

TO: Mayor Craig and Town Council  
FROM: James Morani, Town Manager  
DATE: July 12, 2019  
RE: Town Manager Report for July 12, 2019

- **The Meadows** – Interior work on Food City continues. Holiday Inn Express has started structural work. Pal's Sudden Service COA approval by the Planning Commission was sustained by the Town Council.
- **Green Spring Road** – This was open to the public on Monday, July 8. There are still pending items remaining for project closeout. There will be intermittent lane closures over the next three weeks.
- **Sports Complex** – Site preparation work continues.
- **Park Street Improvements** – The Town continues to wait for authorization from VDOT to conduct the official public hearing. Right-of-way plats have been prepared and can be presented to property owners after the public hearing.
- **Fields Penn House** – Matt Bundy with Bundy Architecture will attend the July 18<sup>th</sup> work session to provide an update.
- **Retirement** – Interior renovations continue.
- **College/Church Street One-way Conversion** – Per Town Council instruction, this project was scheduled after the construction of the new Green Spring Road. At this time, it is anticipated the project will commence after the Virginia Highlands Festival.
- **Sanitary Sewer System Inflow and Infiltration Study** – Flow monitoring of selected areas are currently ongoing. The Town is expected to have a deliverable in approximately three months.
- **Pickleball Courts** – Staff has developed a plan to install pickleball courts at the Coomes Recreation Center and the Community Center. More information will be provided in the next report.
- **Watauga Project** – Site preparation work is underway.
- **Trestle Study** – The RFP for engineering services has been advertised. Responses are due July 19.
- **Trestle Pressure Washing** – Pressure washing on trestle decks continues. Three more were completed over the past two weeks.
- **Russell Road Pedestrian Signalization** – Public Works will install immediately upon delivery of equipment.
- **East Main Street ADA Improvements** – Through a grant applied for by the Town, VDOT recently completed ADA improvements at several intersections on East Main Street.
- **Roadway Line Striping** – Several crews from Public Works crews worked overnight recently to complete centerlines and crosswalks in high-traffic areas.
- **Little League State Championship** – Kevin Worley and his staff continues to work with the Department of Public Works and volunteers to prepare for the 11-12 year-old Little League State Tournament, which Abingdon will host from July 17-24.
- **Veterans Park Restroom** – Construction is progressing.

- **Historic District Entrance Corridor Overlay District** – The Planning Commission reviewed a draft of an amendment to the overlay district. Based on comments from the Planning Commission, staff will present a revised draft at its July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
- **New Group Booking** – Abingdon will host a conference for the Virginia Education Association in 2020. This group of 600 represents the largest concentration of hotel overnight stays the Town has hosted. Through the Town’s agreement with LYNX, Tourism staff was successful to secure the booking. LYNX will transport group members to/from the conference site, hotels, downtown, and attractions.
- **Downtown Revitalization** – Tonya Triplett and I met with staff at Mount Rogers Planning District Commission to discuss grant opportunities for downtown redevelopment.
- **Comprehensive Plan Update** – EPR has submitted a final draft of the Visions and Goals has been submitted to the Town. The next phase will focus on land use and transportation.
- **Zoning Ordinance Update** – The Planning Commission reviewed a draft of the revised sign code at its June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. The sign code will require additional work. Land uses for zoning districts have been updated and are in the final review process.