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THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ABBREVIATED "BELOIT REPORT"

This will be an abbreviated weekly report, since the Manager will be on vacation Thursday and Friday of this week.

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2011

We have a few items of business to transact prior to the next regular City Council meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2011. Consequently, we have scheduled a **Special City Council Meeting** for this coming **Monday, August 22, 2011 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Forum** here at City Hall, 100 State Street. We will have three items of business on the agenda for Council consideration.

The three items are:

1. The City has recently been contacted about participating in **Trail Connection Studies** currently underway that are looking at connecting pedestrian/bicycle paths running both north and south of the City of Beloit. Funds remain in the 2009 Capital Expenditure account, originally established for park master planning. Competitive requests for proposals resulted in a lower than anticipated cost for that project and funds are remaining in the Capital Budget designated for park planning purposes. A legitimate use of those funds would be to participate in these connection studies to look at future expansion of the pedestrian/bicycle system within the City and the ability to connect that system to other communities lying both north and south of the City.
2. Resolution authorizing a contract with the Wisconsin Counties Association Group Health Trust/UMR and the Employer Health Care Alliance Cooperative, to administer and provide preferred provider network services for the City's **group health plan**. We have now completed negotiations with the City's new group health administrator and preferred provider network. A copy of the final report with cost information is attached to the agenda. This resolution will authorize the City Manager to execute that contract and move forward with the transition, which is scheduled for October 1, 2011.
3. Resolution confirming **financing commitments for Phase II of the Beloit Public Housing Redevelopment Project**. There have been some changes in the funding program for a portion of the local costs for the

upcoming Phase II of the Public Housing Remodeling Process. We have also had some expressions of concern by the tax credit purchaser, based upon changing Federal appropriations for their capital program. The City's consultant has reviewed these changes and has recommended solutions which would allow the City's Community Development Authority to meet these financial needs. Once again, the City Council will need to authorize those changes and serve as the guarantor to ensure that there is adequate cash flow throughout the project to continue to see the planned improvements through to completion.

BUDGET PREPARATION

We were able to finalize appropriation estimates for the General Fund this past week following receipt of updated cost projections for the group health plan. The projections were received from the Group Health Trust and their partners who will be providing both administrative and Preferred Provider network services to the City beginning October 1. We were able to decrease our estimates for the projected costs needed to pay for health care by approximately 6% as a result of these numbers, and add an additional reduction of 5%, anticipating some plan design changes for implementation next year. We have since advised Department Directors of the reductions that will need to be made in all the operating budgets which are a part of the General Fund in order to bring that proposed budget into balance. We have meetings scheduled with Division and Department Directors next week to go through their suggested budget modifications.

HENRY AVENUE BRIDGE

We have received some updated information regarding the Henry Avenue Bridge reconstruction. The contractor has told City officials that it will likely be closer to September 15 before he reaches the point where the bridge will be closed to traffic. Once closed, it will remain closed until project completion, which is scheduled for September 1, 2012. Detour signs will be posted and additional information will be made available to the community prior to the actual closing date.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Cranston Road, between Milwaukee Road and the railroad tracks was closed this past Monday, as scheduled. The contractor is on site and working on that project. Completion and reopening of the road is not anticipated until early November.

Bushnell, College and Prospect streets downtown were paved this Monday, as scheduled. The contractor is working on street light installation and there is some small remaining restoration work, including brick corner treatments, yet to be installed. The streets are all open and fully paved and will be available prior to the start of Beloit College's fall term, which was the original schedule for this project.

The contractor has also begun paving on Shirland Avenue and Park Avenue concrete street repairs. Paving on those two projects should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

NORTHSTAR PROJECT MOVES FORWARD

George Messina, the President and CEO of NorthStar, was the guest speaker for the Beloit Rotary Club meeting this past Tuesday, and provided the membership with a detailed update on their continued development of new medical technologies and their project planning for the Beloit site. The company appears to be on schedule to develop their plans and the necessary permitting processes for this project to move forward. Construction is not scheduled to begin until mid-2012.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR AUGUST 22-26 , 2011

Monday, August 22	Cancelled	Traffic Review Committee
Monday, August 22	Cancelled	Police and Fire Commission
Monday, August 22	5:30 p.m.	Special City Council Meeting , City Hall Forum (All Councilors)
Wednesday, Aug. 24	7:30 a.m.	Visit Beloit Board, K. Leavy
Thursday, August 25	8:00 a.m.	Downtown Beloit Association Board, J. Van De Bogart

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

This is just a sample of events coming up in Beloit. A more complete listing is available on the Visit Beloit website: www.visitbeloit.com

Throughout the summer	Beloit Public Library offers many events throughout the summer for youth, teens and adults. Please click here for more information.
All Summer	Beloit Snappers Minor League Baseball, Pohlman Field, Telfer Park, 2301 Skyline Drive, Beloit. www.snappersbaseball.com for more information.
Friday's throughout the summer	11:30-1:30 p.m. Fridays in the Park , First National Bank Plaza, downtown Beloit. Join your friends, soak up some sun and enjoy music and picnic lunch prepared by one of our local eateries.
Saturday's throughout the summer	Downtown Beloit Farmer's Market, 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. State and Grand. Over 100 vendors participating.
Saturday, August 20	Hailey Rath Memorial Event —5th Annual 5K run/walk and music festival promoting organ donor awareness and scholarships. Cash prizes to the top three male and female runners. \$25 entry fee. For more information, please see the website: www.haileyrath5k.org
Friday, August 26	Movie on the Big Lawn , Riverside Park, Beloit. "How to Train Your Dragon" will be shown on a giant outdoor screen. 6:00-8:00—boat rides, food, turtle races and more. 8:30—10:30 p.m.—Movie will be shown. Admission is free! Presented by <i>Friends of RiverFront</i>



NOTICE AND AGENDA

Beloit City Council

Special Meeting

Monday, August 22, 2011

5:30 p.m.

City Hall Forum

City Hall – 100 State Street

Beloit, WI 53511

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CALL OF MEETING OF CITY OF BELOIT COUNCIL
CITY OF BELOIT, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Section 2.02(3) of City Code a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin, is being called.

1. Roll call.
2. Resolution authorizing **Participation in Trail Connection Studies** Currently Underway (Arft)
3. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Contract with Wisconsin Counties Association Group Health Trust/UMR and the Employer Health Care Alliance Cooperative, to provide Third Party Administrator Services and preferred provider Networks for the **City's Group Health Insurance** (York)
4. Resolution confirming Financing Commitments for **Phase 2 of the Redevelopment of 66 Public Housing Units** (Christensen)
5. Motion to adjourn.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: August 18, 2011

Rebecca S. Houseman

City Clerk

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NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION

To: All Traffic Review Committee Members and Other Interested Parties

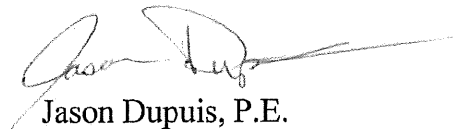
From: Jason Dupuis, Transportation / Project Engineer

Date: August 15, 2011

RE: Meeting Cancellation

The Traffic Review Committee meeting which was scheduled for Monday, August 22, 2011 has been cancelled. At this time, there are not enough agenda items for a meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on September 26, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

Please feel free to contact me at 364-6735 if you have any questions.



Jason Dupuis, P.E.
Transportation Engineer
City of Beloit



**Police and Fire Commission
Meeting CANCELLATION Notice
Monday, August 22, 2011 5:00 PM
City Hall Forum
Beloit WI 53511**

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Charles Losinske, President
Beloit Police & Fire Commission

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