



MEMORANDUM

To: City Commissioners

From: Alex Rey
City Manager

Date: June 9, 2020

FY 2020 Accomplishments

Operational

- Implemented Micro-Transit Service and starting expansion of service to County Park Monday, June 8th
- Setup new pay station and parking lot at Egan Park for Boat Trailer Parking
- Successfully incorporated parks into recreation as one department
- Improved parks responsiveness. Hired specific positions to enhance parks operations (arborist, irrigation specialist and aesthetic specialist)
- 2019 4th of July moving to a barge with 100% paid through community donations
- Increase in recreational and aquatic program revenue and participation (Until Covid 19)
- Received certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting
- Sea Level Rise resiliency planning was initiated
- Begin development of the City's Strategic Plan
- Released streamline on-online building permitting so the contractors & citizens could easily apply
- Created a PIO function for the City
- Worked with City Attorney to dismiss four lawsuits against the City

Capital Projects

- Completion of Blind Pass Road, Corey Ave, Pass-A-Grille Way
- Add Historical bricks to 8th Avenue
- Fully operational temporary library site secured; construction pending
- Aligning a plan and vendors for the restoration of Hurley Park field generating substantial savings over the estimated design cost

- Completed the PAG Way tree planting.
- Completed phase I of the Corey Ave tree planting/landscaping.
- Addressed secret sidewalk concerns.
- Contracted and began reconstruction and resurfacing of tennis courts in the city
- Acquisition of Marine 23 \$200,000 100% funded by Pinellas County
- Awarded contracts for the Sanitary Sewer Force Main, Merry Pier Renovation and the Library Renovation to construction.
- The CIP Program is 100% executed with all authorized and appropriated projects under contract for planning, design or construction as needed
- Began establishing a citywide asset management system

Regulatory

- Updated the Personnel Rules and Regulations
- Drafted new Parking Ordinance
- Established Procurement function and draft new procurement regulations
- Completed drafting update to Truck Ordinance, going to 1st reading June 23rd meeting
- Adopted LDC revisions regarding Variances, Appeals, Groundcover, & Food Trucks
- Drafting LDC revisions on the Density Pools, Sign Code, and Flood Ordinance.

Financial

- Reached 3-year agreement with CWA union
- Completed sewer expansion project financing at 0.22%
- Completed police pension financing at \$1.5m total PV savings
- New website and IT applications underway
- Secured a HMGP grant in the amount of \$150,000 to update the generator at Station 22.
- Secured a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$15,000 for an Extractor and Express Dryer to decontaminate bunker gear.

Economic Development

- Kicked off new era of hotel renovations:
 - Hotel Zamora
 - Howard Johnson's
- Others have been in for discussion (like the Tradewinds and Miramar)
- Worked with business (Subways and Caddy's) to gain compliance for their parking lots and overall appearance of their establishment
- Open discussion about the development of east Corey properties

In Response to Covid19 we:

- Facilitated the opening of outdoor dining options
- Provided marketing support for businesses
- Created and implemented a safe, fun, instructional Summer Reading Program coordinated with the opening of the Library to the public.

- Implemented a temporary Zoom and on-line scheduling program to continue inspections during the pandemic to help keep projects moving smoothly without interruptions.
- Parks and Recreation continued virtual program during shelter in place, completed special projects at the community center that would have cost money to outside vendors (painting ballroom, fitness room, gymnasium, replacing baseboards in ballroom), completed online trainings, planning of summer programs/camp, etc.
- After shelter in place, successful re-opened the facilities and summer camp to the public in the safest way possible to participants and the staff.
- Facility cleaning, parking control, personal protective measures and awareness. No reports of illness.
- Hurricane preparedness through training, sanitary sewer emergency pump and generator acquisition and improved radio communications.