

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights June 22 – June 26

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

Streets Division Mowing – Week of June 26th



[Growing the Anna Economy](#)

- The City of Anna garnered great press throughout the week. The Centurion American Development project, west of US 75, was featured in both the Dallas Morning News and Dallas Business Journal. The Economic Development Director and the EDC/CDC Board Chair also conducted interviews with KTEN.
- Economic Development staff met with a group interested in purchasing the Business Park.

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- The Neighborhood Services Director and Parks Superintendent met with disc golf enthusiasts and neighbors at Slayter Creek Park last week to get feedback on possible course redesign options; options that will first be brought to the community and the Parks Advisory Board for consideration and then to the Council with a recommendation.
- Staff is exploring trail etiquette education opportunities and signs following a discussion at the June 15 Parks Advisory Board meeting. This will be included as an agenda item at an upcoming Parks Advisory Board meeting.
- The Neighborhood Services Director and Park Superintendent met with a playground equipment vendor to discuss current trends and options for inclusive play for future park and playground considerations.

- Staff continues to develop a proposal for Council consideration regarding recreation, events, and funding opportunities.
- The Neighborhood Services Director is compiling comparison data for future library options along with minimum standards for accreditation to bring to the City Council and The Friends of the Anna Public Library for consideration and staff direction. Staff also met with a principal from an architecture and engineering firm to discuss market comps with current construction trends for preliminary capital cost considerations as part of the analysis process.
- The Neighborhood Services Manager met with SmartGov and had discussions with several departments on the status of their portals. A list of wrap-up items was sent to departments to keep the project moving so testing can begin in August. A productive meeting was held with Finance on the merchant connector, the merchant contract, and equipment needed to take payments online and in-person. Likewise, a discussion was held with the Neighborhood Services Director and the IT Manager on departmental hardware needs and system management after implementation.
- The Neighborhood Services Manager updated several forms for the Neighborhood Services Department and Parks Department. The permit forms are being put into the SmartGov system so neighbors can reserve the pavilion, gazebo, and baseball fields online as well as submit special event applications.
- The Neighborhood Services Manager continued to work on several grant applications for Collin County bond funds connecting trails, parks, and open space.
- Trees and flower beds were mulched at Slayter Creek Park, Natural Springs Park, and Sherley Heritage Park. Trees were trimmed along Ferguson Parkway.
- The grounds and restrooms were cleaned at Slayter Creek Park, Natural Springs Park, Sherley Heritage Park, and Lakeview Park. All the restrooms in the parks were power washed as well.
- The Code Compliance Manager sent out 50 rental registration letters and 20 letters for property violations related to the International Property Maintenance Code.
- Five large fireworks signs were in the right-of-way along US 75. The Code Compliance Manager had the property owner remove them.
- A new Executive Order came down from the Governor's Office that pushed the occupancy for restaurants back down to 50%. The Code Compliance Manager responded to questions from restaurant owners and managers regarding the changes.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- Staff and Kimley-Horn held the first Comprehensive Plan Advisory Task Force meeting at the AISD Administration Building on Thursday, June 25.
- A DRC meeting was held this past week for a potential development west of Anna High School that would be mixed use commercial/residential/assisted living.
- The Municipal Complex contractor focused on continued water main installation and storm drainage improvements this past week. Construction of the building foundation for the Municipal Building is ongoing. Wells McCoy is in the process of moving out of their building and is expected to be out by July 1.
- The Streets Division has been utilizing the City's new skid steer attachment to mow the public right-of-way and to help out the Parks Department staff with mowing responsibilities in the summer.

- Public Works staff held a meeting with Kimley-Horn (engineer) to discuss potential sewer treatment plant locations/sizes west of US 75. Staff and the Economic Development Director are coordinating a meeting with the land owner to discuss interest in a mutually beneficial partnership.
- Staff held a meeting with Anna ISD staff and their design team to discuss Rosamond extension and their new elementary school. Both groups are moving forward with defining the scope of a partnership for road improvements.
- Public Works has compiled a street maintenance spreadsheet (draft) with pavement scores and maintenance costs. Staff will utilize the spreadsheet for recommendations to Council for FY21 street maintenance projects.
- Staff met with the developer/contractor/material supplier in Camden Parc Phase 4 to review sanitary sewer construction concerns.
- Public Works held a pre-construction meeting for the Anna Crossing Phase 1C residential development.
- Public Works staff visited the City of Allen's sewer lift station site to review a combination generator/emergency pump backup system. The system is supposed to be the same cost as a standard generator. Staff is working with developers to implement this in new developments to improve emergency operations.

High Performing, Professional City

- The Police Department launched its new on-line crime reporting platform. This new feature allows our neighbors to report crimes – not in progress – such as theft of property, burglary of motor vehicles, homes, or buildings (where no forced entry or physical evidence is apparent), damage to property, fraud, identity theft, and lost property. This platform is designed to keep officers available so they can focus on proactive neighborhood policing. The second phase of this platform, the “Community Involvement Portal,” will be added in the near future. This feature will allow our neighbors to view crime statistics and trends in their neighborhood.
- Patrol officers were involved in a vehicle pursuit that took officers into Grayson County and then back into Collin County where it ended in McKinney after the suspects crashed. The vehicle was reported stolen out of a neighboring city and was occupied by four males, who were previously identified as suspects in several burglaries to motor vehicles in Anna two months prior. Officers located several stolen guns in the vehicle. No one was injured.
- The Director of Human Resource scheduled interviews for the Public Works Department to fill certain vacant positions.
- The Director of Human Resource posted a PT Administrative Assistant position that will assist with Human Resource functions.
- The Director of Human Resource is assisting with recruitment for the Anna Police Department.
- The Director of Human Resource is currently drafting revisions to the City of Anna personnel policy.
- The IT Manager created a global email shortcut for all users on their Desktop to email IT about issues. The IT Help Desk is now a full functional internal operation and is no longer contracted out.
- The IT Manager and Finance Director had a meeting with Tyler Technologies (ERP Software) in regards to the IT requirements to implement their software.

- The City streamed last week's City Council Meeting through the City's website. The new streaming service professionalizes the City's ability to be transparent with our public meetings. Neighbors can now access the videos after the meetings' conclusions as they are archived on the site.