



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council
Cc: Dan Buchholtz, City Administrator
From: George Linngren, Public Works Director
Date: May 27, 2026
Subject: May 2026 Public Works Report

Please find below a summary of Public Works activities for the month of May:

- Preparations are underway for the Tower Days parade, and staff are working to ensure a successful celebration.
- Stump grinding continues following recent tree removals. Terry is progressing throughout the city and completing follow-up restoration with black dirt and seed. On Hayes and Garfield alone, more than 35 stumps are scheduled for grinding.
- Pothole patching has been ongoing citywide. Due to the number of areas requiring attention, this work will remain active throughout the summer.
- Ken has completed jetting more than three-quarters of the city's sanitary sewer system. His work continues to be thorough, and he remains a highly valuable member of our team.
- Our seasonal staff is now largely in place. The team is performing well, with a mix of returning workers and new hires.
- Park areas have been treated and fertilized, and all irrigation systems are fully operational.
- Budget preparation for next year has begun.

Additional meetings and activities this month include:

1. Attendance at two City Council meetings and a workshop
2. Participation in the monthly SUSA meeting
3. Attendance at the department head meeting
4. Meeting with the Metropolitan Council regarding proposed changes to bus stops at Osbourne and Monroe

This concludes the May report. I am available to answer any questions.