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Council,

Here are this week's items:

- Ward Redistricting – We have a legal requirement by November 2022 to analyze and make boundary adjustments to reflect the impacts of population changes from the 2020 Census on our wards. Staff are engaged in the analysis process and will be bringing this item forward to Council over the next few months.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for Prosecution Backlog – We have an item in our ARPA plan to support the cost of relieving a prosecution backlog caused by court delays during the pandemic. It will take the form of an amendment to our City Attorney contract, which includes prosecution. We anticipate bringing it to you on the June 22nd agenda for a first read.
- Fire Department Staffing – In the past 7 days (through Wednesday, June 1st), we had 156 hours of coverage that we were unable to fill with volunteers/part-time staffing. These days, we had to take an ambulance/engine out of service and run short-handed. We also posted a full-time Firefighter-Paramedic promotional opportunity for internal candidates for the open position created by Ben Pruetz leaving for South County Fire.
- Fire Department Significant Calls and Volume – The holiday weekend had a significant increase in call volume with 58 calls from Fri-Mon. After an infant CPR call, we initiated a CISM/CISD team for counseling for staff and responders. There was a serious Motor Vehicle Collision east of town at SR20 and Helmick Road last Thursday.
- WWTP/PW Building Project – Staff is working on a change order with Faber to install storm drainage and final paving for the remainder of the Alternate 2 Site improvements and the build out of the PW Building 2nd floor. This will be the subject of a council memorandum at the June 22 meeting.
- SR20/SR9-Township Intersection Improvements - Colacurcio plans to mobilize and start work on June 20. Work that would result in lane closures will be done at night.
- 2022 Pavement Project (Trail Road, SR20 to Cook and Puget Street, Northern to SR20) – The project will advertise on June 9 for bid and close on June 23. The Puget Street (local access) portion of the project is funded by Local funds. This portion of the project is over budget, and will be the subject of a memorandum approving the advertisement for the June 8 Council session. Public Works Operations is finishing the patching and prep work for Puget this week.
- Riverfront Park Barbecue Shelter – This project was originally planned as a repair of the rotting portions of the existing peeled log posts. Upon the start of the work, we found the posts rotted for their entire length of the structure. As a result, the project morphed into a total rebuild. The work is nearing completion. Rotary is covering 50% of the material costs and is supported in the field work with work by Public Works Operations. The city portion of work is within the overall budget for Fund 101 Repairs and Maintenance.
- November 2021 Flood Damage Repairs – The work to repair damaged fencing and gravel washed out at Riverfront Park and the Fire Training Site is now complete. Related damage at the West State Street Pump

Station is awaiting materials for completion of permanent repairs, currently scheduled for June 2022. Public Works Assistant Julie Rosario is working with FEMA to finalize the reimbursement claim for the completed work. We are also discussing with FEMA replacement of the ballfield wooden bleachers with movable aluminum ones as a mitigation.

- HR Items – Negotiations continue with Fire and are about to begin with Police. The Classification and Compensation study, focused upon AFSCME and non-represented employees, is also well underway.
- Bike Everywhere Challenge – The Sedro-Woolley City Rollers, in the unofficial results, have won national pool number 8 after a highly competitive final week vying for the top spot with a team from Sacramento. We also won the four-city challenge (vs. Sequim, Port Angeles, and Port Townsend), finished 17th in the state (all employers), topped the list of public employers in Washington by more than doubling the score of the next closest team, and finished 79th in the nation in overall scoring. It was amazing performance for a first year team! The results should be finalized next week. Many of us will be continuing to track our stats, along with interested community members, as a part of the Sedro-Woolley Cyclists riding group. If you are interested in joining the group, you can join the Sedro-Woolley Cyclists by going here: https://www.lovetoride.net/washington/groups/4298?group_invite=true&ic=89399b3c&locale=en-US and signing up. I'd be happy to help anyone get set up if you have questions. We are now on to Trek for Treasure (<https://trekfortreasure.org/>), which began today and is the next big event in our annual wellness program.



Thanks,

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