

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: May 29, 2020

COVID-19 Updates:

This week, modifications continued inside council chambers to accommodate future public meetings. This included the installation of plastic “sneeze guards” within the new forward seating arrangements. Tables, which were donated from LSFD, were added to the layout. The new tables will improve council and staff seating during meetings.

With the re-opening of our sports fields on Tuesday, Assistant to the City Manager, Misty Brents worked with our local sports groups to prepare for field use for baseball, softball, and soccer teams.

Additionally, Public Works began re-installing basketball goals throughout our city parks. Please note that at this point in time, our playsets remain closed to the public.

Non COVID-19 Activities:

On Memorial Day, members of the American Legion and VFW laid wreaths at the Veterans Memorial and fired a 21-gun salute in honor of the service members who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

Administration

Wednesday, Director of Finance, Michelle Byrde and I attended a teleconferenced meeting of the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District (ESID) Board. The purpose of the meeting was to review a PACE financing request in the City of Blue Ash. The request was recommended for approval by the ESID board.

Thursday, I met with Martin Schickel, owner of the property adjacent to the “McCoy parcel” which was acquired by the city in October of 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the installation of a buffer between the city’s now vacant property and the adjacent single-family home. In the long-term, the “McCoy parcel” will be used for access into the parking facility, while in the short-term, we are exploring installing additional public parking.

Following a recommendation from one of the city’s downtown business owners, the city modified one of our existing A-Frame style signs to include the DORA Rules. The sign is placed near the city clock.



Friday, I met with a representative from El Picante regarding the potential to expand their outside dining area. As restaurants begin opening with limited capacity restrictions, legislation has been adopted by other area communities that relaxes various requirements related to outdoor dining.

After a long outage, the music and bells that play and chime throughout the downtown district, have been restored.

Building and Zoning

The project at 115 Karl Brown Way (the Bond Warehouse), has begun installing sidewalks and an entry way for a vestibule to the conference center.

The TriHealth building permit for interiors alterations has been closed out. They were issued their certificate of occupancy this week.

Ralph Vilaro, Property Maintenance Inspector and Tom Smith, Assistant City Manager, completed a draft for a newly proposed property maintenance code that would replace the currently used International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). As the city has grown many of the provisions in the existing IPMC do not meet the standards and requirements of the city. The proposed property maintenance code has been forwarded to the City Solicitor for review.

Public Works

In addition to preparing city's fields for the return of sports activities, Public Works also repaired three water leaks this week.

Police

This week, Officer Kyle Bibelhausen and K9 Mack tested and passed their United States Police Canine Association recertification for 2020.

LPD officers assisted Warren County Deputies with a search for a shooting suspect and also assisted the Loveland Symmes Fire Department with a swift water rescue.

There were no significant issues reported Memorial Day weekend.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

There are no events or meetings scheduled for the week of June 1.