

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights

March 21 - March 25

The Mission of the Anna City Government is to provide exceptional city services and facilities in a financially responsible and neighbor-focused way through a high performing, professional city team that provides results in adding value to neighbors' lives.

Growing the Anna Economy

- Economic Development staff worked with GIS and Cooksey Communications to finalize the Economic Development Marketing Map.
- Staff met with Mantua/Risland team to discuss TIRZ and PID.
- The city hosted its first Economic Development Telephone Townhall on Thursday, March 24. The Economic Development Director and Mayor Pro-Tem were the hosts and took several questions from neighbors regarding development initiatives.
- Staff finalized logistics for the ICSC Red River conference for March 30 – April 1.
- Staff worked with Cooksey to wrap-up talking points, attendee list, and sponsorship for the D CEO Awards Ceremony on March 30.
- Staff continues to work with Navi Retail to organize retail recruitment meetings at the ICSC Red River Conference
- The Economic Development Director met with five developers.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- On Monday, March 28, the developer of Serenity at the Square will be hosting a neighborhood meeting for the neighbors of Anna Town Square at Harlow Elementary to discuss the specifics of his project. Though not a city hosted meeting, staff will be in attendance to answer technical zoning questions.
- The Public Works Director, Fire Chief, and Councilman Atchley held three interviews on Thursday, March 24, to determine the top design-build firm for the next Fire Station which will be west of 75. Individual rankings will be conducted over the upcoming weeks and a decision will be brought before council to vote upon.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- Recreation Coordinators have been working on finalizing program proposals for summer sessions. A list of offered programs, events, and classes will be detailed next week.
- The Recreation Coordinators attended the virtual TRAPS Special Events and Programs Branch meeting on Thursday, March 24.
- The Spring Archery program led by the Recreation Coordinator began on Wednesday, March 23. There are five participants in the beginner class and two in the advanced class. The program takes place on Field 4 at Slayter Creek Park. The Recreation Coordinator adapted the program to accommodate a participant that utilizes a wheelchair. A parent walking in the park noticed the program being conducted and communicated to the coordinator that he is going to ask his daughter if she would want to participate in archery as she also utilizes a wheelchair.

- The Neighborhood Services team hosted the Parks Advisory Board Meeting on Monday, March 21. Items discussed were various recreation, neighborhood life, park projects, and capital project updates along with an introduction of the new Recreation Coordinator.
- The Recreation Manager and Park Superintendent attended the North Region Playground Maintenance Academy in Fort Worth on Wednesday, March 23. The Academy covered playground safety and maintenance.
- The Recreation Manager attended a zoom meeting with other city staff and the D&I Community Events and Programming Subcommittee to discuss potential community events and programs.
- The Recreation Manager met with a representative from the Crayola Experience to discuss potential partnerships and event opportunities in Anna.
- The Recreation Manager concluded the review of bids for the fireworks contract. The contract will include a 4th of July Celebration and Christmas firework show for the next three years. The 2nd and 3rd years will be city options. The City Attorney is currently reviewing the contract and the plan is to recommend council the selected bidder at the April 12 meeting.
- The Recreation Manager reached out to the Parks Board Chair to set up a meeting to discuss programming opportunities for children with different abilities.
- Code Compliance responded to 41 new cases, 95 re-inspections, and closed 31 cases. Code Compliance has maintained its determination to keep Anna's right of ways clear and clean of trash and illegal bandit signs. This week officers removed eight signs from the right of way. This past week, six food establishments have been inspected.

High Performing, Professional City

- Patrol officers responded to 328 calls for service and conducted 222 traffic stops. They made one felony arrest and three misdemeanor arrests. Patrol investigated six minor accidents and one major.
- Detectives with the Criminal Investigations Division filed four misdemeanor cases and one felony case with the Collin County District Attorney's Office. Detectives also secured three grand jury indictments on previously filed cases.
- The Human Resource Department met with city departments to finalize asset schedules for upcoming TML IRP coverage rerate.
- The Human Resource Department met with training vendors to discuss leadership & professional development training opportunities.
- The Human Resource Department is working on a Risk Mitigation and Safety Awareness Training Plan.
- The Human Resource Department partnered with Texas Workforce Commission and hosted a virtual job fair on Wednesday, March 23, 2022.
- The Human Resource Department is working on SOPs to streamline the processes.
- The IT Department closed 27 tickets.