



City Council ACTION

The following is a summary of select City Council action items from the April 15, 2024 City Council meeting.

Boards & Commissions Appointments

The following board and commission nominations were approved:

- James Kieffer – Landmark Commission

No board or commission nominations were denied or postponed.

Summarized City Council Actions

Following is an explanation of select items that were taken up by the City Council:

Asphalt Street Resurfacing Program (Item #7 Bill #786-22): The City Council authorized a Contract with Herzog Contracting Corporation for the annual Asphalt Street Resurfacing Program. The resurfacing project removes and replaces the surface asphalt from an average of 24 miles (66 lane miles) of streets each year.

Extended Season Mowing Expense (Item #9 Bill #788-22): The City Council authorized a budget amendment to increase funding to enable extended season mowing and related seasonal services. Spring maintenance activities typically begin in the middle of April but with earlier warm weather this year, services needed to begin 4-5 weeks early. Additionally, mowing lasted longer into the Fall last year, which caused early budget pressures for the 2024 budget year, which runs from July 2024 through June 2024.

Small Business Job Creation Program Guidelines (Item #15 Bill #794-22): The City Council established guidelines for the Small Business Job Creation Program utilizing Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to stimulate small businesses and job growth. The program allows businesses with less than 20 employees to request a reimbursement grant to use toward the purchase of equipment related to business operations. For every \$10,000 awarded, the recipient must create one equivalent job. CDBG funds utilized for the program require full-time job creation, must benefit low-to-moderate income individuals, and must be retained for a minimum of 6 months. The program is anticipated to begin in July, provided funding is approved in the annual budget process.

Parks Department Restroom Facilities Improvements (Item #23 Bill #802-22): The City Council authorized a contract with Brooner Construction & Crane for restroom facilities renovations at the Joyce Raye Patterson 50+ Activity Center, Northside Complex, and Bartlett Park. Restroom renovations or replacement for the three locations were part of a supplemental list of projects included in the 2019-2024 CIP Program. Sufficient funds have been generated by the CIP sales tax to complete the projects and construction will likely begin this Summer and conclude in the Fall.

JRP Activity Center HVAC Replacement (Item #27 Bill #804-22): The City Council approved an emergency ordinance accepting a donation from the Senior Center Foundation and the issuing of a purchase order for the purchase and installation of two replacement heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems for the Joyce Raye Patterson 50+ Activity Center. The work will be done by IHP Industrial, Inc. The existing HVAC units have failed and have been taken out of service, leaving the building without appropriate heating and cooling systems. The donation will cover the full cost of the replacement units.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bryan Carter reported the following:

ARPA Demolition Funds/Infill Housing Study: The City Council previously approved the expenditure of up to \$500,000 of ARPA funds to contribute to demolitions of dilapidated properties. The demolition plan included efforts to identify target areas for demolition and potential redevelopment.

Initially, the funds were planned for expenditure for the next two and a half years with the program wrapping up before all ARPA funds must be spent in December 2026. However, recent Department of the Treasury guidance requires that demolition funds be under contract before December 2024.

To optimize use of the funds, staff plans to issue a request for proposals for an "Infill Housing Study" that would be paid for using a portion of the funds. That portion is anticipated to be less than \$50,000. That study would evaluate existing areas of the community that could be redeveloped. That information would enable a strategic approach to demolitions using future funds. The issuance of the RFP will not commit the City to selecting a vendor.

Police Memorial: The Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge Number 9 will host the annual Police Memorial on Wednesday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m. in Civic Center Park outside City Hall. If inclement weather hinders the memorial, it will be moved inside City Hall. Guest speaker Lexi Dekraai-Ussery will provide her perspective and experience as the daughter of a fallen police officer.