



City of Petersburg

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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 15, 2020
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager
Subject: **City Manager's Report – September 15, 2020**

Public Safety

- Operation No Guns, Safe Streets 2020: 295 illegal guns removed to date.

Budget and Procurement

- The Budget & Procurement Office is in the initial stages of creating a grants manual for improved grants tracking.

Dogwood Trace Golf

- August was the largest revenue month in the 12-year history of Dogwood Trace. This achievement was fueled by successful marketing efforts, pricing strategies, and Dogwood's creative response to accommodating play during the pandemic.
- Dogwood Trace has just completed the transition to the G1 point of sale system. This system more easily allows for contactless check-in through mobile payments and soon we will introduce mobile ordering and delivery to further accommodate guests who want to ensure the safest experience possible.
- Petersburg Rotary Club annual fundraiser event will be held on Monday, September 21st and will be a sold-out field.
- Dogwood Trace continues to share its agronomic expertise and spray certifications to partner with other City departments. Dogwood has set up test areas with Blandford to spray pre-emergent chemicals and growth regulators to assist in keeping grass growth more manageable. Additionally, Dogwood has worked with Public Works in assisting in spraying common areas in Olde Towne to facilitate weed control.

Public Works and Utilities (Projects):

1. S. Sycamore St. Culvert Rehabilitation. (Ward 4 & 5)

Purpose: To rehabilitate the existing box culvert that carries Lieutenant Run under S. Sycamore St. and located just to the north of I-85. The existing box culvert is

approximately 85 years old and requires concrete repairs, erosion repairs and tree removal.

- a. Funding: VDOT SGR Bridge, total \$616,000.
- b. Kimley-Horn continues working on project design.
- c. Kimley-Horn submitted form EQ-102 – Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) to the VDOT.
- d. Anticipated construction bid advertisement January 2021.

2. S. Crater Rd. Signal Improvements. (Ward 2)

Purpose: To update the traffic signals on S. Crater Rd. at Flank Rd., Wagner Rd., Crater Cir., Medical Park Blvd., and Rives Rd. to improve traffic flow, reduce congestion and improve air quality.

- a. Funding: CMAQ, total \$1,742,177.
- b. Kimley-Horn continues working on project design.
- c. Kimley-Horn submitted the 60% plans to VDOT for review and comment on 7/06/2020. Awaiting comments from VDOT.
- d. Anticipated construction bid advertisement December 2021.
- e. Notice of Willingness to Hold a Public Hearing advertised in the Progress Index August 23. Second notice was scheduled for publishing on August 30. Signs placed on S. Crater Rd. with office number per VDOT requirements. Public is being directed to contact Bill Riggelman for questions or to review plans.

3. Annual Paving Services. (Ward(s) - Various)

Due to age and wear and tear many streets are in poor condition and require repaving. Project is to repave various streets within the City to improve condition and ride quality. Project should extend the life of the streets paved for 10-20 years.

- a. Funding: Street Operations. Funding paving - \$575,000; funding inspection - \$44,599.07.
- b. Streets to be paved are – N & S Chappell St., Vaughan Rd., Pegram St., Stainback St., Court St., and Kentucky Av. Streets tentatively schedule to be paved beginning September 8.
- c. Colony Construction, Inc. milled Vaughan Rd. September 3rd and paved September 8th.
- d. Rain prevented Colony Construction, Inc. from performing planned paving on any other streets.