



City of Loveland

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager

RE: Weekly Update

DATE: March 18, 2022

Administration

Monday, I attended the meeting of the Warren County Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) in Lebanon. These meetings are held annually to review various tax incentive programs throughout the county. The city's sole tax incentive program in Warren County is the Recreation Land TIF on Butterworth Road. As this TIF has not generated any revenue due to the fact that the area within the TIF boundaries was void of development, for the city, these meetings are typically very brief. This year, I was able to update the council on the city's sale of a portion of the property within the TIF boundaries which facilitated the ChimneyRidge subdivision.

Tuesday, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Krista Rose and I met with students from Tigers Inc. to discuss the grand opening of the city's new dog park. While many details are still being worked out, we are tentatively looking at a Saturday in early May for the grand opening. The students are helping to coordinate food trucks, dog related giveaways, and reaching out to local veterinarians, kennels, and groomers to attend. Updates are forthcoming.

Tuesday evening, the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission (HPPC) met to review an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for siding replacement at 123 Railroad Avenue (Wicked Pickle). The COA request included the removal of a cinder block accessory building along the rear of the structure. Both components of the COA requests were approved by the HPPC.

Wednesday, City Hall staff gathered for lunch to welcome two new employees: Assistant Finance Director, Angie Walls and Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright. We are happy to have these two new members to our City Hall team.

Also on Wednesday, the city met with Andy Barlow from Playground Equipment Services to continue our design of the new gazebo for Nisbet Park. We anticipate having the final design and cost ready for presentation to the Parks and Recreation Board at their next meeting. Staff will be proposing a 25-foot diameter gazebo, with white columns and a gray roof. The gazebo will have no railings, will be elevated, and include all required handicap access. A sample of the proposed color scheme, columns, and roof type is shown below. Staff is very excited about presenting the gazebo to the Parks and Recreation Board and the community. We are hoping that the new gazebo will be a signature feature to Nisbet Park.



Building and Zoning

The first building permit was issued for the Blossom Hill development this week. Additionally, seven residential homes are in various stages of permit review within the ChimneyRidge Subdivision.

The permit for the Public Works Building has been issued, as has an awning permit for Loveland Canoe & Kayak.

Renovation activities commenced at the Wicked Pickle.

Coulter Studies installed the permitted roof at their location.

Staff continued to meet with Homearama Event Staff and the Homebuilder's Association to continue coordinating preparations for this important and exciting event.

The Accela Permitting software implementation continues, with a scheduled "go-live" event next week. Implementation, including the capability to accept on-line permitting, will continue and be refined as the system is activated.

After receiving the COA approval for Hops & Berries signage it was determined that the business will need to apply for a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals, in order to complete the signage installation. No filing has been made to date.

An SPD Public Hearing was held on Thursday, for a 209-unit residential development on The Grail property off of O'Bannonville Road and State Route 48. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted to continue the hearing in an effort to secure additional information on the project and its impact on traffic.

We are still awaiting final/revised plans and drawings for the Oak Street Development. Once filed, we will update the status.

Police

The City received the pre-award conditions for the body-worn camera grant LPD applied for in 2021. The city only received \$87,896.26, which is half of the funding we requested. However, the funding provided allows the city to purchase enough devices for each road patrol officer and half of the funding necessary for a part-time Operations Assistant to redact the videos.

This week, Loveland officers responded to Cindy's Friendly Tavern for a fight run involving a gun. One person was arrested, and the gun was recovered.

Systems Manager Tina Kerns spent the last two weeks preparing for the LPD Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS) audit. LEADS is the secure database law enforcement uses to access restricted information. The auditor praised Tina's excellent work ensuring the agency's commitment to the security of LEADS data. During the last three years, including during the COVID pandemic, LPD had only one minor error.

Officer Kurt Magoteaux conducted refresher training for all LPD officers in the proper use of stop sticks.

Also, this week, Detective Shawn Parks announced he has accepted a position with the Hamilton Township Police Department. His last day in the LPD family will be March 29. Shawn started with LPD as a part-time police officer in 2012.

Chief Rahe will be on vacation next week. Lieutenant Mike Szpak is the Acting Chief of Police.

Finance

As tax season kicks into high gear, the Finance Department has been busy assisting those that live and work in Loveland with any questions they may have. Helpful information about income taxes can be found on our website: <https://www.lovelandoh.gov/247/Income-Taxes>

Upcoming Meetings

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

The Veterans Memorial Committee will meet on Thursday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m.