



Office of the City Manager

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager

DATE: April 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Issues Update

The following are issues related to the City for the weekly Issues Update. If there are additional items you believe should be included, please let me know.

RESPONSE TO QUESTION REGARDING CITY'S BRIDGES. At the City Council meeting on April 24, 2012 Councilman Sandberg asked for a listing of the ten (10) bridges under City control that would be inspected by the County under Agreement approved at the meeting. Listed below are the ten bridges.

- 1. Alta Road Bridge (Structure # 072-3125)**
Carries Alta Road over an unnamed tributary of Kickapoo Creek. Located at Alta Road and Allen Road. Bridge includes two large diameter pipe culverts under the intersection.
- 2. Unnamed Bridge (Structure #072-6001)**
Carries Nebraska Road over Dry Run Creek just west of I-74. Bridge includes triple box culverts.
- 3. Nebraska Street Bridge (Structure # 072-6002)**
Carries Nebraska Street over Dry Run Creek between Sheridan Road and North Street. Bridge is a rigid frame structure. (See Page 45 of the 2012-2016 CIP for more information)
- 4. Sheridan Road Bridge (Structure # 072-6003)**
Carries Sheridan Road over Dry Run Creek north of Richmond Street. Bridge is a multi-beam structure. (See page 92 of the 2012-2016 CIP for more information)
- 5. Charter Oak Box Culvert (Structure # 072-6004)**
Carries Charter Oak Road over Big Hollow Creek near Big Hollow Road. Bridge is a double box culvert.
- 6. Unnamed Bridge (Structure # 072-6005)**
Carries MacArthur Highway over R.B. Garrett Avenue. Bridge is a rigid frame structure.
- 7. McClure Avenue Bridge (Structure # 072-6006)**
Carries McClure Avenue over Dry Run Creek just west of North Street. Bridge is a double box culvert.
- 8. Unnamed Bridge (Structure # 072-6007)**
Carries Old Big Hollow Road over Big Hollow Creek located SW of US 150. Bridge is a multi-beam structure.
- 9. Northmoor Box Culvert (Structure # 072-8001)**
Carries Northmoor Road over Big Hollow Creek east of Allen Road. Bridge is a double box culvert.

10. Charter Oak RR Bridge (Structure # 072-9920)

Carries the Union Pacific RR over Charter Oak Road near Big Hollow Road. Bridge responsibility is the substructure only.

There are three additional structures either under construction or being planned. These would include two structures on the Orange Prairie Road extension near Timberbrook Subdivision. One is for the creek and one is for the Bikeway Tunnel. The third is the Wilhelm Road Bridge currently under construction and scheduled for opening in the summer of 2012. When these last three are completed the City will be responsible for 13 bridges.

INSURANCE RENEWALS. Over the next month, the City will be renewing our insurance coverage for both liability and property lines. As you recall, Risk Management issued an RFP for both liability and property coverage last year. In that RFP, all major markets were asked to provide quotes. The most comprehensive and cost effective carriers were selected on both types of coverage. As a result, we will be bringing renewal numbers to Council, but will most likely not have new comparison quotes this year. Our insurance brokers have recommended this for the following reasons:

- On both types of coverage, we selected the most comprehensive cost effective coverage which resulted in two new carriers. Since both carriers are new and we are trying to establish a relationship, it is in all parties' interest to not change again so quickly. Hitting the market every year for quotes has an impact on the underwriter's ability to provide aggressive quotes.
- Both new carriers were significantly under the other bidders last year. Since the market has not softened and has even hardened a little on the property lines, it is not likely that we would see a profound drop in price from the other carriers to offset the pricing gap.
- No new markets have entered the public sector insurance arena since the RFP.
- Our new Liability carrier has indicated that there should not be any significant increase in rates beyond the norm from the previous year; however, on the property side we may see a slight increase from the hardening market. Both carriers should still be under the market pricing based on our quotes from last year.

UPDATE ON FOOD TRUCKS. On April 25, the City held one of two public meetings to gather input on a proposed ordinance that would allow the operation of food trucks in Peoria. A second meeting will be held Monday, April 30 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 420 of the Twin Towers Office Building. About 200 emails and 420 written invitations have been sent to food licensees in Peoria. Additionally, the meetings have been well covered by the media.

Apart from staff, Council and media, there were five attendees at the first public meeting. Only three spoke: two against allowing the operations, specifically in downtown Peoria, and one in favor of food trucks. The City Manager's Office has also received five phone calls to date: Four have been in favor and one has been generally neutral. Staff will take phone calls, emails and letters expressing support or opposition to this issue through May 1, 2012.

In consideration of some of the concerns voiced by the City Council at the April 10, 2012 meeting, staff has revised the proposed ordinance. That revision, along with a two-page summary is attached. The main difference involves the fee structure. Staff is recommending mirroring the food truck permit fee with the current fee for a sidewalk vendor permit. To operate in downtown, food truck operators will pay \$3,400/year (\$2,400 if they also operate a restaurant inside City limits). To vend outside of downtown, the fee would be \$100 per year. Staff continues to work on this issue and may have additional revisions prior to the May 8, 2012 City Council meeting.

FBI RECORDS AUDIT. At our request, on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 a Management Analyst and Systems Auditor for the FBI conducted a Uniform Crime Reporting Audit of the Peoria Police Department's Records Unit. The audit was to determine if the Police Department is in compliance and counting our offenses correctly for Federal UCR purposes.

The auditor checked approximately 100 reports from January 2011 through June 2011. The auditor reviewed each report, identifying the offense score which we submitted to the FBI last year. The auditor found no errors in scoring. She said it is highly unusual for a department to score 100% accuracy with their reporting.

The auditor also checked our reporting system (ADSI) to determine if it captures information needed for future reporting requirements. It is expected that there will be a new requirement when reporting arrests and case clearance information. The auditor stated our ADSI Records Management System captures all of the information which will be required for those future reporting requirements.

CITY COUNCIL AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON RESISTRICTING. On April 26, 2012 the Ad-Hoc Committee on Redistricting met to continue the discussion of a new map five-district map. After substantial comment and discussion, the Committee directed staff to bring back four maps for further review at the May 1, 2012 Committee Meeting. The maps to be brought back are, Map E, Map F, and Map H. Map B, which was discussed by the City Council on April 10, 2012 will also be provided to the Committee on May 1, 2012. The item will be on the May 8, 2012 City Council agenda for further discussion or action. Copies of the maps to be discussed on May 1 are available **(Electronic Copies Only)** as part of this Issues Update.