

Date: May 17, 2006

To: Mayor and Council Members

From: John Archocosky

RE: Activity Report

A substantial amount of time during the past month has been spent on preparing the 2006-07 Budget for the Council's consideration in accordance with the requirements of the City's Charter. The total amounts of revenues and expenditures have not changed dramatically from the previous year however, several projects have been completed and new ones started. We also completed negotiations for long term contract changes with both unions. Developing cash flow projections with so many changes always creates challenges. Although it keeps us all very busy, we are very fortunate to have so many improvements ongoing at one time.

Our DPW has been busy getting ready for the changes that the summer season brings upon the City. Street sweeping, brush pickup, flower barrels, etc. have been on Dicks work list as well as the change over of trucks and equipment for summer use. The crew has been also been busy with flushing hydrants for the Water Department and cleaning sewer lines that typically present problems resulting from the summer rains. The spring burials have been completed and our student summer work crew has already started cutting grass.

Nelson Field is being given the usual spring cleaning and the park is generally being prepared for the school's spring activities and graduation. The "Friends of Nelson Field" have undertaken yet another major project by arranging for and installing additional paved areas to facilitate track and field events. This work should be completed in the near future weather permitting. (If it ever stops raining and snowing).

The "Cool Cities" initiative has us working hand in hand with the DDA investigating the various program funding avenues. The amount of resources available through the State is overwhelming but also requires a great deal of work to identify which ones apply to our community. The effort is very time consuming but fortunately, members of the DDA have been deeply involved along with many other citizens of the community. The result of this effort has been to identify the major projects which we consider to be the catalyst to enhancing our business community. A small group will be traveling to Lansing during the last week of May to meet with representatives of several State agencies to present our plan and seek their assistance in funding these projects. I have attached a copy of the Executive Summary and Projects that we will be discussing in Lansing.