



MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 20, 2021
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Dave Perrault, City Administrator
SUBJECT: State of the City Update

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| Budgeted Amount: | Actual Amount: | Funding Source: |
| N/A | N/A | N/A |

For Council Consideration

Council may provide further direction on the planning of the State of the City.

Background

The City Council was given a State of the City Update at its August work session. At that meeting it was not decided if the State of the City should continue in-person or take the form of a pre-recorded event. Currently, State of the City is scheduled for October 7th at 7:30 am at the Marsden Room located at the Ramsey County Public Works building. Council should decide tonight if it is going to continue in-person or change the delivery method. If instead Council decides to do a pre-recorded version, similar to last year, we are not held to the same timeline. If Council wants to continue with the October 7th event, we will need to formalize topics, speaking roles, and prepare a draft slide presentation for Council to review. Attachment A is the memo from the previous work session, and outlines potential topics. Those topics are summarized briefly below:

- City Points of Interest
 - City’s 70th Anniversary
 - Successful Community Events – Hot Dog with a Deputy, Penny Carnival, etc.
 - AH Foundation

Finance

- Financial Health of City

-Community Development

- Planning 101
- Ongoing Development Projects
- Affordable Housing Overview
- How Code Enforcement Complaints Are Handled

- Litigation Updates
 - Tobacco Resolution
 - TCAAP Update

- Public Works
 - City Construction Projects
 - Seasonal Hiring Issues
 - Lexington Avenue Project (County Speaker)

- Public Safety
 - RCSO and LJFD Overview and Stats
 - LJFD Fire Department Update

Direction being sought tonight:

- Format of event
- Topic finalization
- Assignment of topics
- Feedback on how Council wants to take questions

Pending Council feedback, Staff will begin a draft slide deck, have each Councilmember review their pieces and finally distribute to the entire Council for a final review.

Budget Impact

The budget for this event is approximately \$1,000. Should the Council want to do a pre-recorded event, the cost last year was \$549, this could be higher depending on the chosen format.

Attachment

Attachment A: August 16 Work Session Memo