

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE (con't from front page June newsletter)**

The utility and sitework at the townhome project on Gentleman Road are set to begin soon. A definitive start date for the building has not been established as of yet.

The technical advisory committee at the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is recommending to their board that the City's Hillcrest Drive project be funded in 2023. This is a positive step for the City to have this project performed sooner than later due to inflation.

Halff and Associates firm is the designated company to assemble flood related projects for the state water development board. The San Antonio River Authority conducted a study of the City's portion of the Upper Woodlawn drainage channel first in 2004 and updated the plan in 2015. In the early 2000s, Bexar County assembled many flood control projects in a bond program, all of which are nearing completion. Balcones Heights' drainage system was not included in that packet. Hopefully, by adding the City's name to the list will result in being added to the next round of funding.

City department heads have begun space assessments for the move of certain city functions to Wonderland space B 61. We've engaged architect John Rogers to perform the work. He does work for Wonderland of the Americas on a regular basis and probably knows the facility probably better than most anyone. We will not know which functions may occupy this space until we complete this study and put a cost to it and a decision is made.

The Economic Development Corporation held a strategic planning session with Dr. Richard Lewis on May 18. Members of City Council were also present. Additional work on this plan will be held in July.

The City's new community relations manager, Mary Spence, started work mid-May. She comes to us with many years of service in a similar capacity at Schertz. Welcome, Mary!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or comments: [dharris@bhtx.gov](mailto:dharris@bhtx.gov) or 210-957-3541. Additional information may also be found on the City's website at [bhtx.gov](http://bhtx.gov).



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