gas service line at the Clark Station, 7752 Brecksville Road.
• Catts Construction continues to perform road maintenance under the 2016 Concrete Road Maintenance Project.
  o Much work has been performed on Kingscote Parkway as part of the “Alternate A” work.
• Rudzik Excavating performed concrete and asphalt pavement replacements and other punch list work to complete the St. Maron’s Detention Basins Project.
• Geotech continues to perform work under the Creek Utility and Infrastructure Maintenance and Repairs Contract
  o Miscellaneous work has been performed on upper Hillside Road, Riverview Road, Carol Drive, and Renwood.
  o Met with the contractor on site to review the storm sewer and catch basin replacement work at Hillside Road (between Greenwood and Hemoga) which is scheduled to be performed next week.
• A notice to Bidders was published in the Plain Dealer on June 6 & will be again on June 13, 2016 regarding the Rockside Road Widening & I-77 Southbound Entrance Ramp Widening Improvements Project.
• They were contacted to review the Seismographic Reports for the past 24 months in relationship to the Haydite Mine Blasting and are working to create a map with the locations of the seismographs.
  o They also met with a representative of the mine to discuss the procedures for blasting and the seismographs.
• They performed a 2nd compliance review of revised plans for the Chestnut Woods Subdivision-Section 3-Phase 4 which are getting closer to being approved.
• Plans were submitted along with a permit application to clear the site on East Pleasant Valley for the construction of the new Involta Data Center.

The Recreation Department Reported-
• The Weight Room flooring install is complete.
• The T-Ball Diamond parking lot has been seal-coated and striped providing over 40 parking spaces to help accommodate our spectators’ vehicles.
• A new Runner’s Camp program sponsored by the Recreation Department began Monday, June 6th.
• They met with the Athletic Boosters to go over the logistics of the upcoming 5K Color Run.
They converted the Toro Polar Trac grounds unit over to the summer lawn cutting unit, which is normally done by the Service Department.

A deep cleaning and floor buff of the Field House meeting room floors was performed.

Revenue for the outdoor pool on Memorial Day weekend totaled $8,910.00 and attendance at the pool that weekend totaled 869 people.

Total revenue for May 2016 at the Rec Department was $47,108.85 compared to total revenue for May 2015 of $44,181.05.

They hung the Cavalier's mural of LeBron James, Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love in the atrium of the Civic Center. This mural created by the Independence Primary School 4th graders, under the direction of Primary School Art Teacher Mike Gruber, is a spectacular site to see, so when you are at the Civic Center, please be sure to check it out!

The Service Department Reported:

- The Sewer Crew has been out 2 days this week televising storm and sanitary sewers due to various issues as well as cleaning catch basins.
- The new procedure of having residents put out all of their trash on their regular rubbish day with the exception of metals, appliances and hazardous waste materials, which will still need a special pickup, has been well-received by residents who are aware of the new policy.
- Friday Special Pick-Ups 96
  - Trash 25
  - Metals 33
  - HHW 38
- Sweeper out 2 days
- Chipper out 4 days
- 1 new mailbox installed
- Maintenance Work Orders - 17 created
- Maintenance Work Orders Completed - 13
- Planted 5 new trees on Grandview
- Installed new Dalebrook/Montello sign at entrance
- The Department has improved their efficiency of the vehicle mechanical work they perform as a result of using diagnostic software over the past 6 months.

TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORTED:

- They completed a pump replacement that operates the whirlpool at the outdoor pool.
- A compressor on the AC unit at the Fire Department was replaced.
They have been working on the wiring for the Emergency Operations Center at the Fire Department that will be in place during the RNC.

- 18 Work Orders were completed this week.

Go Cavs!
We’re All In!