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“Acting Mayor Gary McCarthy Marks First Hundred Days in Office”

List of Accomplishments Highlights First Hundred Days

SCHENECTADY – Schenectady Acting Mayor Gary McCarthy marked his “First 100 Days” in office last week with the initiation of a cost saving paving program that will more than double the number of miles the city paves per year. The hot melt recycling program caps an ambitious list of accomplishments and initiatives over the past 100 days.

- **Agreement To Have Schenectady Handle Rotterdam Sewage** – The new agreement creates additional revenue for the City while utilizing equipment and processes that are already in place. An excess of \$100,000 revenue for water and sewer is projected for the next year.
- **Saved the City \$17,794 On Summer Payroll by Partnering with the County and City School District** – Under the agreement, Schenectady County will hire five park attendants and 14 lifeguard positions through the Schenectady County Job Training Agency. Each position will pay \$9.50 per hour for 20 hours a week. The City of Schenectady will reimburse the County \$2.25 per hour, per individual with the County paying the remainder of the \$9.50 per hour rate. The County portion will be paid for through an agreement with the Schenectady City School District to administer a \$430,000 New York State Department of Labor grant that will provide 460 City youth with summer job opportunities.
- **Recyclution** – A new waste recycling program developed to raise public awareness of the importance of waste recycling. One ton of recycling removed from the waste stream represents a disposal cost savings of \$68.42. If recycling were to increase by only 1,000 tons per year, the cost reduction would be \$68,420.
- **Code Enforcement Neighborhood Initiative** – An outreach program into all of the neighborhoods focused on the conditions improving the quality of life throughout the City of Schenectady.
- **Healthcare** – Talks are underway with Local 1037 and CSEA to find ways of reducing healthcare costs while not sacrificing coverage.
- **Established City Volunteer Corps** – Enrolled in the “Cities of Service” program and initiated volunteer events where residents and city employees worked side-by-side on volunteer projects.

- **Developed More Responsive Government** – Maintains an “Open Door Policy” in the Office of the Mayor and personally responds to or directs to department heads more than 100 calls a day. He has also established a series of Community “Meet & Greets.”
- **Police Patrol Ride-alongs** – The Mayor is riding along on police patrol calls to evaluate call volume and improve response effectiveness.
- **Sale of the Mayor’s Car** – Realized \$7,701 and reduced expenses through the sale of the Mayor’s Jeep.
- **Partnering with Union College on Street Projects** – Talks are progressing regarding the Seward Place paving project and installing delineated crosswalks on Union and Nott Streets.
- **Directs Marriage Fees Back to the City General Fund**
- **Improved Relationship with GE**