

**US 6 Phase 1 Updates:**

- **Berlin Road Intersection:** Crews will be converting the light at this intersection to 2-way function (yellow flashing for US 6 / red flashing for Berlin Road) starting Tuesday morning. The light will remain in this fashion for 30-days at which point it will be removed and the intersection officially re-opened as a two-way stop. Signage about the traffic modification will be posted at the intersection. We're posting notice on the City's Facebook page as well.
- **Lane Reduction:** Safety Committee is meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> prior to the Council meeting to discuss the potential to implement the road diet striping plan. The exhibits from last fall are attached. *Please be aware these are subject to change – OHM will be providing updated plans at tomorrow's meeting.*
- **Landscaping / Old Homestead:** We finalized the tree replacement plan with the Old Homestead neighborhood – it will be planted in October.

**Chaska Beach Repair / Liability:** A citizen recently tripped on a section of pavement in the Chaska Beach neighborhood. We've marked out the area while getting prices to rectify the issue. I authorized the repair work and it should be finalized next week – we're utilizing Smith Paving and getting a very competitive price.

**Sidewalk Assessments:** Staff is working with the Law Department to establish the assessment process for necessary sidewalk repairs on Cleveland Road in front of Colonial Colony. Unfortunately, we need to follow the standard assessment process, which is roughly 60 days. We'll be finalizing the documentation and preparing the legislation for your next meeting. In the meantime, we're meeting internally to prepare a proposal to Council for the creation of an annual sidewalk maintenance program.

**Sawmill Parkway:** Staff is working with both OHM, ECEDC, and JobsOhio on acquiring funding for Sawmill Parkway refurb. Based on my latest discussions with JobsOhio, it appears that there is a strong likelihood we will receive some infrastructure dollars towards the project. The goal remains to partner this source with potential EDA CARES Act dollars to reduce the city's share as much as possible.

**Fleet Maintenance:** Staff is actively putting together a report for Council to consider options for a fleet management program in response to the recent termination of our agreement with Sandusky. Discussions are ongoing but we will have something for Council soon.

**Financial Software:** the City is acquiring new financial reporting software utilizing a portion of our CARES funding (<https://opengov.com/products/financials>). The software streamlines the

budgeting, capital planning, and reporting functions of the administration. In addition, the software is public facing to improve financial transparency and reporting.

**Fire Engine Delivery:** The new Fire Engine is scheduled for delivery this week pending everything goes according to plan.

**B-2 Zoning Modification:** Planning Commission is holding a special meeting on Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed zoning modification relative to residential use in a B-2 district.

**Broadband (Spectrum):** I'm in touch with a representative from Charter Communications (Spectrum) to discuss feasibility of entering into the Huron market. A reminder, the City's Franchise Agreement with Buckeye Cable is in place through 2022. While the agreement is non-exclusive (meaning open for competition), it does produce roughly \$130,000 a year in revenues to the City. Ohio has prohibited the use of Franchise Agreements in favor of Video Service Agreements, which operate similarly but do not produce as much revenue. Either way, broadband deployment in the City is still something that needs further consideration.

**School Resource Officer:** We are working with the Schools and Township to reimburse the amount charged for the services provided from the SRO in the time between when schools were closed last spring and the end of the 2019-2020 school year. With Huron on a hybrid model, the SRO has been staffed in the schools full-time.

**COVID-19:** We continue our weekly team meetings regarding the City's response to COVID-19. CARES Act funds must be encumbered by October 15<sup>th</sup>. We are currently at an estimated 40% of utilization to date with discussions about an additional allocation coming from the State. The discussions are in committee at the Statehouse with more information forthcoming. There is a potential that a next round would have less restrictions, including what most local governments have asked for in the form of "revenue replacement".

**2021 Budget:** Cory and I have had initial meetings with each Department for their budgets for next year. A bulk of the operational and capital asset budgets have a first draft complete. I would encourage Council to consider having a goals and objectives meeting prior to finalizing the budget. Also, I would recommend discussing the ability to delay the budget process to afford the new city manager the opportunity to participate in the budget discussions. State statute allows for what's called a temporary appropriation measure in which the city would adopt a spending plan for the first 3 months and adopt the final budget by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.

**Safety Committee Agenda:**

- US 6 – Lane Reduction
- Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA)
- School Zone Radar Signs
- Mudbrook Creek Buoys
- Trick or Treat 2020

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