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AGENDA
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 5, 2020
Fairview Heights City Hall
10025 Bunkum Road

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1. Director's Report
Memo

To: Elected Officials
From: John Harty - Director of Public Works
CC: Directors
Date: August 3, 2020
Re: Public Works Director's Report

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Director's Report - Project Updates

Union Hill/Longacre Signals

The intersection of Longacre Drive and Union Hill Road has taken on a new look in the past few weeks. At this time, the signal mast arms, signal heads and block retaining walls have all been installed as well as the relocated curb and gutter in the southeast portion of the intersection. The work that remains is the new storm sewer inlet and curb in the northeast part of the intersection and the pavement marking. The project should be substantially complete within the next two weeks.

Hollandia Sanitary and Storm Drainage Improvements

This project is now substantially complete as the disturbed areas have been seeded and mulched. The permanent trash rack is yet to be installed but is on the schedule for work in August. The temporary racks located immediately upstream of the box culvert which leads to Lake Jubaka are collecting the majority of debris and are cleaned out after every rain event. In an effort to further reduce the amount of trash migrating from the upstream areas of the lake, the temporary racks will be fashioned to a more permanent state.

Old Collinsville Road Right Turn Lane at Ashland Avenue

This project is a proposed joint effort between St. Clair County and the City of Fairview Heights for which an Intergovernmental Agreement has yet to be
executed. St. Clair County has recently submitted a draft agreement to this office which will be presented at the July Public Works Committee meeting.

The proposed Agreement between the City and the County will be presented at a Public Works Committee meeting subsequent to the meeting that holds discussions on the budget reassess.

**St. Clair Avenue Water Main Break**

On Sunday morning, July 19, Illinois American Water experienced a water main break near the intersection of St. Clair Avenue and Magdalena Avenue in the French Village portion of the City. The break resulted in Caseyville Water and Illinois American Water customers in the City experiencing low water pressure and boil orders.

The repair took longer than normal as the break occurred immediately adjacent to a larger box culvert under St. Clair Avenue. The line had to be rerouted under the sidewalk on the north side of St. Clair Avenue. Throughout the entirety of the repair, two weeks essentially, St. Clair Avenue was completely closed with detour in place that was installed by Illinois American forces and approved by IDOT. There was a large volume of traffic in the French Village neighborhood as many travelers did not adhere to the conditions of the detour.

Yesterday morning St. Clair Avenue was opened for travel in both directions with restrictions on west bound traffic so that the sidewalk can be replaced.

**Single Source Trash Hauling – Aspen Waste**

As of today, through an update from Aspen Waste, the implementation of the waste hauling program and the new rate schedule is still on course for the fall, likely October. Truck fabrication and delivery has not been affected by COVID-19 thus far.

The Department has received a large volume of calls subsequent to the distribution of the informational letter with the most popular question being when will the new rate schedule take effect. The vast majority of the calls have been positive in nature with residents welcoming the new rate schedule.

**Street Crew – Concrete Projects**

Throughout the uncertain times we’ve endured thus far this summer, the Public Works Department has been trying to provide the same level of service to the City with less workforce and finances. The Department has identified a few areas of concrete pavement that have deteriorated to the level of
potentially causing damage to vehicles, and as such, have started to replace the damaged panels this week. The areas of concern are located in the North Bountiful Heights and Stonewolf neighborhoods.

The budget passed in April includes funding for concrete removal and replacement but I found it necessary to inform the Council of our endeavor as these damaged areas are now a matter of safety.