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TO: Council President  
City Councilmembers  
Council Appointees

FROM: Eric Norenberg

SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Following are updates on various topics for your information. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

### **Oberlin Fire Department**

- Construction Underway and LEED Gold Certification Probable: Fire Chief Dennis Kirin reports that work on the renovation/expansion of the Oberlin Fire Station is well underway. In recent days, building excavation and construction foundations have been accomplished. In addition, the US Green Building Council's review team has accepted all design credits requested in our LEED application for a total of 28 points. Combined with the remaining component (credits) at end of construction, the project continues to qualify at a potential LEED Gold certification level.

### **City Manager's Office**

- City Website Up and Running: The new and improved [www.cityofoberlin.com](http://www.cityofoberlin.com) website launched last week. The new site includes a special alert section for urgent notices, a calendar, a service request form and improved navigation. Most staff have already received training to update and maintain their department's web pages, so new content will be added over the next few weeks. For example, the regular City Manager Updates are being posted to the web site. Please let me know if you have any suggestions or comments.
- Follow-up Items from Recent City Council Meetings:
  - Letters sent regarding basketball hoops in the right-of-way: Due to concerns raised with respect to the safety of children playing in the streets using portable basketball hoops placed on curblawns, five residents were recently notified to remove the hoops.
  - Progress towards removing non-governmental signs at entrances to Oberlin: Each church or service club that has signs in the ROW at the entrances to Oberlin received a letter last week regarding removal of the signs by mid-August. The City Manager's Office has received one call with kudos for this initiative and one request for clarification from one of the churches, but no objections.
- Underground Railroad Center Progress: The Underground Railroad Center Design Team will meet on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to review the report from the Vision Council and to develop a work plan for the next few months. In addition, a web page will be added for the Design Team to post reports, documents, minutes, etc. and the final report from PSI has been sent to Vision Council participants.