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Heights
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TO: Mayor & City Council

From: Jeffrey A. Fiegenschuh, City Administrator

Re: Monthly Report

Date: February 14, 2014

Below is a list of projects I have been working for the past month. Let me know if you have any questions

Street Project-Bids for the street project will move forward in March. Attached is a map of the streets that are part of the 2014/15 street improvement program. The streets in red are resurfacing only while the streets in blue will be added as alternates for reconstruction. Staff is hopeful that the project can begin in April or May and be completed in November. Jason and I will keep you informed as the project progresses.

Budget-I want to thank the budget committee and department heads for putting forth great efforts this year. The budget that we will present is now balanced. I will present the capital improvement requests as approved by the budget committee during this council meeting with the O & M budgets and revenue forecasts being submitted at the first meeting in March. You will formally adopt the 2014/15 levy and budget via resolution at the 2nd meeting in March.

ICMA CPM-I attended my first classed in late January for the Drake CPM course. Our class (21 government and nonprofit professionals from around the state) meets on a monthly basis at the Drake campus through June 2015. I will present materials from the course periodically for your review and summarizing how the material and knowledge gained from this class will benefit the City of Windsor Heights.

LOST-As you know I was selected to serve on the IA League of Cities Legislative Policy Committee this year. One of the major issues I stress is the need to decouple metro areas in IA so individual communities have the opportunity to allow their residents to vote on a local option sales tax. As I've stated before a LOST would generate in excess of \$700,000 annually for the City of Windsor Heights and

will allow us to promote real property tax relief, eliminate franchise fees and reinvest in our infrastructure and public safety. I've been in touch with Senator Schneider several times and the Mayor and I have a coffee scheduled with him in the next week. He is committed to this issue and working with leadership in the senate to move a bill forward. Mayor Willits and I will keep you abreast of this very important issue.

League Lobby Day-Last week Mayor Willits, Council Member Burgess and I attend the League's annual lobby day. Numerous issues were discussed that could affect Windsor Heights such as Emerald Ash Borer and resident zoning as it relates to regulating rentals. Numerous cities are collectively lobbying the legislature for assistance in covering the costs of the emerald ash borer. Although no specific legislation has been filed we need to continue to remind our legislators of the potential costs associated with this problem and our lack of revenue diversification. There continues to be conversations centering on limiting a municipalities ability to regulate non familiar relations as it relates to rental housing. No specific bills have been filed at this time. Last year Mayor Willits and I met with both our state representatives and senators urging them not to support this legislation.

Finally there continues to be discussion with regards to pension reforms. Although the reforms being discussed will not directly affect our community I think it's important to support the other cities in the metro that are affected and register our support for common sense pension reforms that benefit both our tax payers and municipal employees.

63rd and Hickman Development-I continue to get inquiries about this property. I know Sheena has been contacted by Mr. Hurd to discuss a building permit for a potential new business. Once we receive the permit I will set a meeting with the development/review committee and department heads. We will do our best to keep you abreast of any potential developments while keeping future projects confidential as requested.

Mayor/Administrator 10/60 Meeting-Our recent 10/60 meeting was a huge success. Although we didn't have a huge crowd (due to the cold weather), we still had some lively discussions and great comments from those in attendance. Topics discussed include code enforcement, future business development on Hickman, marketing our community and specific questions related to various City codes. Our next meeting is scheduled for Feb 20th at 6:00pm at the Community Center. Mayor Willits has asked me to host these monthly, which at this point is very doable.

City Wellness Screening-Last week the City hosted a wellness screening through Hy-Vee for our employees. The wellness committee has planned this event since October in an effort to promote wellness education within the workforce. We had 19 employees take part in the screening, which included a blood test and screening. The City will receive the results of the organization as a whole so we know where to focus future wellness programs.

Other Meetings Attended:

- Meetings with Residents
- Staff meetings & 1:1 meetings with Department Heads to approve Capital Budgets

- Chamber board meeting & Executive meeting to hire new Chamber ED
- Young Professionals Meeting
- Wellness Committee Meeting
- Coffee with council members
- Committee Meetings
- Metro City Managers' Lunch
- Meeting with Windsor Heights Living Magazine
- Des Moines Partnership Annual dinner
- DART/Wal-Mart meetings to discuss new DART shelter at Wal-Mart
- Meeting with staff from Des Moines Water Works to discuss regional water governing board and water rates
- MPO Technical Committee meeting
- Do Business in Windsor Heights Meeting



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SCHOOL STREET

— BASE IMPROVEMENTS
— ALTERNATE IMPROVEMENTS

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