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FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

As summer approaches, we're excited to welcome many new faces to our team. To give you an idea of these changes, the Police Department alone has hired 14 new employees since the beginning of this year!

With so much fresh talent joining the City across all departments, we have a unique opportunity to embrace new collaborative efforts that drive innovation. Let's work together and learn from one another during this season of change.

This summer is a busy time for the City. The Department of Public Works is hard at work maintaining our grounds, running the recycling yard, handling Spring Clean Up, and setting up community events. The Clerk's Office is getting ready for the August Primary Election and the November Presidential Election, while navigating changes in licensing. Community Development and Engineering are leading development efforts all over the City, especially at our lakefront. Tourism is working hard to roll out our signature summer events. Thank you all for embracing whatever challenges come your way with grace and determination. Your hard work truly makes a positive impact on our community.

Before concluding, I want to wish you a peaceful Memorial Day weekend. It's a time to honor the sacrifices of those men and women who served our country, and I hope you can spend it in a way that's meaningful to you.

Respectfully, Andrew J. Vickers

ACTIONS TAKEN



Captain Andrew Thorne (far left) and Chief Dave Stecker (far right) pictured with new Police Department recruits. The new recruits graduated from MATC's 720 hour basic training.

NEW DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR: MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Our busy City remains at the forefront of growth in southeastern Wisconsin. With the expansion comes the need for a Marketing and Public Relations Department that works to tell the story of the City's past, present and future, highlighting our accomplishments and our residents. At the May 21 Common Council meeting, the appointment of Marcia Wayer to the new Director of Marketing and Public Relations role was unanimously supported. Beginning in June, Marcia will bring extensive marketing knowledge and experience to the City. A warm welcome to Marcia as she joins the Oak Creek community!



NEW AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

Common Council approved the purchase of audio-visual equipment for the Multi-Purpose room. The new equipment, which includes cameras and overhead microphones will allow for hybrid meetings to take place.

Read more & see the new equipment here: Council packet (p. 149, 157-166)



MAYORAL PROCLAMATION: PUBLIC WORKS WEEK MAY 19-25

At the May 7 Council meeting, a Mayoral Proclamation recognized National Public Works Week. Thank you to our Public Works, Engineering, and Utility employees for ensuring the City meets its strategic goal of providing a high quality of life for our residents and visitors!

PRESERVATION OF HUGHES CABIN

The Board of Public Works and Capital Assets accepted the lowest, qualified proposal from Pro Woodcare to restore and preserve the historic Hughes Cabin. The cabin was built in the 1840s and is one of the oldest buildings to exist in Milwaukee County. The cabin will be preserved on a time and materials basis at a total estimated cost of \$56,302.

Read more about the Hughes Cabin here!



NEW BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

On May 7, Common Council appointed two new members to the Tourism Commission, Julianna Silva and Majlis Seisay, and one new member to the Police & Fire Commission, Maria Monteagudo. On May 21, the Zoning Board of Appeals gained one new member, Donald Garcia-Dwyer. Welcome new Commissioners and Board member!

HEALTH DEPARTMENT CAR PURCHASE

The Board of Public Works and Capital Assets approved the Health Department's request to use up to \$68,500 of Health ARPA grant funding to purchase two vehicles. The vehicles will aid in the Department's ability to work with the community outside of City Hall.

APPROVAL OF 2024 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT

Common Council awarded Payne and Dolan, Inc. the 2024 Road Improvements unit price contract at an estimated cost of \$1,236,043.49. Council also authorized the expenditure of ARPA funding in the amount of \$140,000 for the road projects. For a list of roads to be resurfaced:

Council packet (p. 121-123)

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