

Memorandum

Date: May 26, 2023
To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Lisa Taylor, City Manager
RE: Report

Greetings, Mayor and Council Members

At this time, I want to share the following updates:

- Audit Information – We have received the FY 21-22 Annual Auditor Report. It will be included on the agenda for the June 13 regular council meeting. Someone from the Audit firm will be here to present the audit report and answer questions from Council.
- Budget – I have received a few questions from Council members regarding the proposed budget. Our team is preparing a response, which you should receive by early next week. Please feel free to send additional questions as they arise.
- Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) – The City of Durant has Collective Bargaining Agreements with the Fraternal Order of Police Union Lodge 113, as well as with the International Association of Firefighters, Union 3061. Negotiations updates will be provided to Council Members during Executive Session at the June Council Meeting. A grievance hearing was held earlier this week, and a response will be prepared in accordance with the CBA.
- Open Records Requests – Earlier this week, I attended Open Records/ Open Meetings training, along with our Public Information Officer. By COB today, we hope to have a link to the outstanding fulfillment data, and should complete review and any redaction by the end of next week.
- University Project – The project appears to be on track. Earlier today, University Blvd. was open to two-way traffic from Gates to Radio road. Installation of the traffic signal at University Place should be completed soon.
- Future of Water – Our team met with members from Choctaw Nation and Chickasaw Nation to discuss the Blue River and the future of water resources for our region. We will have more to share in the coming months.
- Employee Management – HR Solid Foundation completed the Wage Analysis, and a draft will be sent to council for review. Please send over any questions or concerns you may have and we will get them answered. As you know, wages are a major obstacle to filling vacancies. In the coming weeks, HR Solid Foundation will be providing much needed training for City of Durant employees to bring us into compliance.
- Department Reports – Department reports will be published by June 5. Please let us know if you have any questions or if there is additional information you would like to see in the reports.
- June Agenda – At this time, we have ten regular items, one public hearing and seven Executive Session items on the Agenda for the June Regular Council Meeting. It will likely be a very lengthy meeting.

As you may remember, our team hosted a Family Fun Day last weekend. We had a decent turnout, considering it was a bit chilly to be swimming. This event was paid for with donations from members of our community. It was a great opportunity for our families to get to know one another, and to create a greater sense of being a team. Shout out to Council Member Luran Fuller for stopping by to show her appreciation to our team. I understand everyone has busy lives and prior commitments, hopefully each of you can make the next event.

Just a quick reminder that the City of Durant will be closed in recognition of Memorial Day on Monday. I hope you have a safe and relaxing weekend.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you

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