

## City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights June 29 – July 3

***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**

- Staff held a meeting with Risland on Tuesday, June 30, to discuss key terms of the pending development. The meeting afforded the City, and its consultants, the opportunity to have a lengthy discussion with Risland and to set the tone for future meetings with the goal of getting the development going in the City.

### **Anna – A Great Place to Live**

- The City Manager's Office met with former councilman Alonzo Tutson to discuss the City's initiative to create a Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board.
- The Neighborhood Services Director met with several community leaders this past week including:
  - Kevin Hall, President/CEO of the Greater Anna Chamber of Commerce, to discuss the great things happening with the Chamber and ways the Neighborhood Services Department can support those activities.
  - A member of the Area Historical Preservation Society to tour the depot and discuss the great work that has been done on the depot, future activities, and events.
  - The President of the Friends of the Anna Community Library and Education Resource Center to discuss the history of the library initiative and Friends' exciting ideas for the future.
- The Neighborhood Services Director drafted a detailed report, in accordance with Council's adopted Action Agenda, to review with the City Manager's Office and Friends of the Library for input and modifications before bringing the report to Council for consideration and direction of Anna's future library.
- The Neighborhood Services team met to review the initial draft of a Parks Capital Improvement Program to bring forward to the Parks Advisory Board and City Council at a future date.
- The Neighborhood Services Manager completed the Parks and Open Space Project Funding Assistance Program Applications due to Collin County on Monday, July 6. The projects submitted include Phase I & Phase II connecting Slayter Creek Park to Natural Springs Park, Slayter Creek Park downtown connection, Pecan Grove Park to Taylor Boulevard, and Oak Hollow to Taylor Boulevard.
- The Code Compliance Manager issued 55 notices related to the International Property Maintenance Code. Due to a sweep performed in Oak Hollow Estates, 54 of the property



violations occurred in that subdivision. Some of the violations include the following: high weeds (35), vehicles (6), trash and rubbish (5) and signs (3). In addition, 16 signs were removed from major thoroughfares. The Code Compliance Manager also resolved an illegal dumping issue that occurred in a creek on Drayton Drive.

### *Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth*

- The Building Department received 125 new permits, issued 76 permits to begin construction, and issued 28 certificates of occupancy for single-family dwellings, detached throughout the City limits for the month of June. An additional 24 permits were issued on July 1 and July 2 to begin construction.
- City Staff met with a civil engineer to discuss the property west of Anna High School for a potential development with single-family dwellings detached, senior housing product, and commercial lots along future Ferguson Parkway. The property is currently zoned Agricultural District and will require rezoning.
- Planning staff met with a property owner and engineers to discuss the zoning and the site platting process for the northwest corner of White Street and U.S. Highway 75.
- The Comprehensive Plan consultants will conduct interviews next week with neighbors whom are not part of the Task Force.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission will have their next meeting on Monday, July 6. The meeting packet is now available [here](#).
- Staff held a final walkthrough for Pecan Grove Phase 4 subdivision on Monday, June 29.
- Public Works staff Issued plan comments on the Anna Retail sanitary sewer extension behind Taco Bell.
- Staff Coordinated with TxDOT regarding US 75 White Street signage request from the White Family. TxDOT presented some options of which staff is reviewing.
- The Public Works Department held a meeting with a design engineer regarding Hackberry Drive right-of-way acquisition and design changes in response to neighbor concerns, TxDOT coordination, and staff review.

### *High Performing, Professional City*

- An order was placed for a mobile intensive care unit utilizing CARES Act funding. Delivery is expected by October 31, 2020. This unit will operate as a backup transport vehicle to the existing AMR system.
- Draft fire ordinances are currently under review by the City Attorney and will be voted on by the City Council when completed.
- The Finance Director and the IT Manager held a meeting with Tyler Technologies regarding training for staff as part of the ERP conversion.
- The IT Manager is currently reviewing digital faxing solutions so that Human Resources can send and receive confidential information via email.