

## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM  
City Manager

DATE: May 9, 2019

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

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1. Trails Master Plan Workshop

On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Department sponsored the second of two public workshops to solicit public input for the Trails Master Plan update. A total of 19 residents attended, including Councilmembers Esteve and Senn-Carter. The workshop featured information and displays reflecting input received from the first workshop, and included three alternative concepts for creating a major themed trail connecting City neighborhoods. The project consultant, Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, is preparing a draft Master Plan which will be posted on the City website in early June. A Stakeholders Meeting on the Plan update is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. A City Council public hearing is scheduled for September 3, 2019.

2. City Elections

Resident Adrian Boafu filed his candidacy paperwork on May 3 for District 3 Council seat.

3. Food Waste Collection Program

After a direct mailing effort the last week of April, the Food Waste Program has taken on over 30 new participants and is currently at 207 enrolled homes, up from about 170 before the mailing. As a reminder this program is only available in Belair Town II, Idlewild, Victoria Heights, Yorktown, Overbrook, Saddlebrook and Saddlebrook West and is quickly picking up pace. This project is a joint effort between the Planning Department and Public Works and has provided upwards of 20,000 pounds of waste to the County Organics Composting Facility. The success of the program was a part of the 2018 Leadership Award the City received from the Maryland Green Registry.

4. Water and Sewer Plan Amendment Decision

On Tuesday, May 7, 2019, the Prince George's County Council approved Council Resolution CR-18-2019 pertaining to proposed amendments to the County Water and Sewer Plan. In their action, the County Council denied one specific amendment of concern to the City (#18/W-07, The Redeemed Christian Church of God/Victory Temple). On February 19<sup>th</sup>, City Council voted unanimously to recommend denial of the application.

5. Economic Development Committee (EDC)

The Bowie EDC held their regular meeting Wednesday. Mr. Sterling Crockett, the Founder of AgriMed / Sativo, spoke about industrial hemp and other aspects of the non-medical side of the cannabis industry. The hemp plant is a close relative to the marijuana plant but industrial hemp growing and production is allowed by federal law whereas marijuana remains federally prohibited. The next regular meeting of the EDC is Wednesday June 12, 2019 at 7:30 AM.

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