

City of Anderson
Retreat Issues and Major Projects
Quarterly Report – July-September 2016

Retreat Issues

- **Economic Development**
 - Entrepreneurial Programs
 - Cyber Saturday held on 7/30/16 which had 20 participants
 - Participated in the Anderson Mall Career Fair on 8/4/16 - 500+ job seekers attended the event
 - Business Recruitment
 - Business Assistance Program Awards:
 - Shuck's Oyster Bar
 - 17 Business licenses issued
 - Prospect Contacts:
 - JoAnne Fabrics
 - European Markets
 - The Dog House on Society
 - Business Retention
 - Clemson Area SBDC Lunch & Learn events:
 - Strategic Fit on 9/12/16
 - Continued to partner with Clemson Area SBDC to offer free and confidential consulting to businesses citywide
 - Development Projects
 - Under construction
 - Church Street Heritage Project
 - The Bleckley Inn Event Center
 - Anderson School of Dance
 - AnMed Health Hybrid OR
 - Aldi Food Store
 - Events
 - Continued to facilitate special events in Carolina Wren Park and Downtown:
 - The Block Party
 - Anderson University's Downtown Connection
 - Sounds in the Park
 - Walk to End Alzheimer's Event
 - Downtown
 - Marketed Pokémon Go Map
 - Coordinated TBA Dog Park & AU U-Serve Day for Dog Park cleanup on 8/27/16
 - Continue to market the Hospitality Program to our hotels

- **Neighborhoods and Housing**

- Continued gathering, assessing and reviewing data to enhance a comprehensive approach to neighborhood revitalization (to supplement the adopted 2009 Neighborhood Revitalization Implementation Plan)

- **Recreation**

- Master Plan Update
 - Continued updating recreation master plan with The LandPlan Group South. The projected timetable for completion is early October.

Major Projects

- **Courts**

- Study Court System and develop modification plans as needed
 - Instituted new court schedule to reduce court time for officers and public
 - Ongoing review of court policies and procedures and adjust to improve services
 - Implemented new process on Domestic Violence cases so that city prosecutor, contract public defender, victims, and victim witness are involved in the process of these cases.

- **Fire**

- New Ladder Truck
 - New ladder truck is in Spartanburg
 - Equipment is starting to come in
 - Lettering will be done first week of October
 - In service date end of October
- New Engine
 - The engine is in the build stage and should be complete late December

- **Planning and Development**

- Re- evaluated state and non-state street conditions in order to develop paving priority lists
 - Staff utilized a ranking criteria to determine roads in most need of resurfacing
 - Submitted draft list to Council for their review and input
 - Resolution approved by Council on September 14, 2015
 - Submitted to the Anderson County Transportation Committee (ACTC) for their review on September 15, 2015
 - ACTC funding for resurfacing several state secondary roads approved on October 26, 2015
 - Resurfacing began in June 2016 and will follow a 2 year contract to pave 20+ streets
- Comprehensive Plan Update
 - Staff finalizing draft language for the standard elements of the plan
 - Entered into an agreement with the Appalachian Council of Governments to facilitate public input sessions and delivery of a final plan for consideration by Council.
 - Public input sessions beginning in November 2016 and final product to be completed in early 2017.

- **Neighborhoods and Housing**

- Implementing Neighborhood Initiative Program (NIP) - a grant of \$ \$424,504 for the acquisition and demolition of an estimated thirteen (13) substandard, vacant houses; working in coronation with Nehemiah Corporation and ACDC
 - Held closings for the Anderson Community Development Corporation's (ACDC) acquisition of 1206 White Street, 414 Johnson Street, 801 S. Towers Street, and 502 Carver Street
 - Held closing for Nehemiah Community Revitalization Corporation's acquisition of 1409 Watson Street
 - Received checks from SC State Housing to schedule closings for the following ACDC properties during first week of October 2016: 1508 Mitchell Street, 225 Caughlin Avenue, 119 Marion Street, 1002 E. Whitner Street, 220 Wardlaw Street, 1406 W. Whitner Street and 50 North Street, 908 E. Whitner Street and 710 A & B Beechwood Avenue
 - Worked with Building and Codes Department staff to bid asbestos abatement and demolition of nine (9) ACDC units: 316 W. River Street, 415 Southwood Street, 501 Southwood Street, 414 Johnson Street, 801 S. Towers Street, 501 Carver Street
 - Bidded asbestos abatement and demolition of three (3) Nehemiah Community Development Corporation units: 1407 Watson Street, 1408 Newell Street and 215 Cleveland Avenue
 - Worked with City Attorney to draft contract for Trinity Abatement to complete asbestos abatement of nine (9) units
 - Worked with City Attorney to draft contract for Phillips Recoveries to demolish nine (9) units
- Transit Department
 - Waiting to receive confirmation from SCDOT on 100% capital money to order a new 32' CNG bus to replace the 2001 Replica Trolley.
 - Continued mapping all of the Transit bus stops for new mapping system.
 - Designed new bus stop signs for each route to be relevant to the color of the route. The Red route sigs are being installed now.

- **Public Works**

- Stormwater Project
 - Old North Anderson Sewer and Stormwater Improvements (joint project working in conjunction with Parks and Recreation and Stormwater)
 - Received construction bids in August 2015
 - Approved September 2015 contract with low bidder, Moorhead Construction, in the amount of \$1,561,402
 - Installed 100% of sewer line
 - Walk-thru with contactor and civil consultant and developed punch list of site corrections performed for sewer and stormwater in work area
 - Council approved change order for approximately \$325,000 for roadway improvements and \$35,000 for engineer to update design drawings
 - Removal of existing asphalt surface in Hunter Drive
 - Installation of new curb and gutter, driveway aprons, stone and binder course in Hunter Drive
 - Anticipated completion by November 2016

- **Recreation**

- Recreation Projects

- Consolidated Southern will be cleaning and repainting the generator in Generator Park. Should be completed mid-October.
- William Renninger Associates has completed plan for tree replacement in Carolina Wren Park. Scheduled to replant trees first week in November.
- Repair on spray pad has started. Trehel contracted with Reconology to remove coating and create a broom finish on pad. Will be completed prior to FreshTaste event in October.
- Security cameras upgrade at Recreation Center has been completed. Staff has the ability to view cameras from mobile device.

- **Utilities**

- EPA CMOM Program – Consent Agreement with goal of eliminating Sanitary Sewer Overflows (ongoing since July 2014)

- Submitted 6th Quarter progress report to EPA in July 2016
- Continued implementation of 7 approved programs
 - Mapping, Overflow Response, Emergency Response, Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG), Gravity Line, Pump Station, Training
- Hired FOG Inspector and began initial FSE visits in September 2016
- Received EPA approval of 2 programs to EPA in September 2016
 - Sewer Assessment & Capacity Assurance
- Continued development of Infrastructure Rehabilitation Program
- Continued Mall Road and Wedgewood Drive Pump Station Replacement Project

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- West Franklin Street Waterline Improvements – Replacing 80-90 year old water lines subject to frequent breaks and quality complaints

- Began construction in May 2016
- Completed approximately 40% of the construction through September 2016
- Complete construction and perform final paving in November 2016

- **Police**

- South Carolina Department of Public Safety (SCDPS) award for the City of Anderson Police Department. This award is for \$55,450, the agency developed a Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the purpose of procuring Body Worn Cameras (BWCs) for its law enforcement personnel and is pending council approval.

- Continuation of third year of the grant from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety for (2) Traffic Safety Officers (personnel only with training).
- Pending audit of the Anderson City Detention Center for the Prison Rape Elimination Act.
- Prepared draft documents for the Anderson City Police Foundation. (Foundation pending approval of the Public Safety Committee).
- Purchased (1) 2016 Dodge Charger from the FY16 Capital Replacement Plan for the Patrol Division. (2) 2014 Dodge Chargers were purchased utilizing insurance funding for a salvage vehicle from a not at fault accident and Drug Enforcement Administration e-share funding.
- Award from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Network of a Watch Guard in-dash video camera system provided as an incentive award for completion of requirements in the South Carolina Law Enforcement Network. Estimated value \$3000.
- Continuation and partnership with the Law Enforcement & Community Task Force; goal is enhanced community partnerships and information/education within the law enforcement community, faith community, and community at-large. Participated in several Ice Cream with Cops at Vacation Bible Schools and planned numerous Trunk or Treat activities. Chief Stewart most recently attended a community forum at Anderson University with over 300 students in attendance.
- Completion of audio/video recording system in the Criminal Investigative Division for 2 interview rooms.
- Continued partnership with Anderson University with (3) employees (Sergeant Barrett Ryan, Sergeant Kenneth Taylor-Mosely, and Detective Nicole Zickler) enrolled in the Command College – Anderson University Master Criminal Justice program.
- Preparation for continued contract renewal services with the United States Marshall Service in the housing of federal prisoners.
- RFP completed for upgrade of current record management system for incident reporting system and jail management system. Upgrades for mobile hand held reporting systems in progress with wireless data access. Compliance with all CJIS (Criminal Justice Information Systems) requirements.
- Completion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Trilogy Award by Chief Stewart, Captain Rivas, Captain Aman, Captain Walters, Captain Bracone, and Captain Warren.
- Awaiting approval and implementation of (4) new patrol vehicles from the FY17 Capital Replacement Plan, (2) more pending in the spring if funding is available.
- Partnership with the Information Technology department as Jason Nixon in IT has been certified as a cell phone and computer forensic analyst to aid the Criminal Investigative, Internal Affairs, and Narcotics Division.
- Planning process started for the state requirement mandate from Governor Haley for compliance in e-ticketing.
- Equipment replacement plan in progress utilizing MASC/SCMIRF grants and DEA e-share funding for replacement of tasers and vests.
- Evaluation of the former explorer cadet program through the Boy Scouts of America and future implementation. Evaluation of a Citizens Police Academy.

- **IT**

- Continued implementing long range hardware replacement plan for all pc's, servers, and network equipment (This is an ongoing project)
 - All new computers have been installed
 - Began the planning process of moving to Office 365
- Continued working with provider for service of video cameras located in parks, downtown and recreation areas
 - Continued working with AT&T and other vendors, developing plans, processes, etc. to ultimately bring all camera maintenance in house.
 - Continued to standardize our equipment with AT&T wireless, Cradlepoint SIM routers, and Vicon cameras
 - This will be a long term project whose completion will coordinate with available funding and new installations
- Began the process of working with our Utilities Division to choose a vendor for a Computerized Maintenance Management System.
- Developed a proposal for upgrading the Audio Visual system in the City Council chambers.
- Continued security awareness training for all City employees. Two sections have been completed that consisted of interactive online videos and simulated phishing attacks. Topics covered include strong passwords, phishing, and mobile security.

- **Finance**

- Audit 2016-2017 Budget Book completed
 - Budget Ordinance 16-10 approved June 27, 2016
- Lease Purchase Agreement not exceeding \$2,500,000 for fire and sewer equipment
 - Ordinance 16-18 approved 9-12-16
- Audit
 - Audit started for year ending 6-30-16

- **General – Communications Program**

- Law Enforcement and Community Task Force
 - Planned and facilitated monthly meeting series with 15-20 regular members including pastors, APD and City officials
 - Received MASC Achievement Award for Public Safety at July Annual Meeting on MASC
 - Coordinated summer event tie-ins (Ice Cream with a Cop, teen events), Greely Park, Back to School Music Festival
 - Church Events (Wilson Calvary and New Beginnings)
 - Weapons simulator exercise
 - Presentation to County Municipal Association
- Church Street Heritage
 - Implementing NEA Grant Award
 - Building artists and work team. Design/Build team and public call plans.

- Awarded Technical Assistance through competitive process through NEA (one of 7 of 63 grantees awarded nationally)
- Celebration meeting for named grant participants held at Arts Center
- Public meeting including information on history of public art in Anderson, creative placemaking definition and examples, details on NEA grant and project status. 40 people in attendance

- Videos
 - Produced new Rec Center training film
 - Bus dedication video
 - Back to School events episode
 - FreshTaste promo

- Community Outreach
 - Anderson Heritage
 - Sister Cities Board: two outreach events
 - Anderson Garden Club: \$500 pledge to City Cemetery Endowment
 - Foothills Writers Guild: \$50 pledge to Church Street Heritage Project