

Monthly City Administrator Summary

May/June 2026

The City continued to make steady progress across multiple departments throughout late May and early June, with a focus on infrastructure improvements, public safety, development planning, and organizational efficiency.

Fire Department

Significant progress was made at the state level regarding the Fire Relief Association. Legislative changes were successfully advanced and ultimately included in the statewide pension omnibus bill, which has now passed and is moving forward for final approval.

Additionally, the City continues to preserve its history and assets, including the transfer of the 1958 fire truck for refurbishment and potential community use in parades.

Public Works, Utilities, and Infrastructure

Efforts continued to maintain and improve core infrastructure systems:

- Drainage concerns at Joyce and Bryantwood were identified and referred to engineering for correction.
- Electrical repairs on Gateway Boulevard streetlights are completed.
- Tree replacement near the Post Office and ongoing seasonal maintenance activities were completed or initiated.

The City also responsibly managed public assets, including the sale of surplus equipment such as a pickup truck and fuel tanks.

Operationally, staff worked to improve service coordination with contracted utility providers and continued refining utility billing processes to ensure equitable and accurate rate structures.

Planning and Development

Planning efforts remain active and forward-looking:

- A concept plan for new townhome development was reviewed by the Planning Commission.
- A Conditional Use Permit application related to cannabis retail advanced through the Planning Commission and will be considered by the City Council.

These efforts reflect the City's continued focus on managed growth and economic development.

Code Enforcement

Code enforcement activity increased with seasonal demands:

- Rental license renewals are being prepared through a new permitting system.
- Property maintenance enforcement remains ongoing, including notices related to lawn care and compliance issues.

The City also addressed individual property concerns to ensure health and safety standards are maintained, including coordination with inspection officials when necessary.

Public Safety

Public safety operations remained steady:

- Repairs were completed on the community tornado warning siren system to ensure reliability.
- The City continues to coordinate with law enforcement on proactive communication regarding community concerns, including park use and rental property oversight.

Community Engagement

The City maintained a consistent level of communication with residents through website updates, alerts, and community notices covering topics such as:

- Seasonal maintenance (street sweeping, hydrant flushing, recycling schedules)
- Public safety information and weather awareness
- Infrastructure and construction updates
- Community events and civic engagement opportunities

Administration and Finance

Administrative efforts focused on long-term fiscal stability and operational improvements:

- Work began on the 2027 budget and capital planning.
- The City advanced preparation for 2026 bond issuance, including coordination with financial advisors and rating agencies.
- Continued improvements were made to utility billing systems and policies to ensure accuracy and fairness for all users.

Looking Ahead

Upcoming priorities include:

- Continued infrastructure projects and seasonal maintenance
- City Council review of planning and development applications
- Completion of budget planning and financial forecasting
- Ongoing improvements to service delivery and operational efficiencies