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**Updated Intergovernmental Agreement for Micro-Surfacing:** This ordinance replaces the previously passed ordinance and corrects errors which were in the original version.

**Budget:** I have completed an unofficial preliminary budget for each department. If there are any additions or corrections, please submit them to me for inclusion in the final budget and appropriation to be formally presented during the May meeting.

**Cancellations:** Due to extended Covid-19 restrictions, we need to consider the probability of interference with upcoming events. Even if the state begins to ease restrictions in June, it is likely there will be continuing limits on the number of individuals allowed at gatherings for a considerable amount of time. Although it may seem like there is still time to avoid a decision at this point on some events, I'd like to remind you, many of these events have an impact upon our budget as well:

Circus: This was scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> and will now be postponed until 2021.

Rummage Sales: These were scheduled for May 7-9 and cannot be held this month. Our options are to postpone on a monthly basis or cancel entirely and only hold the fall sale.

Cleanup Day: This was scheduled for May 16 and cannot be held this month. Our options are the same as the rummage sales, but we could also place a large dumpster at the City shed for people to dispose of their discarded items (with some restrictions).

Freedom Festival/Fireworks: Scheduled for June 26-27. Our options:

1. Continue as planned.
2. Fireworks only.
3. Cancel entirely.
4. Postpone the fireworks until the fall festival.

Park Program: Our options are to either postpone on a monthly basis or cancel entirely.

Postponing would also potentially force the program to operate during the hottest part of the summer which increases other safety risks.

**Push Tax research:** I was asked by Mayor Meador to research the Push Tax Ordinance proposal being presented tonight. Currently, Oak Lawn, Illinois is the only community to pass such a tax, imposing a one cent fee for every time a gaming machine button is pushed. Subsequently, every business in that community has failed to collect the tax, except for one location which provided an "estimated" payment. The Illinois Gaming Machine Operators Association has filed a six-count lawsuit against Oak Lawn claiming (1.) the ordinance is unconstitutional; (2.) the ordinance violates the Illinois Gaming Act and (3.) the technology required to comply with the ordinance is cost-prohibitive and would force the locations to close. To give you an idea of the potential financial impact to local businesses, observe the following table:

# City Administrator Report

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4/27/2020

Jan 2020 - March 2020	
Maroa Locations	3
Total Amount Played	\$ 1,224,137.82
Total Amount Won	\$ 1,129,981.00
Net Wagering	\$ 94,156.82
Average Wager	\$ 1.00
Estimated Pushes	1224138
Tax per Wager	\$ 0.01
Potential Tax	\$ 12,241.38
AVG Tax Per Location	\$ 4,080.46
AVG Monthly Tax	\$ 1,360.15
QTR TAX/NET	13%

Based on an average wager of \$1.00 (a high estimate) per push, the tax imposed would amount to a \$1,360.15 monthly cost to each location and translates to a 13% loss of net proceeds to our local businesses. I believe this would severely jeopardize our local businesses. Due to the potential hardship created, coupled with the uncertainty of the pending ordinance litigation, I recommend not proceeding with this option.

**Maroa Youth League:** I have been advised, the Maroa Youth League is awaiting a decision from the Tri-County Board to determine if summer events will be delayed or cancelled altogether. Once this decision is made, the City will be notified.