

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager

RE: Weekly Update

DATE: July 9, 2021

Administration

The 4th of July event last weekend was a huge success. With something for all ages, and one of the largest parades in recent memory, it was obvious that attendees had a wonderful time. People are still talking about the high-quality fireworks coming from multiple launch sites. Special thanks to the Loveland Symmes Firefighters Association for their financial support and coordination of the firefighters. Personally, I had the privilege of driving the Valentines Ladies in the parade and was able to see first-hand just how popular the ladies are in the community. Other notes from the event include the success of Chief Rahe's decision to use a crossing guard service at the West Loveland Bike Trail Crossing. Given the large crowd concentrated in downtown, traffic flow was much improved over past events. Finally, a special note of thanks to Misty Brents, her 4th of July Committee and our Public Works Crews. To make an event with as many moving parts as this, goes off so seamlessly, is a monumental feat. Lastly, a tip of the hat to our Marketing and Communications Manager, Krista Rose for her marketing and promotion of the event.



Thursday, Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith, and Premier Network Solutions (PNS) were able to resolve many of the feedback and interference issues caused by the microphones in the City Hall Council Chambers. PNS also installed two speakers in the rear of the chambers and disconnected the speakers in the area nearest to the dais. This step has eliminated much of the feedback we were experiencing, delivering a much-improved sound quality.

Building and Zoning

The Planning and Zoning Commission met Tuesday to review a revised proposal for a Special Planning District (SPD) located at 102 Oak Street. The revised proposal consisted of eight single-family detached homes including modifications to setbacks, storm water detention, and roof top patio decks facing the front façade. A previous version for the project comprised nine homes, zero side yard setback on the east side, and roof top patio decks in the rear of each unit. Due to the proposed side yard setbacks, density, and feedback from the public hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission, in a vote of 3-2, voted to table the application for further review and consideration.

At the meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission also discussed amending one of the approved conditions related to the zoning map amendment for the Blossom Hill subdivision located along State Route 48. The amended motion involves the preservation of existing trees, the removal of a proposed berm, and the addition of new trees along the northern border of the property. Following discussion, the commission voted 5-0 to amend the condition.

Tahona Restaurant has been issued its Certificate of Occupancy. Their website indicates that they will be opening on Tuesday July 13. Also this week, the final home of the five-lot development on Cedar Drive was issued a building permit, the last two townhomes on Second Street received building permits and permits were also issued for the parking area expansion for McCluskey Chevrolet in the Commerce Park.

Public Works

The contractor for the Lever Park Tennis and Basketball Court Repair project has completed all needed repairs and installed the final surface layer. Striping will be completed next week. Meanwhile, in preparation of the full project completion, new tennis and pickleball nets have been purchased and are ready for installation.



Police

It was a busy week for LPD. The BMV grace period expiration for vehicle and license registrations on July 1 and the holiday weekend have kept LPD Officers busy. LPD Officers assisted at the July 4th parade and celebration and no significant issues were reported. A vehicle was stolen from Jilbe. Officers took four reports for multiple theft scams and helped three people in crisis.

Chief Rahe has been studying for the ASIS International Physical Security Professional Board Certification exam since December. He received notification he passed the board exam in late June and is now a certified Physical Security Professional. Chief Rahe and Lieutenant Szpak met with Normandy Swim Club staff and discussed safety and security for their swim competition. Chief Rahe met with the Sentry Hill HOA President, walked the Sentry Hill graveyard and the new development site to discuss crime prevention and security strategies. Lieutenant Scott Humphrey attended red dot site instructor training. Officer Jacob Salamon will attend standard field sobriety instructor training next week. Finally, LPD is hosting the Force Science Institute De-escalation instructor training on July 19 and 20. Lieutenant Mike Szpak and Officer Jesse Moore are attending.

LPD extended a hiring offer to Officer Kurt Magoteaux, currently at the Colerain Township Police Department, to join the LPD Family. Kurt will begin in late July. Chief Rahe will be out of the office until July 26. Lieutenant Kevin Corbett will be the Acting Chief of Police.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- Beautification Committee Meeting, July 12, 2021, 6:30 PM, Colonel Paxton Conference Room-City Hall
- Arts Commission Meeting, July 12, 2021, 7:30 PM, City Hall
- City Council Meeting, July 13, 2021, 7:00 PM, City Hall
- LPD and the Loveland Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association are hosting their annual "Stuff-A-Cruiser" event for the LIFE Food Pantry on July 17th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Loveland Kroger.