

MONTHLY BRIEF

TO BE NAMED LATER...

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From left: City Administrator Andrew Vickers, Ald. Steve Kurkowski, Ald. Greg Loreck, Ald. Rich Duchniak, Mayor Dan Bukiewicz, Ald. Lisa Marshall, Ald. Ken Gehl, Ald. Chris Guzikowski.

WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS?

This publication is a new communication initiative to keep our teams informed on a more frequent basis. The idea is to provide key takeaways from Common Council meetings and certain boards, committees, and commissions from the previous month.

Our goal is to make City actions and decisions easily available to staff to provide a common operating and financial picture. We understand not all decisions or actions may affect every staff member all the time. That's okay, too. We will not include every single public decision and will do our best to keep this brief yet informative. This publication will supplement our "OC Connection" staff newsletter, which we will continue to publish quarterly.

As this publication is a work in progress, we welcome your feedback. Please complete the [survey linked here](#) to inform the next publication or contact Carly Persson, Management Assistant, at cpersson@oakcreekwi.gov.

Thank you for all you do!

Andrew J. Vickers, City Administrator

ACTIONS TAKEN

INDOOR DOG POOL APPROVED

Located at the northeast corner of Rawson/Howell, Dog Paddle, Inc. is an indoor swimming pool for dogs. Clients may bring dogs for fitness or therapeutic reasons, and may benefit from assisted or unassisted 30-minute private swim sessions. This new use was approved by Council.

Link for [more info \(p. 6\)](#) & [how to sign up your dog](#).

PLAN OF FINANCE APPROVED

Council approved the borrowing of \$14.83 million for projects including bluff stabilization along Lake Michigan, designing the North Bluff Park north of Lake Vista Park, replacing the storm water lift station on Drexel Ave., and providing infrastructure improvements for the Lakeshore Commons Development. This debt will be paid by Tax Increment District (TID) No. 13 and stormwater utility revenues, not the general property tax levy.

Link for [more info \(p.30\)](#) & [explanation of what TIDs are](#).

DREXEL STREETSCAPE PHASE 1 APPROVED

Council approved the design phase of this new City gateway to begin at S. IKEA Way and extend east toward the railroad tracks. Improvements will be extended to Howell Ave in the future.

Link to [preliminary plans \(p.100\)](#).

ACTIONS CONT.

7600 S 6TH STREET BRIDGE

Collins Engineers will remove and replace the existing structure. A Three-Party Design Contract between the City, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and Collins Engineers was approved. A State Municipal Agreement was also approved. The City will be responsible for 20% of the contract amount and the State will cover the remaining 80%. Construction will begin in 2024.

Link for [more info \(p. 115\)](#).

NORTH BLUFF PARK PLAN

The North Bluff Park Plan Update was presented to Council. This included feedback from a recent survey that elicited over 1,200 responses! The park and amenities in the plan are connected to the City's effort to stabilize the bluff north of Lake Vista Park. Work will begin in 2023 and Council will consider formally adopting this Park Plan in April or May.

Link to [preliminary plans](#).

PD AGREEMENT APPROVED

FLOCK services agreements were approved by Council. FLOCK is a leader in automatic license plate reader technology and can capture and store information for up to 30 days via cameras. This allows for real-time alerts when a stolen vehicle associated with a known suspect is detected in city limits and allows for other investigatory improvements.

Link for [more info \(p. 8\)](#).

OC'S FIRST ROUNDABOUT

Council approved the design phase of a roundabout at the intersection of W. Puetz Rd., S. Liberty Ln., and S. Wood Creek Dr. The roundabout will address traffic and safety concerns at this interstation. Standard traffic signals were also evaluated, but the traffic conditions do not warrant signals. The roundabout will be constructed in 2025 or 2026.

Link for [more info \(p. 35\)](#).

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT APPROVED

Council approved an additional development agreement for Lakeshore Commons. This will provide tax incremental finance (TIF) assistance to construct 28 townhomes and a 132-unit apartment building in the Lakeshore Commons neighborhood adjacent to Lake Vista Park.

Link for more info and an [explanation of what TIF is](#).

PLANS APPROVED FOR BRIOHN BUILDING CORPORATION

Plan Commission approved the site, building, and related plans for a 133,495 sq. ft. multitenant industrial building situated on 8.35 acres across from Discover Church on S. 13th St.

See the [plans here \(p. 28\)](#).