

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors
From: Michael Spurgeon, City Manager
Date: May 5, 2017
Re: Notes to Council

1. STAFF REPORTS / ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

N/A

2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION

- Press Release – Kenosha Resurfacing Project Scheduled to Begin in mid-May
- Press Release – City of BA Accepts Deed to Former Bever Property

3. SPECIAL EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

- N/A

Respectfully submitted,



for Michael L. Spurgeon

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Attachments

2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION



PRESS RELEASE

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Kenosha Resurfacing Project Scheduled to Begin in mid-May
Two miles will be under construction until September

Broken Arrow, Okla. (5/1/2017) – The City of Broken Arrow is advising drivers that a nearly two-mile stretch of Kenosha (71st) Street, from Garnett Road to Aspen Avenue will be under construction until early September, weather permitting. The work is scheduled to begin around May 15.

The Kenosha Street mill and overlay project involves removing the old roadway surface and installing a new asphalt overlay. The project does not include the Olive Avenue intersection, which is planned to be addressed when Olive from Kenosha to Albany (61st) Street is improved.

Due to the extensive construction activity that will be taking place, drivers need to be alert and cautious of workers who will be on the roadway. The speed limit will also be reduced to 35 miles per hour. Motorists are reminded that traffic fines double in active work zones.

“Keeping Broken Arrow roads in good condition is a top priority for our community, and this resurfacing project will ensure that Kenosha Street will be a smooth road to drive on for many years,” said City Manager Michael Spurgeon. “We appreciate drivers’ patience during the construction, as the end result will be worth the temporary inconvenience.”

Voters approved the Kenosha resurfacing project as part of the 2014 General Obligation Bond package. Becco Contractors, Inc. will improve the road at a cost of \$825,959.

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City of BA to Accept Deed to Former Bever Property at City Council Meeting
Transfer of ownership kicks off plans to create memorial garden and park

Broken Arrow, Okla. (5/2/17) – Tulsa Community Foundation CEO Phil Lakin on May 2 will present a Special Warranty Deed to the Broken Arrow City Council, giving ownership of the former Bever family property to the City of Broken Arrow. The City Council is expected to accept the Deed at Tuesday night's City Council Meeting, which starts at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 220 S. First Street.

Private donors from Broken Arrow and throughout the Tulsa metro area gave \$50,000 to purchase the former Bever family house. City Councilor Mike Lester led the successful fundraising campaign to turn the property into a memorial park and garden, after the brutal killing of five family members occurred there in July 2015. Police arrested two brothers in connection with the crime. The notoriety of the murders has made the house a target of vandals and onlookers.

The lender has already demolished the residence. Several local companies have offered to donate time and materials to help construct the park, saving the City thousands of dollars and allowing the garden to become a reality much sooner. Those companies include Ark Wrecking, Waste Management Landfill, Roses Incorporated, Sanders Nursery - Berry Wholesale Nurseries, Davis Elliott Utility Contractors, Action Roofing and Magnum Construction.

The memorial garden will be merged with the existing Indian Springs mini-park bordering the property.

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