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TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

Police

School is back in session for all three of our public schools. School Resource Officer Jason Hegberg is in the schools assisting administration, staff and students. During the morning and afternoon hours Jason also assists by staffing the crosswalk at Two Rivers Road and Cottonwood Drive. A video of him working the crosswalk and his interaction with students can be seen on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/BasaltPolice>

Administrative Assistant Dina Prieto attended a two-day Colorado Open Records Act certification training. This training ensures that records management personnel are fully knowledgeable in the laws that govern the processing, maintaining and releasing of criminal justice records to the public.

Chief Greg Knott and Lieutenant Aaron Munch had the opportunity to meet with the new Roaring Fork School District Superintendent, Jose Rodriguez. We were able to discuss ways our department could collaboratively work with the schools to address school safety and security issues.

Our Community Police Academy had its scenario day. This day is a culmination of skills the students learned over the previous seven classes. Students worked through live action scenarios, building clearance, de-escalation and investigation exercises. On September 24th we will be hosting our graduation pot luck for all the attendees.



Planning

Basalt Center Circle (BCC) Application – The Applicant submitted a final plan application which is in review with the Town’s referral agencies. The Planning and Zoning Commission completed their review of the BCC Final Plan Application. Town Council provided their initial review and continued the public hearing to July 26th. The Application received second reading approval on August 23rd. Town Staff is working with the BCC Applicant and the Basalt Sanitation District Staff on the “lightening bolt” sanitary sewer improvement concept in preparation for a Basalt Sanitation District Board Meeting in mid-September.

Basalt River Park Improvements – Town Council approved a contract with Burlingame Construction and ID Sculptures for construction of the bandshell. Staff has readvertised the bus shelter/restroom facility project for Construction Management/General Contractor (CM/GC) services to refine the design and construction schedule to build the project within budget. Proposals are due September 23rd. Work on Phase II of the Basalt River Park by RMCL is well underway. RMCL has installed the irrigation and planted a significant portion of the trees and perennials. RMCL is working on preparing the great lawn for sod by scarifying the ground and placing topsoil. Sod is scheduled for placement next week.



Midland Avenue Streetscape Project – The Design Team and Town Staff have been moving the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project forward. The Design Team has been meeting with various stakeholder groups, and the owners/managers of the properties along Midland to gain their input. Work sessions with P&Z and Town Council were held to review the preferred alternative design on August 9th, at which time P&Z and Council provided direction to move into design of the preferred conceptual plan. The Design Team and Planning Staff continued to meet with emergency service representatives this week to work through their comments on the preferred alternative.

Green Initiatives and the Town of Basalt Photovoltaic and Energy Storage Project – Staff and McKinstry continue to work with Holy Cross Energy, the school district, CORE and members of the Green Team on the project. McKinstry has provided a cost/benefit analysis on a handful of sites for review. McKinstry made a presentation to staff and representatives of the school district to discuss preferred options. The preferred options are now being developed to a 30% design level. Staff and McKinstry submitted a DOLA grant application for the project this week.

Other Basalt Forward 2030 Support – Town Planning Staff also provided support to the Manager for the Basalt Forward 2030 projects.

Basalt River Park Development LLC – A full building permit was issued on the Gallery Building which includes commercial, apartments, and the affordable housing units.

Development Review/Applications – Staff also spent time on responding to administrative reviews, complaints and working on land use applications and building permits.

Willits PUD Amendment Application- The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed an application for a PUD Amendment to permit a retail marijuana store in the Willits General Store Building and made a

recommendation to the Town Council. The Application was approved on first reading at the July 26th Council meeting. Council approved this application on second reading on August 23rd.

Mid-Valley Center Lot 4 –Town Staff and Gould are moving forward with the construction of the building. The building has been ordered, utility connections have been made, and the foundation has been formed.



Water Utility Master Plan – Town staff issued an RFP for the development of a Basalt Water Utility Master Plan which will serve to inform the planning of capital improvements, operations and maintenance, and rate increases that may be necessary to help fund the water enterprise. Staff received two proposals for this work from well qualified teams and will be bringing a contract to Council at the next meeting.

Linear Park Irrigation – Town staff received two bids for the rebuilding of the Linear Park irrigation system. The project was awarded to RMCL by Council. The work on the park should begin in mid-September.

Whitewater Park Construction - Pitkin County started construction on improvements to Fisherman’s Park and the area around the Whitewater Park. The improvements being made include improving the condition of the Fisherman’s Park Boat Ramp, constructing a boardwalk between the Whitewater Park and the boat ramp, and improving the shoulder of Two Rivers Road by the boat ramp for better access to the boat ramp. Additionally, Pitkin County will be clearing sediment from the Whitewater Park structures and making slight adjustment to the in-river wave structures.

Green Team – Staff attended the quarterly meeting of the Eagle County Climate Action Collaborative. Presentations included a legislative update on the Inflation Reduction Act and funding that will be available in the future from the state to local municipalities.

Also, recently, the Climate Action Collaborative sent a letter to the Town and other members informing of an increase in the contribution for 2023. The letter suggests that the increase is necessary to have the tools to execute the Climate Action Plan and reduce local greenhouse gas emissions.

Staff and the Green Codes Committee have been working to prepare for their upcoming continued first reading at Town Council on proposed amendments to the Building Code and Sustainable Building Regulations. The Committee has been considering feedback from area design and building professionals and have made some adjustments to the proposed Code amendments. The continued first reading and public hearing will be held on September 13th.

Public Works

Willits Lane will be down to one lane starting Tuesday September the 6th-7th. The project will be in two phases. The first phase will involve removing large Cottonwood stumps on the 6th and 7th then a week later replacing the culvert in the road that has failed.

The Pinion Tank restoration is going well. Two of the tanks have been media blasted and the vents are in the process of getting upgraded to meet state requirements. The drain valves have been replaced and are now operable.

The new Public Works building is formed up and ready to pour the foundation slab. The rebar is on site and the insulation and waterproofing has been done. The concrete contractor should be pouring and finishing soon.

Public Works did some drainage improvement on Sopris Dr. this week. Due to the heavy rains and the infill of new houses, drainage infrastructure is being modified to keep it working properly. The grade of some streets will be changed, and swales will be installed to redirect water