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City Manager Report

June 14, 2024 – June 27, 2024

Meetings with agencies, boards, and committees:

- ***Planning Commission – June 20, 2024***
 - Received consensus from the Planning Commission to begin the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process for updating the City's Master Plan. The RFQ process will provide a baseline starting point for costs and other logistics of the plan, enabling the City to work with the Regional Grants Navigator to pursue grant funding.

Internal Meetings/Discussion/Projects

- Staff has completed the collection of 2024 applications for outside agency funding requests as of June 13, 2024. The review committee will score applications over the next couple of weeks prior to agencies who meet minimum scoring requirements presenting to the Council at the July 15, 2024 city Council meeting.
- The City of Florence is accepting sign-ups for the City's new communications initiative run through the Constant Contact platform. This initiative allows citizens to sign up to receive notifications and information on topics of their choosing. A sign-up form is available on the City's website.
- The City of Florence submitted a mini-grant proposal to the Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments (UAACOG) for proposed improvements to the Florence Municipal Pool.
- Since the City's migration to an electronic billing platform, enrollments in auto-pay and other features of the system as well as opt-ins to electronic billing have increased on a daily basis.
- Code Enforcement has been busy sending out notifications regarding weeds and other issues throughout the City as well as working with the County on plans to address properties adjacent to the City of Florence, but not within the City's jurisdiction.
- Staff is continuing to work on the lengthy processes of holistic code revision and fee updates. We expect to present another round of housekeeping-type code revisions prior to the end of the summer.