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Friends,

I want to share a few updates with you, including introducing our new Constituent Services Director, LeeAnn Moss, revised short-term rental (STR) rules, the new DPW communications plan with neighbors, and quarterly budget reports.

Best,

NEW CONSTITUENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

Please welcome LeeAnn Moss to our office. LeeAnn is our new Constituent Services Director, working closely with Amanda, Nina, Aimee, and Claire on constituent issues. LeeAnn has over a decade of experience in the legal field, including her most recent position as a minute clerk in Civil District Court. She lives in Mid-City. We're excited to have LeeAnn join us. As a reminder, here is how to contact everyone in the office:

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SHORT TERM RENTAL (STR) UPDATES

Late last year, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the homestead

exemption requirement for residential STRs. The courts only gave City Council several months to reconfigure the rules, with a final deadline of March 31. Here is a brief explanation of what is changing:

These new rules go into effect July 1. If you have a valid, current permit, it will be extended through August 31. Tentatively, the new STR application period is set for July 1-13, with a lottery on August 14 (please continue to monitor the S&P page for new information). The new regulations include:

- Operator must reside onsite
- 1 owner permit per person
- 1 operator permit per person
- Owners/operators must be natural person (no LLCs)
- Owner/operator must be at least 18 years old
- Owners or operators must respond to STR office inspections within 1 hour
- 1 STR per "square city block"

A "square city block" is defined as one square encompassed by four public streets.

Block: A City-designated square, provided that where a square designation does not exist or cannot be identified, a block is defined as: (1) a portion of land enclosed by public rights-of-way, or (2) a portion of land enclosed by any combination of public rights-of-way, railroads, canals, bayous, rivers, and boundary lines of the City, whichever is smallest.

There are also two "special exemptions" or "release valves" available per square. These exemptions work similarly to the conditional use process: applicants must hold a Neighborhood Participation Program with neighborhood involvement; the City Planning Commission will review the application; and the City Council has final approval.

[Linked here is a brief overview](#) of the new rules, plus application requirements for residential STRs. A copy of these rules is **[linked here](#)**.

Safety & Permits will also hold several listening and training sessions for the STR rules:

<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>
May 10, 2023 at 2 PM	Virtual Listening Session. Comments will be limited to two minutes per person, with no ceding of time.	Held via Microsoft Teams. Register here .
May 19, 2023 at 10 AM	In-Person Hearing. Comments will be limited to two minutes per person, with no ceding of time. Written feedback, comments, and questions can be provided to str@nola.gov by using the subject line "R&R Comment" or by using this link .	Council Chambers
May 26, 2023 at 10 AM	In-Person STR Training.	Council Chambers
June 2, 2023 at 10 AM	In-Person STR Training.	Council Chambers
June 9, 2023 at 10 AM	In-Person STR Training.	Council Chambers
June 16, 2023	In-Person STR Training.	Council Chambers

NEW DPW COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

Residents understand the pain of roadwork, but they want to know about the progress of it, too. Our office is flooded with emails, phone calls, social media messages, and neighborhood meeting concerns about roadwork. To help with this, the Office of Neighborhood Engagement will contact each neighborhood association 30 days before their next meeting. The District A Neighborhood Engagement liaison is Cameron English (Cameron.English@nola.gov). She has already started contacting affected neighborhood associations to ensure residents' questions are known and addressed at the next meeting. For neighbors, please stay in contact with your neighborhood leaders. For the neighborhood leaders, please ensure comments and concerns are timely sent to Cameron. Hopefully, this will ensure better communication and project coordination.



QUARTELY BUDGET REPORTS

Remember last year, there was a significant budget surplus. We just wrapped up our first round of quarterly budget hearings in which every major City department presented their progress, achievements, hiring, and hurdles to the City Council. As Budget Chair, I remain concerned that diligent and timely spending of appropriated funds can only occur with proper management. As shown below, the funding of major projects is moving slowly:

ARPA Tranche 2 – Part 1

Tranche 2 Total Revenue: \$193,761,524

Department	Item	Appropriated	YTD Spent	Remaining
CAO	ARPA Administration Fee (3%)	\$5,820,000	\$0	\$5,820,000
CAO	Criminal Justice IT Overhaul	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$30,000,000
CAO	SWBNO Substation	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$0
CAO	Vehicles and Equipment	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$15,000,000
DPW	Catch Basin Cleaning	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$10,000,000
DPW	Right of Way Maintenance	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000
Finance	Medical Debt Payments	\$1,300,000	\$0	\$1,300,000
Fire	Fire Station Alerting System	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$2,500,000
NOEMS	Medical Supplies, Rescue Tools, Equipment	\$1,800,000	\$0	\$1,800,000
Health	Firearm Safety Campaign	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
Health	Health and Hygiene Needs for Vulnerable Populations	\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000
Health	Sobering Center Operations	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$4,000,000
Health	Unhoused Populations Program	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000
NOPD	Crime Lab, Training Academy, Central Evidence Supplies	\$3,200,000	\$0	\$3,200,000
NOPD	Recruitment/Retention	\$32,500,000	\$0	\$32,500,000
ORS	Together New Orleans Solar Project	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
Workforce Investment	Workforce Development Training for Youth	\$1,700,000	\$0	\$1,679,955
Youth and Families	Pathways and Summer Success Programs	\$900,000	\$0	\$900,000
PSSS	Grounds Patrol Expansion in the French Quarter	\$1,950,000	\$0	\$1,950,000
OCJC	Allocations to CASA New Orleans	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
OCJC	Assistance to nonprofits working with justice system impacted individuals	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
OCJC	Complete funding for Covenant House	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000
OCJC	Funding for Sexual Trauma Awareness & Response	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
OCJC	Juvenile Probation, parole, diversion, and conflict resolution programs	\$4,850,000	\$0	\$4,850,000
TOTAL		\$140,135,000	\$15,000,000	\$125,114,955

Our expectation is that a significant part of these funds are expended when second-quarter reviews begin on June 26. To see how the ARPA funds are being spent, please check out the ARPA Dashboard at nola.gov/arpa. Please remember that meetings are open to the public and can be streamed on the [Council's YouTube page](#).

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