

US 6 Phase 2: The City's request to modify the schedule for funding of Phase 2 of US 6 was approved at last week's MPO committee meeting. The project is now scheduled for summer of 2022. The Resolution, letter to MPO, and exhibits are attached. Now that the funding is being squared away, we can dive further into the design process with ODOT.

US 6 Phase 1: Our team met with ODOT to discuss the next steps for implementing the temporary lane reduction striping plan. They are going to require a few additional steps, but we're working on completing those ASAP. One pushback was that it would extend the construction schedule into next year. Once we explained to them that this was already the circumstance due to other product delays and weather, they were very receptive to the idea. Smith will be finishing up curbs and walks on the eastbound lane next week and switching over to the westbound lane over the next 10 days. Finish course pavement is scheduled for the last week of October. The new traffic signals are scheduled for install in the first two weeks of November. Once pavement is down, the concrete crosswalks and median islands will be installed. The crosswalks will require some road and lane closures as they need time to fully cure before being driven on. Smith has committed to ensure US 6 always stays open (Crosswalks to be poured in halves) but north/south connectors (Berlin / Main St.) will likely have closure periods to complete it in one pour. We'll get the full schedule out once we get closer and dates are confirmed.

IAC / Sawmill Parkway: Staff completed and submitted the grant application to the EDA on Wednesday. The applications are being reviewed on a rolling basis. Our understanding is evaluation period began on Thursday, October 1st. Since my last update, there have some updates at the IAC facility. IAC has entered into a purchase agreement with a new company meaning LEWCO will no longer be relocating to Huron. The new company has not identified itself at this time – it is currently in the pipeline with JobsOhio under a confidential project code name. However, the company's broker did assist with our EDA grant application. Based on those discussions, this project has potential to be game changing for the entire region. In addition, we were notified that our OPWC application authorized by Council earlier this year was awarded. Our next steps are to work with both JobsOhio and ODOT to seek additional funding opportunities.

AMP / Mucci / HPP: We are finalizing the logistics of the AMPT sale and should have that buttoned up and ready for approval very soon. First Energy did reach out earlier this week with a records request for various documents relative to the sale. We're vetting this out to get a better understanding of their interest in the project. Either way, the contract speaks to City's ability to purchase the asset back should anyone put forth a successful challenge, so I feel confident we are protected. Secondly, we're working with AMP to secure a new long-term

power arrangement for Mucci, as market rates have dropped significantly in the last 2 months. Once the AMPT sale is finalized and new long-term rate arrangement is attained, we will be presenting a modified rate schedule for Council consideration. Finally, Mr. Sudsina's group is running various scenarios for us to consider once the sale is completed. We will present all of the information at an upcoming Finance Committee very soon.

ConAgra / HJPA / USGS: We have received confirmation that USGS has not selected the ConAgra site, but has entered into an agreement at a different site that will keep them in Huron. We are still moving forward with the utility construction plan at ConAgra to be prepared for future development endeavors. ODNR has approved a temporary construction permit for the utility project with final easement to be issued at a later date. The easement with NS remains a work in progress. The cost for the utility construction will be included in the 2021 budget presentation to Council for your consideration.

CARES Act Funding: We received notification late last week that the 3rd wave of CARES Act funds were being approved and distributed. In addition, the deadlines for encumbrance and expenditure have been extended by a little over a month. As was shown on the presented CARES Act budget during our work session, we are exploring a program with ECEDC to create a small business grant program to assist small businesses to help offset the impact of COVID-19. The parameters would be very similar in nature to the County's recently advertised program.

ODNR Public Fish Cleaning Station: ODNR is seeking the opportunity to construct a public fish cleaning station somewhere in our region. They would love to be in Huron if possible. We met with them last week and will be meeting again the coming weeks. The anticipated cost of the structure could be over \$300k, of which ODNR would cover. We would then partner in similar fashion with the boat launch for our local crews to provide daily maintenance.

Main St. Committee: The Chamber's new subcommittee met again this week. The main takeaway was the request for the City to acquire brackets for all of the streetlights from the Showboat to Bogart Road along Main St. for new banners (banners to be acquired by the Chamber through sponsorship opportunities). I don't have a price, but think it would be a nice addition to Main St. The Main St. Committee has created a new branding package with a cohesive logo and also designation of "North Main" and "South Main". I don't have the logos electrotonically, but will provide them once finalized.

Fleet Maintenance: We've been discussing various options internally for handling our fleet management. Cory is completing an analysis of a few different cost scenarios as compared to past operations for us to consider going forward. Those options include modifying the agreement with Sandusky, partnering with the Schools, creating our own maintenance department, and further outsourcing of maintenance operations.

Stride Mobility / Development Process: Stride Mobility invited various City officials out for their groundbreaking ceremony. We are finalizing the permitting process currently. Hoty Enterprises, who is acting as the contractor on the project, has voiced concerns with our

permitting process and design regulations. I appreciate the concern and am happy to incorporate those into a discussion with Council and Mr. Lasko once he comes on board. I can appreciate the need to continually review design guidelines to ensure proper balance of being business friendly and sustainable development.

Halloween: The state has issued RestartOhio guidelines on safe trick or treating practices. While the City does not officially set the date for trick or treat, we'll still distribute the flyer amongst various media channels, including upcoming newsletter, social media, and direct contact with neighborhood associations. The flyer is attached for your review. As a reminder for the newer Councilmembers – the Council approved a motion a few years ago stating that everyone is free to set their own date, but we'll acknowledge it on Halloween day from 5-7 PM.

WinterFest: The date for this is tentatively set for December 5th. This would be the first event since cancelling all summer events due to COVID-19. We're working out a plan that we think can adhere to public health regulations. We'll work with the Health Department to ensure the plan is satisfactory.

Mr. Lasko: Matt and I are meeting on a weekly basis to start the onboarding process to discuss all of our current projects and budget preparation. Also, his new email address is active. Feel free to include him on any correspondence. His address is: matt.lasko@huronohio.us.