

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Board of Aldermen

From: Barry Webb, Interim Town Manager

Re: Weekly Report

Date: April 1, 2016

PRESS RELEASE: CHIEF OF POLICE

In follow-up to the discussion at the closed session held during the March 8, 2016 Board meeting, we have proceeded with the plan to name Captain Allen Scott as Dallas' next Chief of Police. We have finalized all of the details that were necessary prior to that action occurring, and Captain Scott's appointment will be effective immediately following Chief Buckner's retirement on Friday, April 29th.

As was also discussed at the meeting on March 8th, we have prepared a press release addressing both Chief Buckner's retirement and Captain Scott's appointment. This press release is being forwarded to the Gaston Gazette and a copy is attached to this email for your information.

GYM USE POLICY

As discussed at both the March 8th Board meeting and the March 22nd workshop, work has begun on developing a policy for opening up the Dennis Franklin Gym for uses beyond the current policy limitation of Town-sponsored events only. The Recreation Committee met earlier this week on this topic and will be bringing forward an initial recommendation for your consideration at the April 12th Board meeting. It was noted during the Recreation Committee meeting that the provisions of this proposed policy will have budgetary impacts, so this will continue to be addressed during the budget process.

As further indication of the growing interest in use of the gym, I received a gym usage proposal from another group this week after the Recreation Committee had already met. So that you will remain aware of all the expressed interest in this topic, I have attached a copy of this latest proposal. We will obviously not act on this directly at this time, but, as we continue the gym discussions during the budget process, I want to be sure you have all of the information that comes in concerning this facility.

APRIL AGENDA ITEMS

In addition to the items for the April Board meeting that were discussed at your March 22nd workshop, there are two additional ones that we now know will appear on that agenda, so I just wanted to give you a brief update as to what they will be.

One is a resolution to recognize Respect for Law Week. This same resolution has been adopted in past years. This year's resolution will designate the week of May 15th as Respect for Law Week in Dallas.

The other new item is an amendment to our Water Tower Option and Lease Agreement. This amendment addressed some modification of equipment on the water tower owned by New Cingular Wireless. As a result of this amendment, the annual rent paid to the Town by Cingular will increase from \$25,530 to \$28,884. This amendment was negotiated by CityScape Consultants, Inc., the company that handles all of these cellular agreements for the Town.

PROJECT UPDATES

Following the presentation given on the Town Hall Parking Lot Improvements project at your March 22nd workshop, Alfred Benesch & Company, the project architect, has moved ahead with the bidding process for this project. Benesch has contacted a number of companies to solicit proposals, and a deadline for receipt of bids has been set for April 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. The bids will be open at that time, so I anticipate a contract award for this work appearing on the agenda for your May 10th meeting.

One of the other projects we are looking to get moving is the sidewalk construction along Highways 321-B and 279-275, for which most of the funding is coming through NCDOT's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding. Our engineer for this project, Johnny Denton, and I have scheduled a meeting on this project with the DOT staff in Shelby for Monday, April 18th. I will update you on this again following that meeting.