TO: Council Members  
City Directors  
FROM: Mayor Anthony L. Togliatti  
DATE: July 26, 2019  
RE: Administrative Update  

MEETING WITH OHIO HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE PHIL ROBINSON:

Ohio House District 6 State Representative Phil Robinson held a meeting of all District 6 Mayors at the Mayfield Village Community Room on Thursday, July 25th. Representative Robinson briefed us on the recent passage of the State Operating Budget for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021, as well as the recent passage of HB 6--The FirstEnergy Nuclear Plant Bailout. Representative Robinson also informed the Mayors of his upcoming community engagement initiatives, one of which will be held on August 22 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at the Brecksville Community Center. This Legislative Town Hall is an opportunity for District 6 constituents to meet Representative Phil Robinson and learn about initiatives at the Statehouse and share local issues. The meeting wrapped up with an opportunity for all of the Mayors to share their local issues with the State Representative.

COUNTY TIRC MEETING:

I attended the annual Tax Incentive Review Council meeting at the Cuyahoga County Administrative Building on Thursday, July 25th, accompanied by Vice Mayor Grendel, Interim Finance Director Gus Katsas, and Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko. This annual meeting is required to ensure the compliance of the 18-TIF Districts within the City of Independence. I must applaud our Finance Team and Finance Committee Chairman Grendel for compiling and explaining the TIF data to the Review Council. All of our active TIF Districts were found to be in compliance, which means the City will continue to collect revenue from each of the individual TIF Districts. 2018 TIF collections totaled $2,028,861.00, with that number expected to increase in each coming year.
TWO NEW FIREFIGHTERS SWORN IN:

Congratulations to the two newest full-time members of the Independence Fire Department, Joseph Murray and Nick Loparo. Joe and Nick were excited to be sworn in this morning as full-time firefighter paramedics after having been serving the City in a part-time capacity. Joe was originally hired on in June of 2018 and Nick was hired this past March. Since that time, both gentlemen have proven to be an asset to the department which we are certain will continue for many years to come.

These two gentlemen will officially take their oath in front of City Council at the August Council Meeting, along with three other recently hired full-time firefighter/paramedics, Nathan Gardner, Dominic Canitia, and Daniel Poulson. All are welcome to witness the official swearing in on Tuesday, August 13th.

LUNCH AND LEARN:

As part of the City’s Wellness initiatives, a Lunch and Learn was offered to employees on Thursday, July 25th at noon who were interested in learning more about nutrition and how to properly nourish our bodies for optimal health.

Those employees who attended were able to earn one wellness point out of three required points to receive a $35 discount on their healthcare premium. In addition to receiving very beneficial information that could help employees live a healthier lifestyle, opportunities to participate in upcoming activities and challenges to further enhance wellness were also relayed to attendees.

Thank you to HR Director Letitia Linker for organizing this event and for providing a variety of educational presentations with the goal of a creating a healthier workforce.
UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- A Utilities Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 30th at 3:00 pm in the Council Caucus Room at City Hall.

- A Council Workshop will also take place on Tuesday, July 30th at 4:30 pm following the Utilities Meeting and will also be held in the Council Caucus Room at City Hall.

- Indy Tees-Up 103rd Home Days on Public Square, Friday, August 2nd from 6:00 to 11:00 pm, and Saturday, August 3rd 1:00 to 11:00 pm. Enjoy the Home Days Parade on Saturday at Noon!

- The Hemlock Trail Ribbon Cutting Celebration is being planned for Saturday, September 14th at 10:00 am. More information will be forthcoming regarding this event to celebrate this new beautiful attraction to the City of Independence.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Following are some highlights of recent activity, updates, events and/or statistics from various departments:

The Police Department Reported- (Week ending July 19)

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The Fire Department Reported: (Week ending July 12)

- EMS Incidents  Week  YTD
  28        847

- Fire Incidents  Week  YTD
  20        392

- Mutual Aid:
  o Engine Responses  Week  YTD
    1        5
  o Squad Responses  Week  YTD
    2        17
The Community Services Department Reported-

- **Week #6 Summer Camp:**
  - Attendance Jr. Camp: 33 campers
  - Attendance Sr. Camp: 44 campers
  - Jr./Sr. Camp had a field trip to Brecksville Park on Tuesday, July 16th to hike, play outdoor games and make Fairy Houses. A stop at Country Maid Ice Cream was a cool way to beat the heat at the end of the trip.
  - Children were impressed by Independence High School Biology Teacher, Mr. Scott Maretka and the I.H.S. Biology Society’s “Backyard Adventures” at Land Lab. The children learned about snakes, turtles, birds and more in the Ohio area.
  - The Camps also enjoyed their favorite annual trip to “Wagon Trails.”
  - Other activities included Walkers and Runners Club, arts and crafts, games and swimming.

- **Summer Playground Week 5:**
  - The children enjoyed working with air dry clay.
  - Children had a day of fun with inflatables.
  - Jim Rio provided music, dancing and hula hoop contests.
  - The week ended with a water day at the pool.

- **Marketing:**
  - Graphic Artist Gordon Grunau worked to create various Home Day Banners/posters/flags for booths in addition to running transports.
  - Also created various posters for the Fire and Recreation Departments, Lucid Chart Room set-ups, Jog Into Spring Banner, Annual Fishing Derby Banner for Selig fence and Summer Playground Brochure.
  - Designed Summer Camp Youth T-Shirts.

- **Adult Trips:**
  - Assisted a number of residents by providing various community resources.
  - Community Services staff worked on the Home Days Parade/Home Day Booths/Kidz Zone/Spotlight.

The Recreation Department Reported- (Week ending July 19)

- **Saturday, July 13:**
  - 8 members of Boy Scout Troop 297 made
improvements to the Rain Garden by the Liberty Station Building.

- **Sunday, July 14:**
  - All tables were booked for both City pavilions.
- **Monday, July 15:**
  - Week 2 of the Star Autism Camp began on this day.
  - Staff disassembled and removed the U-10 soccer goals and put them in storage for the remainder of the summer.
  - The 3rd session of outdoor swimming lessons began on this day.
- **Tuesday, July 16:**
  - Staff completed the grading and seeding of the area by the Fieldhouse.
  - The Kiwanis sign made for the Zuber Field Press Box was installed.
- **Wednesday, July 17:**
  - Staff set-up and operated the inflatables in the Civic Center gym for the Autism Camp on this day.
  - A second meeting was held to discuss Phase 2 of the Liberty Playground. Families had the opportunity to view a possible conceptual plan and to offer their comments and suggestions.
  - The outdoor whirlpool was drained and cleaned due to a glass breakage new that pool.
- **Thursday, July 18:**
  - The U-14 Fast Pitch Tournament began on the City’s fields today and ran through Saturday.
  - Staff set-up the Oak Rooms for the Community Concert held this evening that was moved due to the extreme heat conditions.
  - A fence contractor worked to install a 4-foot fence between the north and south pickle ball courts to help eliminate the need for the fabric netting we were using.
- **Friday, July 19:**
  - Table and Chair deliveries this week: 58 tables and 334 chairs were delivered to 7 resident homes.
The Campout that was scheduled for Friday, July 19th was rescheduled to Friday, August 9th due to the extreme heat predicted for July 19th.

A late night swim party and cookout was enjoyed by the Cuyahoga Valley Native Sons and Daughters organization at the outdoor pool in the evening. Attendance for the event totaled 300 people.

- General:
  - The outdoor pool staff worked on various tasks and logistics for the Championship Swim Meet at the outdoor pool scheduled for Saturday, July 27th.

Did you know...

Home Days is one week from today!