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City Manager Weekly Report March 15, 2024

City Manager Recruitment Update

After thorough review of the six proposals received, the City Council selected [SGR](#) to conduct the recruitment of our next City Manager. Now that SGR has been selected, the formal recruitment will begin with a goal of selecting a candidate within the next 90-120 days. Stay tuned for additional updates and opportunities to be involved in the selection process.

Workplace Safety Training Initiative

The City's Workplace Safety team recently conducted a CPR/AED/First Aid refresher course for City Staff. This course can also be made available to the public. If you have a group who would like this training, please contact Shannon Kirchberg at skirchberg@desmoineswa.gov or by phone at 206-870-6563 to discuss potential dates, times, locations and associated costs. Please note that a minimum of 9 participants is required to conduct a class.

Memorial Flag Triangle Park Project

The Memorial Flag Triangle Park Project is underway and the City of Des Moines would like your input on preliminary design concepts. The survey closes March 25th so please let us know your thoughts [here](#).

Minor Home Repair Program

The City is once again providing minor home repair services to City resident homeowners who have "extremely low" to "low" incomes based on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development income guidelines. If you think you may qualify and you have small items around the house that need to be fix, please contact Tina Hickey at thickey@desmoineswa.gov or 206-870-6535 or check out our website [here](#) for more information.

Chat with the Mayor

You are invited to join your Mayor Traci Buxton for an informal chat at the Woodmont Library (26809 Pacific Hwy S) from 6 – 7:30 pm on Tuesday March 19th. If you are free stop in and say hello!

The Waterland City

Eggstravaganza

The Bunny is back and will be hopping through the Beach Park Meadow on Saturday March 30th! Enjoy a leisurely and fun-filled egg hunt with crafts, contests, prizes and a photo opportunity with the Bunny! Pre-registration and payment is available online [here](#), cost is \$5 per child, which includes the egg hunt, prizes, photo ops and refreshments for the whole family. Rain or shine, there will be plenty of eggs to find! \$10 charge the day of so sign up today!

Meetings of Interest

In addition to day-to-day administrative duties, this week I met individually with Mayor Buxton to discuss upcoming City issues. I met with Mayor Buxton and Deputy Mayor Steinmetz to prepare for the City Council meeting. I met with Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui to check in and discuss topics of interest to her. I met with the City's Executive Leadership team to discuss current and upcoming City issues. I met with Councilmember Harris to discuss topics of interest to him. I met with the Marina Steps Project Team to get an update on the project status. Finally, on Thursday evening I attended the Council Committee meetings and the City Council meeting.

City Council Meeting Summary

The City Council met on Thursday March 14th, the agenda and materials can be found [here](#). Highlights from the meeting included selection of the City Manager executive recruitment firm, discussion of the potential to move to biennial budgeting, and a discussion of the possibility of a future levy to be devoted to public safety purposes.

The [Transportation Committee](#) and the [Environment Committee](#) also met on Thursday. The agenda and materials can be found in the links.

There is no meeting next week as the Council generally does not meet on the third Thursday of the month. Our next meeting is a Regular Meeting on March 28th. The agenda and materials for that meeting will be posted in next week's report.

Sports Update

Last week in this section I made a couple of jokes about the Huskies men's basketball team beating the Cougars but this week the Huskies season is over and the Cougars will be moving on to the NCAA tournament. So who's laughing now, I guess. Best of luck to the Cougs as March Madness kicks off next week. If you are feeling a cold coming on, you should probably [take a sick day](#) next Thursday and Friday and rest up. The Seahawks are making moves in free agency bringing in a new exciting gunslinger from DC, welcome Sam! The Mariners continue swinging away in Peoria, with only 13 days left until Opening Day and the beginning of our epic 2024 run to the World Series! Enjoy the sunshine!

Have a great weekend!
Tim George
Interim City Manager



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