



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: MAY 23, 2023**

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKS WEEK 2023

ISSUE:

Recognize the department's employees and their efforts.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receive and file this report and presentation.

BACKGROUND:

Each year the American Public Works Association (APWA) promotes National Public Works Week. This year, Public Works Week is May 21st – 27th and the theme is "Connecting the World" The APWA celebrates that, "Public Works is the thread that connects us all, no matter where we live in the world. Every public works professional strives to improve the quality of life for the community they serve, leading to healthier, happier communities."

DISCUSSION:

The Public Works Department is responsible for delivering many of the core services that residents and businesses rely on daily. From providing clean, safe and well-maintained roadways to handling the disposal or reuse of solid waste and wastewater, our staff are dedicated to providing the highest level of service possible, 365 days a year. During this time, we would like to recognize the efforts of our employees who are the backbone of our department providing services in:

ENGINEERING

Capital Projects
Engineering Design
Land Development
Surveying
Traffic Management

FIELD SERVICES

Graffiti Abatement
Landscaping and Trees
Public Parking
Solid Waste
Street Maintenance

WASTEWATER

Biosolids Disposal
Cogeneration
Collection System
Environmental Compliance
Treatment Services

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

As a Department, Public Works makes meaningful contributions to all six Strategic Priorities. In particular, Public Works makes significant contributions towards Priorities 5 and 6:

High Performing Government: Provide world class public service that is efficient, accessible and responsive to all.

Infrastructure, Mobility & Connectivity: Ensure safe, reliable infrastructure that benefits the community and facilitates connection between people, place and information.

Further, the department aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The Public Works Department endeavors to involve the community in its work through inclusive engagement efforts and is responsive to community requests for service.
2. **Equity** – The Public Works Department has assisted in bringing millions of dollars in grant revenues to fund infrastructure projects across the City.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The Public Works Department relies heavily upon leveraging existing resources towards grant funding opportunities.
4. **Innovation** – The Public Works Department has recently installed new bicycle facility types, covered stormwater channels to provide pedestrian walkways, installed an award-winning stormwater diversion facility, and developed unique pedestrian & bicycle master planning documents, amongst other innovations.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The Public Works Department works to ensure newly-installed infrastructure and preventative maintenance practices will help Riverside to remain resilient in the face of rising temperatures and changing weather patterns.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation