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Mayor & Board of Aldermen:

Please accept the following as the **Town Manager's Report for the Week-ended Friday, March 28, 2014.**

- The process to develop, prepare, and finalize the comprehensive draft Town Budget for FY2014-2015 continues to move forward. At this point, each Department Head has completed their Budget requests and submitted them to the Town Manager and meetings have been set up for next week (March 31 – April 4) to defend, review, and refine each of those requests. Thereafter, we will be working to fully define and project revenues, and to then balance the competing expense requests, based on priority, against expected and available revenues. This will coalesce into the final, balanced budget draft which I will present to the Board in late April, for subsequent presentation and discussion at our Budget Work Sessions in May.
- Based on the fact that the Town's comprehensive Master land Use Plan has not been updated for over a decade, and consistent with the Planning Board's recommendations following their recent "tabling" of the major re-zoning of properties along the Trade St. corridor, we put out a formal solicitation late this week requesting proposals from planning firms for the creation/update of a comprehensive Master land use plan for the Town of Dallas. Funding for this effort will be included in my Budget request as a priority given how long it has been since such a plan has been completed and/or updated. We have given potential respondents until the third week in April to submit their proposals. Our hope is that a firm could be selected by no later than early June; begin their efforts shortly after award; and a final plan-update be completed and adopted by late in the year.
- The new concrete-block storage building adjacent to Wooten Field, which will house the Recreation Department's equipment and tools, is now effectively complete save for some final interior construction of a storage/tool-bench and some exterior landscaping. This secure and attractive structure will now allow equipment to be securely located in immediate proximity to where it is used.
- This week also saw Public Works crews working to prepare the ball fields at Carr School for the upcoming opening day of youth Baseball.
- You may recall that we had to remove a large, very-heavy "safe" from the Courthouse building and in so doing it was determined that if any "salvage-value" was realized from its disposal, such proceeds would be granted to the Dallas Historic Courthouse Foundation. Unfortunately, it turned out that the safe was primarily concrete, sandwiched between a thin exterior steel outer shell. As a result, it had produced no salvage value and actually had to then be disposed of in the landfill.

Thank You,

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