

Councilmembers,

Good afternoon. This is my update for week ending 1/22/2021.

- On Tuesday, the Planning Commission took action on a conditional approval for a proposed sign for JP's Waterfront. The approval was contingent upon confirmation that the sign is not located in the existing right-of-way.
- Also, on Tuesday, the DDA expressed support for the façade grant application submitted by Sean Delpaz. I will be meeting with Mr. Delpaz next week to go over the required documentation to submit for a formal allocation of the grant.
- As you may recall, the old pumper truck for the Fire Department had been placed on the MITN website for purchase. The deadline for bids was last Friday. There were some inquiries about the truck, but no bids were submitted. The truck has been reposted with a closing date of February 19, 2021 for bids.
- On Wednesday, Clerk Lehr conducted the election risk limiting audit. No issues or discrepancies were found in this procedure.
- Earlier today, the MDHHS issued an updated order for Gatherings and Facemasks that goes into effect February 1, 2021 and ends February 21, 2021. On February 1, 2021, indoor dining in restaurants will be permitted with specific contact-tracing requirements. The updated General capacity limitations at gatherings states: *Indoor gatherings are prohibited at non-residential venues, except where no more than 10 persons from no more than 2 households are gathered.* The State has not released an updated FAQ, but I would interpret this as meaning in-person public meetings will not be permitted until at least February 21. A copy of the updated MDHHS order is attached to this message.
- As of this afternoon, Wayne County has reported that Gibraltar has had 259 cumulative cases of COVID-19 and 11 deaths. Out of 43 communities in Wayne County, Gibraltar is 39th of 43 communities in total cases, and 34th of 43 communities in terms of COVID fatalities.
- From January 14-21, Wayne County has reported 2, 139 new cases of COVID-19. While this number is concerning, the average number of cases and deaths per day are significantly lower than December.
- You all should have received a Zoom invite for Monday's City Council Meeting. However, in the event that it ended up in your spam folder, I have attached an invite with this message.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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