



TOWN OF WICKENBURG
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MEMORANDUM

To: Town Council
From: Gary Edwards, Town Manager
Date: October 21, 2009
Subject: **Manager's Update**

Projects of Interest:

- 1. Interim Bypass Project:** Cost Est: \$33 Million
Work on the plaza area around the Wishing Well has started. As has the plaza areas at both ends of the pedestrian bridge. The four mature trees around the well will be removed and replaced with 15 mesquite trees. The Bypass is open to traffic. The balance of the work in the area of the Bypass will be completed later this calendar year. It is estimated that Tegner Street will be turned over to the Town in early 2010.
- 2. Ocotillo Road Improvements:** Cost Est: Up to \$591,000
The Notice to Proceed has been issued to the contractor. Work is ready to begin.
- 3. Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion:** Cost: \$4.7 Million
Public Works Director Rick Austin is continuing to work on the plant classification with town engineers.

Below is an update from my office of other various projects.

US 60 East Utilities – \$5.3 Million
Project should be completed in November according to ADOT. The Calamity Wash Lift Station and the Aztec lift station request for bids are now out. Paving on Highway 60 is still underway.

Annexations –
A map of the northern annexation proposal should be completed by early November.

Streetscape Phase III Infrastructure –
The Town is still finalizing details in preparation for going out to bid for Phase III. It is not yet known how much will be left from BBB funds of the amount earmarked for the project until bids are opened.

Westside Sewer –
Plans are moving forward. We are still in the property acquisition stage.

Personnel
Please refer to the separate monthly report you receive from HR. This report is intentionally kept separate from the Council packet for purposes of confidentiality.

PLANNING

FROM: Steve Boyle, Planner 1

RE: Community Development Department Updates of Current Projects

Planning Projects

- Saguario Estates Subdivision (Robert Schena) – The applicant submitted the preliminary plat and the Town Council approved the plat with various stipulations.
- Calamity Ranch (Michael Pierce) – The PAD request was approved by Town Council on July 3rd, 2006. Technical Review session was held on January 14th 2009 for phase 1 of the development. Council granted a 2 year extension of the PAD which is valid until July 2011.
- Habitat For Humanity Palm Drive – 16 lot subdivision proposed along a property on the south side of Palm Drive in the RM-1 zoning district.
- Hermosa Ranch (Vulture 34) Application for 34 single-family homes on 34 acres in the R1-35 PAD Zoning District. The utilities are approximately 95% complete with no progression.
- Monte Vista Ranch Cottages – RM-1 Zoning- Preliminary plat was approved by the Town Council on August 6, 2007. Applicant had been granted a 6 month extension by the Town Council to his preliminary plat but it has expired. Staff met with the applicant and the preliminary plat will be re-submitted soon.
- Ace Hardware development review was approved by Planning & Zoning Commission on July 19, 2007. Grading has begun for the project but the building plans have not been submitted for approval by the Building Official.
- Wickenburg County Club Estates (Richard Ringwood). Final Plat was approved by the Town Council for 118 lots. The grading for the project is complete and utilities for Phase 1 will be installed soon.
- Holiday Inn Express – Development Review was approved on July 24, 2008^h at the Planning and Zoning Commission. The applicant is currently arranging financing for the construction of the hotel.
- La Quinta Inn & Suites – Development Review was approved on September 18, 2008. A variance to the height requirements was approved by the Board of Adjustments on October 2nd, 2008. Awaiting building application.

Annexations

- Sickles Annexation- 7 acres total- 1 property owner. Town Council approved of the annexation ordinance on July 20, 2009- Zoning Designation to be processed.
- Vulture Mine Road/Hwy 93—Council granted permission to staff to have an annexation plat prepared by a town engineer. RBF will be preparing the map for the annexation.

General Plan

- Review of the entire General Plan (ongoing)
- EDAC has scheduled another meeting with a Town consultant regarding the General Plan and amendment process.

Code Revisions

- A draft copy is available on the Town website.
- 1st workshop with Council was held on October 19, 2009 and more are required.

Variance/Code Interpretation Case for October - None

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) - Continual update of data

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FROM: Steve McKay, Community Services Director
RE: Community Services Department Updates of Current Projects

- We will be personing the airport starting on 10-26-09 from 9:00-1:00, Monday - Friday the winter season.
- The fly-in was a success and the largest in the last 7 years. The Parks crew did a fantastic job getting the grounds and buildings ready for the event. We are still looking for a courtesy car. One of the flight school planes ran into the decorative fence causing minor damage to the fence, the plane however had to be disassembled and hauled off.
- Phase III of the Down Town Streetscape is out to bid with a pre-bid conference on the 10-24-09 and opening on 10-28-09. ADOT will allow us to work in their ROW with a permit until they finish the bypass.
- The DeVore sculptures will be repaired and repainted 11-16-09. This will include replacing and repainting the lantern on the miners donkey, which was knocked off by a motor home.
- The expansion of the parking lots at the Rodeo Grounds is complete. We are in the process of cleaning up after the dirt work and getting ready for Blue Grass.
- The Development Fee Projects are starting. The Sunset Park ADA sidewalk around the dirt parking lot is complete. The installation of the pipe barrier will be installed this month. We are taking bids on the tables and bleachers for the various park sites. We have bids for the dog park fence and are waiting for the dog group to get organized.
- The high school swim team will be finished at the pool by the end of the month.

PUBLIC WORKS

FROM: Rick Austin, Public Works Director
RE: Public Works Department Updates of Current Projects

PROJECTS CURRENTLY IN-PROCESS:

1. **93 Bypass Project** – ADOT is the lead on this project. Project began February 11, 2008. Projected to be a 2 year project. The Bypass is now open and final completion of the project expected by December 30th. There are water and electric lines in conflict with the pedestrian bridge, Town to relocate, getting quotes.
2. **Highway 60 East Water and Wastewater** – ADOT is the lead on this project. Bid opened on 8/22/08. S J Lewis (low bidder) was awarded the contract. Construction began on November 17, 2008. The Town's portion of the water and sewer is complete. Final punch list submitted to ADOT.
3. **Calamity (Highway 60 East) Lift Station** – Plans have been approved by Maricopa County. Easement issues resolved and ADOT right-of-way permits have been issued. Bid opening schedules for November 3, 2009.
4. **Monte Vista Well** – Paperwork being prepared for land acquisition. Land purchase to Council September 21. Specifications for drilling complete. Will go out to bid soon.
5. **Ocotillo Road Improvements** – Council awarded bid to Carson Construction on September 21. Survey work to begin on October 19, dirt work on November 2, waiting on dust permits.

6. **West Side Sewer Connections** – Engineering awarded to Knudsen-Smith on September 17th. Currently working to resolve issue with lift station site and easements. On hold to resolve lift station placement and easement issues. Planning to bid Vulture Mine Road portion of sewer line with the Vulture Mine Road Overlay project.
7. **Water, Wastewater and Sanitation Rate Study**: Contract authorized by Council on Monday July 7, 2008. Draft under review.
8. **CDBG Water Projects** – Two projects, Sylvan Addition Fire Improvements and El Recreo Fire Improvements, have been submitted for next fiscal year. Both projects have been approved and should be funded in November.
9. **Aztec Lift Station** – Plans have been approved by Maricopa County. Easement issues resolved. In ADOT right-of-way permitting process. Additional easement issues being resolved. Bid opening scheduled for November 3.
10. **Downtown Parking** – Staff received lease agreement from Railroad. Council approved lease agreement pending concept design. Concept design complete and being reviewed by railroad.
11. **Country Club Estates** – Project has been split into 3 phases. Phase I mass grading almost complete. Water and sewer lines to start after bid.
12. **Borrow Pit** – No trespassing signs in place and chains and bollards are now blocking both entrances. Hydro-seed in place.
13. **Lincoln Street connector** – Council approved engineering on 6/1/2009 for paving the dirt portion of Lincoln Street near Center Street, off Pleasant Valley Subdivision. Council awarded bid to Carson Construction, low bidder @ \$60,212.60, on October 19. Waiting on dust permits.
14. **Vulture Mine Road** – Project qualifies for stimulus funds and includes milling, paving and drainage improvements to address safety issues. Council approved concept design and environmental study required for stimulus funds on 6/1/2009. Received 30% plans.
15. **Power Conservation Stimulus Grant** – Staff working with Larry Schone to apply for these funds. Qualifying projects include solar power for Town facilities, hybrid vehicles and power efficient lighting and street lights. Applications underway, due November 30.
16. **Mount Pleasant Road Bank Reinforcement** – Geotech and survey complete. Bid opening held on October 13, 2009. Slaton Brothers low bidder at \$75,690.00. To Council to award on October 26.
17. **Washington Alley Power Improvements**: Part of APS annual upgrades. Currently in engineering phase.

PROJECTS ON HOLD:

- **New Downtown Directional Signs** – All signs but 2 have been erected. The last 2 are going before DRAC again before they are set.
- **Hermosa Ranch**
- **Forepaugh Road**
- **Yucca Tank Easements**
- **Forepaugh Well**: Well has been video taped. Test pump completed. Well sample results received and order review.
- **Walk Path at Sols Wash** – ADOT and Flood control has given authorization to tie in sidewalks to their projects to utilize the walk path over Sols Wash (on bridge). Reviewed by engineer and received cost estimates. Project pending funding.

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

- **Reed Addition Electrical Upgrades**
- **Downtown Water & Sewer Improvement Project**
- **Sols Wash Flood Mitigation Project**
- **Safewire** – Installation on the Mariposa Well and Vulture Transfer Station completed. Will monitor KWH usage.
- **Waste Water Treatment Plant Noise and Odor Easements**

- Water and Sewer Comprehensive Study
- Hwy 60 Underpass Repairs

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FROM: Ed Temerowski, Fire Chief

RE: Fire Department Run Report for September 2009

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# Incidents
Fires	0
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overhead – no fire	0
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	51
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1
Service Call	13
Good Intent Call	3
False Alarm & False Call	2
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
Special Incident Type	0
Total	70

INCIDENT – TOWN	# Incidents
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	34
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	5
Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1
Power Line Down	1
Person in distress, other	3
Lock-Out	1
Smoke or odor removal	3
Animal problem	5
Unauthorized burning	1
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1
False alarm or false call, other	1
Smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional	1
Total	59

INCIDENT – RURAL	# Incidents
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	6
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	1
Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1
Total	10

INCIDENT – OUTSIDE DISTRICT	# Incidents
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1
Total	1