

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights June 15 – June 19

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 met with two prospective Business Park tenants as well as an interested multifamily developer from Miami.
- Economic Development staff distributed Phase I Small Business Grant checks.
- Staff toured sites with Collin College engineers.

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- Neighborhood Services welcomed Marc Marchand (Director of Neighborhood Services) and Xavier Neal (Seasonal Maintenance Worker) to the team this past week. Mr. Marchand joins the City with years of experience directing a parks and recreation department as well as developing library services. Mr. Neal joins the team with the primary duties of landscaping and cleaning city facilities.
- Oncor started burying the utilities at Sherley Heritage Park. By burying the utilities, there will now be enough clearance for the steam locomotive when it arrives. Burying the utilities will also add to the aesthetic appearance of the park.
- The Parks Superintendent met with Bloomfield Homes to discuss drainage issues at the Disc Golf Course.
- The Parks Division prepped the ballfields for nine field rentals this past weekend.

- The Code Compliance Manager sent 42 letters for property violations related to the International Property Maintenance Code.
- Rental registration fees for this year reached over \$20,000 this week.
- The Neighborhood Services Manager is finalizing grant submittals for the Project Funding Assistance Program for Collin County Parks and Open Space bond funds due at the beginning of July. The Council will vote to approve the grant submittal request to Collin County at their June 23 City Council Meeting.
- The Neighborhood Services Director and Neighborhood Services Manager participated in the kick-off meeting for the Comprehensive Plan, Downtown Plan, and Parks and Trail System Master Plan.
- The Police Chief participated in a town hall style webinar hosted by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). In attendance were chiefs from around the nation in cities of every size. The discussion included topics ranging from managing the COVID crisis to the more recent defund the police movement and police reform initiatives.
- The Police Chief also participated in a five (5) hour training titled *Moving Forward with Minneapolis: Ethical Use of Force and Tactics* hosted by Safer Schools Together (SST). This training was presented by Canada's top use of force experts who presented on the real facts on the use of force by police in North America, the gaps that exist in use of force training, management responsibility and ways to improve force options training. Attendees were afforded the opportunity to interactively discuss the issues and provide solutions for police agencies that can help prevent these incidents from happening.
- The staff and officers of the Anna Police Department want to extend their heartfelt appreciation to our neighbors for their unwavering support during the past few weeks. The Department and City has received many emails and phone calls from our neighbors thanking and praising our efforts and professionalism.

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- On Tuesday, staff from various departments including the City Manager's Office, Economic Development, Neighborhood Services, Planning & Development, and Public Works met with Kimley-Horn consultants for a "State of the City Workshop." During the session, staff mapped out points of interest, future development opportunities, and areas where improvements are needed throughout the City and ETJ as well as having a discussion on topics such as the future of Downtown, investments in parks and trails, and expansion into the ETJ. The consultants were using this staff workshop to help prepare for next week's first Comprehensive Plan Advisory Task Force meeting.
- This Thursday, June 25, at 6:30PM the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Task Force will hold its initial meeting. Meeting location will be in the School Trustees Board Room located at 201 E. 7th Street. The consultant team will present topical materials for the committee background, discuss critical issues related to the development of the plans, and obtain feedback associated with the future development of the City.
- The Building Department conducted a total of 126 inspection this past week.
- West Crossing Phase 11 is under construction. The contractor has temporarily closed a portion of Slayter Creek Park Trail to construct drainage improvements. Safety fencing and signage is in place. The trail is expected to re-open July 2. Information has been posted to Facebook and the City's website regarding the trail closure.

- Construction on the Municipal Complex moves forward:
 - Sanitary sewer installation is complete.
 - Contractor is continuing work on municipal building foundation pad with select fill (70% complete).
 - Storm shelter review is nearly complete by third party reviewer (code requirement).
 - Storm system is 80% complete.
 - Water system is 70% complete.
 - Staff has coordinated with Wells McCoy on move-out date. They moved their office trailer out on Friday, June 19. Gas and electricity to the building will be turned off on July 1 so demolition may begin.
- Public Works staff updated the department's website content to improve neighbor experience, including:
 - Created a webpage for neighbors to report potholes: <https://www.annatexas.gov/1170/Report-a-Pothole>
 - Created a webpage with public access to our Roadbotics pavement scores: <https://www.annatexas.gov/1172/Street-Pavement-Assessment>
- Staff met with the Anna ISD to discuss a partnership for the Rosamond Parkway eastern extension to the new elementary school. Staff is working to develop an agreement for AISD and Council approval later this year once the scope and funding is determined with the AISD.
- Staff received comments back from CARDS on the draft contract and is making revisions for the City Attorney's review. Final contract will go to the City Council on July 14.
- Staff attended a conference call on the utility rate study to discuss final revisions to CIP/staffing/cost projections for NTMWD and GTUA. The final rate plan will go before the City Council on July 14.
- Public Works staff is monitoring the water system demand in accordance with the City's Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan. High use this summer may trigger Stage 1 conservation (City-promoted conservation to the public). Staff will continue to keep management and Council apprised of water system demand and will prepare a communication to the public should conservation efforts need to be deployed.

High Performing, Professional City

- All police personnel completed a two hour block of training on anti-bias training for law enforcement. The training was completed in keeping with the goal of recognizing diversity and types of bias when serving the community; an understanding that will ultimately reduce misunderstandings, confusion, and stereotypes while promoting knowledge and awareness for the officer.
- In addition to the anti-bias training, officers completed eight (8) one-hour blocks of leadership training. This block of instruction covered topics such as team building, liability of not training, generational policing, decision making arcs, crime prevention strategies, contemporary issues in law enforcement, ethical intervention, and many others.
- Finance staff continues to work on justification forms on COVID-19 expenditures and backup documentation to submit to the County for the CARES funding.
- The IT Manager and Finance Director participated in a conference call with a representative with Incode on moving forward with the purchase of a new ERP system. An additional meeting will be set up in the upcoming week to further discuss the implementation process.

- The Director of Human Resource conducted two interviews for the Seasonal Parks Worker position. An employment offer will be extended next week to one candidate.
- The Director of Human Resource posted two employment opportunities for the Public Works Department and is assisting with recruitment for the Anna Police Department.
- The Director of Human Resource is reviewing city insurance benefits as well as STD and LTD options for employees.
- The request for an online fillable exit interview questionnaire has been submitted to CivicHR for creation so that termed employees may complete it as part of the exit packet.
- The IT Manager has purchased a help desk system to streamline IT requests and needs from staff. The internal help desk will allow people to send tickets directly to the “Help Desk” and will let IT put in service orders and keep track of issues. The purchase of the help desk further reduces the City’s reliability on expensive third-party contracts.
- The IT Manager worked with City Secretary Carrie Land to implement a streaming video to the City’s new Civic Plus website for Agendas/Meetings. This has been tested and confirmed to work. City staff plans on streaming the June 23 City Council Meeting through the City’s website rather than Facebook.