

February 2024

Cromwell Mayor and Manager Update

Dear Residents,

The Town Council held a series of department workshops on January 11th and January 18th, where many town departments presented their mission statement, goals and objectives as well as shared the programming and services their department manages.

The Plan of Conservation and Development was reviewed during these workshops. This document is our 10-year economic and development plan. The entire plan is available to review on the town website and contains survey results from residents, goals for future investments, and concepts for new economic development. Highlights include residents wanting additional recreational opportunities including biking trails and pedestrian connectivity. There will be a public hearing on February 20th, 2024 for any resident to provide additional feedback.

In partnership with the Cromwell Lions the town is now collecting plastic bags for the Bags to Benches Program. Plastic bags can be brought to the Cromwell Transfer Station at 100 County Line Drive in Cromwell on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

The Town Council approved a Curbside Pick Up Pilot Program. Items including certain appliances, tires and furniture may be placed on the curbside and picked up by Transfer Station personnel for a fee. The fee ranges from \$2.50 to \$20 dollars depending on the nature of the item. The fee for items to be picked up must be pre-paid at Town Hall and prescheduled. For more information, please be on the look out for an upcoming press release on the Town's website and social media page.

The budget season is quickly approaching. Public Workshops will be held to review the Town Manager recommendations on March 4th at 4:30 pm, March 6th at 4:30pm and March 11th at 4:30pm. These meetings will include a department-by-department review of the budget including capital expense projects. The Long-Range Capital Planning Committee has met to review priorities which this year will include drainage infrastructure.

Finally, the Town and Fire District have met to discuss opportunities for collaboration. We developed the following guiding principles for future discussions. These core values will guide us moving forward. 1. Increasing efficiency; 2. Maintaining excellence in service and; 3. Transparency. The next steps will be to get quotes for a jointly funded audit to determine areas of duplication while staying true to the values outlined above. To ensure transparency at each month's Council and Commission meeting we will give updates as the progress of this project to our respective boards.

As always please reach out with any comments or concerns!



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Mayor



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Town Manager