

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: September 18, 2020

Administration

Last Friday evening, Downtown Loveland was host to LSF D’s 9/11 Memorial Event. The event was a remembrance of the tragic events of 9/11, along with a salute to the brave and dedicated police and firemen, who unselfishly protect our communities. The event was extremely well attended and included representation from numerous neighboring police and fire departments. Special thanks to LSF D for coordinating such a wonderful event.



Wednesday, Building and Zoning Clerk, Becky Noel and I met with a representative from the Alleen Company regarding tent rental to be installed in the downtown business district. The purpose of the proposed tent installation is that it would allow our downtown restaurants to continue the expansion of their outdoor dining capacity into the fall and winter months. To fund the project, the city would submit for grant funding through the Hamilton County CDBG program.

On Monday the Comprehensive Master Plan Economic Development and Residential Committee sub-groups and had a general discussion proposing a variety of different ideas for the community with respect to each sub-group. The sub-groups also discussed and prepared questions to pose to the public for the next Comprehensive Master Plan survey.

The Arts Commission met on Tuesday to discuss their findings of what would be a policy for murals in the City. Based on the commissions feedback and comments, Clerk of Council and Assistant to the City Manager, Misty Brents and Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith will develop a draft set of guidelines for the commissions review. The Arts Commission is scheduled to meet next on October 5.

Finance

On Thursday, Director of Finance, Michelle Byrde and Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith participated in a webinar presented by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The training centered on updated budget practices and the change in expectations and qualifications for future budget award submissions.

Building and Zoning

The building permit for 351 Cedar Drive was issued. 351 is the final lot of the five-lot subdivision that are being developed by Fischer Homes. Tiger Express Laundromat, going into 320 Loveland-Madeira Road was issued their sign permits. They also submitted an application for their HVAC permit for the ventilation of the multiple dryers needed for the facility. In addition, Tiger Express laundromat made application to appear before the Planning & Zoning Commission to change the exterior color of their building.

Public Works

Monday, City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein, and I met at the West Loveland Bridge, with Todd Gadbury from the Hamilton County Engineers Office and consultant, Vanessa Nghiem. Hamilton County is moving forward with the long-awaited, much needed repairs to the bridge's sidewalks. The city has been given the opportunity to participate in the project with the installation of decorative railings along the entire length of the bridge. Monday's site visit was followed up with a webinar on Thursday, where Cindy and I reviewed sample railing styles available to the city. This is great opportunity for the city to add aesthetics to the heavily traveled gateway into our downtown business district. We will continue updates on this project.

Also, on Thursday, Cindy and I walked the project boundaries for the proposed antique style street lighting project on West Loveland Avenue, from the bridge to Loveland Madeira Road. The project, which would be completed by Duke Energy, is currently under review as a possible, 2021 capital improvement project. The lighting would enhance a rather lacking streetscape along the West Loveland Business District. New style lighting recently developed by Duke Energy now make this project viable. Utilizing direct-bury type poles and then the placement of a shroud at the base, eliminates the need for concrete foundations and requires less space. Updates on this project are forthcoming.



Upcoming Events and Meetings

The Harmonics will perform at the Nisbet Park amphitheater this Sunday from 6-8 p.m. Signage will be posted to encourage attendees to social distance.

City Council will meet on Tuesday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The Historic Preservation and Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m.