

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: October 18, 2019

Administration

The City received notice that its grant application to the Clermont County Park District for improvements to McCoy Park has been approved. The \$12,052 grant which includes a local match of \$4,018 will replace the existing swing-set, basketball goals and benches in McCoy Park.

Flags throughout the City were lowered to Half-Staff on Thursday for the memory of United States Representative Elijah E. Cummings who passed away.

The sixth session of Loveland U was held last night at City Hall. The class was put to the test by Michelle Byrde, Director of Finance, with a lively game of trivia about local government finances. For the second half of the session, the class participated in a mock City Council meeting, which included a public hearing on short-term rentals led by Tom Smith, Assistant City Manager.





Thursday, I attended the “Beloved Community Interfaith Mural Reception” at The Grail. The 8’ x 12’ mural, which was painted by nearly 100 attendees at the 2nd annual Cincinnati Festival of Faiths, is on display at The Grail.

Finance

The Finance Committee met Wednesday to continue its review of the 2020 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) led by Director of Finance, Michelle Byrde. The meeting

included attendance by City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein and Public Works Director, Scott Wisby as the committee reviewed their proposed 2020 CIP projects and equipment purchases.

Public Works

On Tuesday, City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein accompanied Jeff Newby from the Hamilton County Engineer's Office, both members of the district Integrating Committee's support staff, to rate several of the projects applying for the next round of OPWC funding. The entire support staff will meet next week to discuss all project application initial ratings.

Building and Zoning

On Monday City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein, LPD Detective Anthony Pecord, LSFD Deputy Chief John Frye, and Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith met with a representative from Esri about updating the City's ArcGIS software. Esri is a GIS mapping and data analytics software that tracks data related to the City's infrastructure.

A permit application was submitted for the warehouse at 115 Karl Brown Street for interior alterations to a proposed future conference room.

Police

Two auto accidents attracted some media attention. One involved a car that struck the Loveland High School causing moderate damage to the building near door 9. The City Building Inspector came to ensure the building was still safe. A bicyclist was struck on the bike trail at Broadway. Thankfully, the injuries were not severe. One of the most common questions LPD receives is about right of way at crosswalks. They plan to send out a social media post on crosswalk safety soon.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

The Beautification Committee is meeting on Monday at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The Community Improvement Corporation will meet on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The Ad Hoc Committee to Review Council Rules and Committee Rules will meet on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

City Council will meet on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.