

Mayor's Report
22 August 2022 – 27 August 2022
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Greetings, boss. here is my status report for the week.

2022-2023 Budget Hearing and Adoption

We had a lively and productive Public Hearing at our City Council meeting on Thursday. I will shy away from policy discussions in this report, but I will say how I appreciated the Citizens' involvement and the Council's engagement and deliberation that led to the final adoption of this year's budget. Please know that budgeting is a year-round activity, and there are many opportunities for Citizens to give the Council their input on these important decisions. Tell us what you think. I am proud that our budget discussion wasn't about whether we can provide critical services such as plowing snow and providing culinary water, along with garbage collection and wastewater treatment. Instead, it was about the "extras" that the city might or might not do. Sometimes those discussions about the extras are more difficult than the discussions about funding critical services. Are we funding the right things? Are we being too aggressive, or not aggressive enough, in developing capital projects like parks and trails? Please join the Council while answering those questions.

2600 South

We had a second lively and productive discussion in last Thursday's Council meeting as we talked with the owner of 2600 South options for dedicating and opening that road. I have been operating in the mode of shuttle diplomacy between the owner and the Council. While that was appropriate for the circumstances, it was time to get "the deciders" more involved. I appreciate the Council's engagement. Based on our discussion, I will work with the owner to bring specific proposals back to the Council so we can make decisions and move on. More to come.

Visit to Heritage Elementary

Justin Maughan and I visited the Heritage Elementary School last Wednesday to observe the after-school pick-up process and see how the city might help. We have been working with Principal Robins on student safety. Justin and I were impressed and appreciative of the Heritage Elementary School teachers in how they directed students and coordinated with drivers. Principal Robins promised they could execute the pick-up process in 15 minutes, and by golly, he was right! Great job, Heritage Elementary staff. We will continue to look for ways to help protect the safety of our school kids.

Thanks for reading. Please call, text, or write anytime.

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