



Good Afternoon,

This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of May 23, 2022.

**EPA Meeting** – Wednesday I attended a regional meeting with the EPA Region 5 Administrator Debra Shore, EPA staff, and fellow recipients of the recent brownfield grants. Members from EGLE were also in attendance along with some media. We had the opportunity to talk about how the individual grant awards will be used and the impact those funds will have on each of the communities. We were also invited to participate in a walking tour of some successful brownfield redevelopment sites located in the City of Muskegon. Ms. Shore emphasized the great opportunity communities have in receiving one of the competitive grants and reminded us how fortunate we are to be selected as a recipient. I was sure to thank the EPA for the award and invited them to visit Douglas.

**Campbell Road** – Progress on Campbell has been slow. Crews are installing conduit under the road this week. In preparation for the Memorial Day weekend, crew will grade and water the road to keep dust down. The hope is to be paving by the start of the second week in June.

**Phytoremediation** – I met with a landscape architect who is familiar with a process known as phytoremediation. It's a process that uses plant material (typically poplar trees) to help pull volatile organic compounds out of the ground. The process takes decades to work, but if property is undevelopable due to contamination levels, it may be a good low-cost option for contaminated sites.

**Center Collective** – I met with the developer of Center Collective. He is proposing a plan that follows the two underlying zoning districts on the property to plan both residential and commercial projects. He is anxious to continue the path forward with their project.

**Grass Mowing Requirements** – This is a friendly reminder to mow yards to avoid Zoning Violations. The City's Zoning Administrator will be issuing Notices to Abate for any properties not in compliance with Code of Ordinance 95.55 Weeds and Noxious Vegetation; Prohibited in Certain Places.

**Pride Event** – City staff worked with the Pride Committee to finalize details for the upcoming pride activities starting next week.

**Memorial Day** – City Hall will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Douglas Memorial Day parade starting at 10:00 am honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

That is all I have for now.

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