MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 6, 2020

TO: The Honorable Mayor & City Commissioners

FROM: Sharon D. Subadan, City Manager

CC: Stephen Collier, Assistant City Manager
Kenneth Stock, Assistant City Manager
Sonja Tolbert, City Clerk
Barry Brooks, Assistant to the City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager’s Update as of October 6, 2020

I am pleased to provide the following updates related to projects and programs currently underway for the City of Albany. Should you have any questions or if you do not see that a project you are following is listed below, please contact me for details.

TRANSPORTATION:
Airport:
- Delta has updated their daily departure schedule: 6 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

RECREATION AND PARKS
- We finished the public input survey for the Driskell Park (Carver Park) Master Plan project with Lose & Associates. We received a little over 100 responses. Marc Bond of Lose & Associates is now compiling the data for our review.

DOWNTOWN:
- The Annual Paint the Town Pink event will occur virtually this year. The purpose of this event is to celebrate breast cancer survivors and raise public awareness of the disease. This year, the Paint the Town Pink event will stream virtually, for the first time, on The City of Albany’s and Downtown Albany’s Facebook page. The event will consist of performances, a fashion show, and a live raffle. The virtual Paint the Town Pink event will take place on Friday, October 30th from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
- The City of Albany has ordered a 30’ artificial Christmas tree that will be used during the lighting of the Christmas tree ceremony. We will be able to use the Christmas tree each year as we coordinate our holiday festivities. This year’s Lighting of the Christmas Tree Ceremony will be a virtual event that will occur on Saturday, December 5th.
The Albany Dougherty Inner City Authority (ADICA) is being asked to consider the adoption of both a Bond Purchasing Agreement and Supplemental Resolution in an amount not to exceed $65,000,000 and with an interest rate not to exceed 5.5%. The bond transaction is for an Albany State University student housing project. The bonds will be priced on October 7, 2020. During the October 8, 2020, ADICA meeting, the actual bond amount and interest rate will be confirmed.

**UTILITY OPERATIONS:**

**PROJECTS:**

- **Crew Quarters** – Construction in process. 61% complete.
- **AMI Project** – Integration with billing software in process.
- **Recycling Center Upgrades** – In process, Meredyth site 85% complete.
- **3rd Avenue / Dawson Road Intersection Improvement** – Milling and resurfacing scheduled for Thursday October 8, 2020 at night.
- **GA State Route 91 (Jefferson St) GDOT Project** – Estimated completion November 30, 2020. 22 streetlight arms, 28 light fixtures, underground service are pending and clean-up still in process.

**Streetlights:**

- Original Repairs Remaining: 6
- Replacement heads on back order.

**Stormwater / Sewer:**

- **East and West Interceptor**: 94% complete. Working 2,000 feet from Joshua Street Plant. Expected completion November 1, 2020.

**Solid Waste:**

- **Solid Waste Collection Contract**: Concrete Enterprises began operations October 1, 2020. New carts have been delivered to existing customers and old carts are expected to be collected by the end of this week. Through the process we have identified customers who have not been paying for trash services – we expect this to be less than 1%. However, we are auditing all records to ensure that billing is accurate.

**Streets:**

Alleys:
  - **Crushed Asphalt Alleys**: 91 of 120 completed. 76% complete
  - **SPLOST VII Alley Paving**
    - Easement letters:
      - Temporary: 74 of 83 received (9 still pending)
      - Permanent: 4 of 10 received (6 still pending)
    - Alley clearing in process
  - **Residence Ave Alley 300 Block**: Utility underground construction complete. AT&T underground complete. Mediacom relocation scheduled for this week.

Speed tables:
  - **1600 Maryland Drive**: Speed Study pending.

**Regulatory Authority Reporting:**
  - NPDES Permit GA0036854 CSO System issued effective October 1, 2020.
  - NPDES Permit GA0037222 Joshua Street WPCP Discharge Permit issued effective October 1, 2020.

Gas
  - **New Residential Services**: Oakland Circle

Light:
  - **Dodge Dealership**: 30% complete

Water:
  - **Well #19 shaft work**: 10% complete
  - **2000 block Pineknoll**: service relocations 10% complete

Fiber:
  - **Dawson Heights Subdivision Project**: Construction 30% complete.

**Commercial Construction:**
  - **Dogwood Trails Apartments Phase 1**: Water main complete, Power 95% complete.
  - **Love’s Travel Stop (Clark Ave & Turner Field Rd)**: In design

**Vegetation Management:**
  - **1000 block W. Oglethorpe**: 45% complete
  - **Mobile Avenue & Netherland Lane**: 20% complete
  - **Substation #5 (Hilltop) Hazard Tree Identification**: 35% complete

Thank you.