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CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The following City Administrator's Report, while respectfully submitted to the Mayor and City Council, is provided and available to the general public to inform them of the status of City projects and activities. This report, as well as the monthly department reports, is placed on the City's website.

Here is what I have been working on since my last report:

- Participated in a webinar for grant applications.
- Along with Public Works Director Larry Turner and Building/Planning Clerk Sterling Joyner, met with staff from Anderson Perry to discuss update of the Comprehensive Plan.
- The Fall Festival was a huge success, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Connell Chamber and all those involved.
- Along with Mayor Blackwell, attended the Mayors Exchange in Kennewick. The Mayors Exchange is an opportunity for Mayors and City Managers to meet and share solutions to issues that their cities have faced. Topics such as; sidewalk problems due to trees, water reuse program, economic revitalization, and infrastructure were discussed.
- The City has finally closed on the property sold to North Franklin Hospital District. The Hospital District can now move forward with the construction of their new facility!
- Working with Franklin County with easements and recordings for the establishment of North Ford Avenue up to the City's wastewater treatment facility.
- In regards to the Rail Interchange Project:
 - Submitted a request for a letter of support from BNSF for TIGER/INFRA grants.
 - Along with Public Works Director Larry Turner and Mayor Blackwell, participated in a web meeting with the Great Northern Corridor Coalition (GNCC).
 - Submitted a request for Co-sponsorship of the Rail Interchange Project to GNCC.
 - Working on the TIGER grant application, due October 16, and on gathering support letters.
- Working with Public Works staff in submitting the Tree City USA Application.
- Attended the First Responders Appreciation BBQ. Our community is very fortunate to have such highly dedicated staff that work or volunteer to provide safety for us all. I hope this event continues to grow bigger and better every year.
- Along with Public Works Director Turner, Water Operator Hallie Tuck, City Clerk Treasurer Rose Courneya, we will be attending the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) October 24-27 in Wenatchee.
- There will be a Planning Commission meeting on October 30.