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Memo

To: Members of Dublin City Council
From: Dana L. McDaniel, City Manager 
Date: April 14, 2016
Re: City Council Bridge Street Work Session – Monday, April 18 at 6 p.m.

At your April 18 Work Session, the Administration will update Council on several key Bridge Street District initiatives; hopefully encourage Council discussion, input and direction related to decisions that need to be made for several of these initiatives; and provide a framework for likely items to be brought before Council for consideration in the coming months.

On Street Parking Management - Bridge Park East & Riverside Drive

Staff and Walker Parking Consultants have been analyzing both the needs and the most effective management approaches for the soon-to-be-available on-street parking located within the Bridge Park east neighborhood, and along relocated Riverside Drive. The enclosed memo outlines a number of the key considerations included in this analysis, as well as the recommendations which have emerged from these efforts. The workshop will include a demonstration of the type of on-street parking metering and management equipment and software being recommended by both City staff and our consultant. Staff and our consultant will be available to respond to any questions Council members might have. Staff seeks input on the findings and recommendations for the implementation of the on-street parking management system, and of course will bring back to Council any additional information requested. It should be noted that additional work and analysis is pending related to this effort, but an affirmation from Council that the recommended program is proceeding in the right direction is requested at Monday's Work Session.

Scioto Riverside Park Master Plan

After over two years of planning and extensive public engagement, the Administration is recommending that City Council formally approve the proposed Master Plan for the new park to be located along both sides of Scioto River within the Bridge Street District. Although a number of minor adjustments have been made to the plan during that engagement process, the plan has conceptually remained remarkably intact since its first major public review and presentation in October of 2013. Unless Council believes otherwise, it is the intent of the Administration to provide a final overview of this plan to Council at its April 18 Work Session, to respond to any questions or concerns, and to bring the plan to Council for formal approval within the next month. Council has already programmed the design and construction of the Scioto River pedestrian bridge (with design completion anticipated this year), and the design and construction of several elements within the Master Park plan (such as the plazas located at either end of the bridge) now need to move forward in a timely fashion. A memo, the proposed Master Plan and early stage estimates of probable costs of the planned park improvements, and some possible phasing concepts are included in this packet.

Library Update

A brief update of the most current activities associated with the new Dublin branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library will be provided at the Work Session.

Development Review Process

The proposed new Dublin Library and its associated garage, as well as the new Scioto Riverside Park will be subject to the City's Bridge Street District code review processes. Because of the Library's needed development agreement with the City of Dublin, the Basic Plan for the Library and the parking garage, as required in the Code, will come before Council for review and approval. As described further in the enclosed memo, and because of the very involved intergovernmental Public-Public-Public partnership associated with this project, the Administration is suggesting that Council consider serving as the formal review body for all stages of the development review process for this project. We are also suggesting Council play a similar role for the projects within the Riverside Park, in part due to the jurisdictional divide outlined in the enclosed memo and Council's active engagement in the River Corridor and park planning processes. Many elements of the park's implementation are impacted by, or included within Council approved development agreements.

West Bridge Street Framework Plan

As was discussed in the Bridge Street District Update portion of Council's recent retreat, the Administration is recommending that the City proceed with an effort (similar to the one associated with the River Corridor Framework Plan) be initiated for the West Bridge Street portion of the Bridge Street District. A more detailed memo on this subject is included in this packet.