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Technology - Accela



- On February 22, 2023 City Council authorized the service contract with Accela for the implementation of the Land Use Management system.
- City Attorney's Office working on developing the contract.
- The project timeline is expected to be 26 months.
- A team of subject matter experts from the department and our ITS support, will lead the efforts of overseeing the successful implementation of the new system.



Technology – Pdox Enhancements



- The enhancements that could be developed internally by our ITS team have been completed.
 - Changes to the application home page
 - Eliminate permit types that do not require plan review.
 - Platting requirement
 - Requirement checklists links added to permit types
- Vendors for Pdox and Posse are currently working on providing a quote for the enhancements that will be developed by them.



Technology – Call Center and Queueing Systems



- Cisco Jabber and Cisco Finesse systems have been installed on all agents' computers.
- Upcoming training for all agents and supervisors on how to navigate the system.
- New QLess queueing system currently with the City Attorney's to prepare contract documents



New Initiatives – Affordable Housing



- Partnership with the Housing And Neighborhood Revitalization Department.
- A team of seven members, including plans examiners, lead inspectors, a senior project coordinator, and one administrative staff has been established.
- The team will support developers and contractors with affordable housing single-family projects.



New Initiatives – Minor Commercial QTeam



- Appointment-based and in-person paper submittals.
- Same day expedited plan review for qualifying projects.
- Officially started operating, January 31, 2023.
- 11 applications received for the month of February.



New Initiatives – Liaisons



- Enhancement to customer service delivery
- Two senior project coordinators and two project coordinators
- Liaisons to facilitate communication and assist with potential issues with the permitting process



Recruitment and Hiring



- Seven hires were completed in the month of February 2023.
- From a total of 344 positions in the department, 69 positions were still vacant at the end of February [a vacancy rate of 20%].
- Four of the seven hires were lateral moves from within the department or internal promotions.



Metrics – Monthly report Card



- Residential Permit Submittals

Dallas Development Services Department Performance Goals FY2022-2023			2022			2023									
Metrics	Goal	FY21-22	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	YTD
# of Residential Plan Review Submittals															
Residential New Homes	N/A	2,533	174	121	115	116									526
Residential Additions	N/A	496	105	94	86	74									359
Residential Remodels	N/A	198	244	188	166	176									774
Average # of Days for Initial Review															
Residential New Homes/Additions	15 Days	17	23	18	9	4									14



Metrics – Monthly report Card



- Commercial Permit Submittals

Dallas Development Services Department Performance Goals FY2022-2023			2022			2023									
Metrics	Goal	FY21-22	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	YTD
# of Commercial Plan Review Submittals															
Commercial New	N/A	1,343	11	10	6	8									35
Commercial Additions	N/A	1,343	19	17	28	16									80
Commerical Remodels	N/A	1,499	281	247	404	281									1,213
Express Plan Review (Q-Team)	N/A	842	23	16	20	23									82
Express Plan Review Minor Commercial (Q-Team 2)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A									-
Average # of Days for Initial Review															
New Commercial/Remodels	15 Days	12	10	10	11	10									10
Express Plan Review (Q-Team)	15 Days	7	5	5	2	3									4
Express Plan Review Minor Commercial (Q-Team 2)	15 Days	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A									-



Metrics – Monthly report Card



- Customer Advocate

Dallas Development Services Department Performance Goals FY2022-2023			2022			2023									
Metrics	Goal	FY21-22	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	YTD
Customer Advocate Group															
# of Walk in Customers	N/A	13,549	2,803	2,590	2,459	2,771									10,623
# of Permit Trade Permit Transactions	N/A	1,795	224	171	182	201									778
# of Commercial Consultations	N/A	2,634	329	315	289	265									1,198
# of Residential Consultations	N/A	7,152	412	390	390	372									1,564
Average Wait Time for Over the Counter Permits	<=25 Minutes	27	26	26	25	27									26
Call Center															
# of Calls Handled	N/A	67,244	6,202	5,836	5,384	5,625									23,047
% of Abandonment Rate	10%	29%	13%	16%	7%	20%									14%



Metrics – Monthly report Card



• Engineering

Dallas Development Services Department Performance Goals FY2022-2023			2022			2023									
Metrics	Goal	FY21-22	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	YTD
Water/Waste Water Engineering Team															
# of Submittals	N/A	955	81	108	91	117									397
# of Plans Reviewed	N/A	884	57	90	105	107									359
Average # of Days for Initial Review	15 Days	16	17	15	21	33									22
Paving/Drainage Engineering Team															
# of Submittals	N/A	1,187	103	100	87	101									391
# of Plans Reviewed	N/A	1,108	101	90	97	100									388
Average # of Days for Initial Review	15 Days	32	46	49	47	53									49
Traffic Engineering Team															
# of Submittals	N/A	158**	62	54	45	34									195
Number of Plats Reviewed	N/A	134**	89	45	61	55									250
Average # of Days for Initial Review	15 Days	24**	26	32	26	32									29



Relocation to 7800 N Stemmons - update



- Building renovation is in progress with anticipation of the first phase of move in by early to mid second quarter.





- OPEN DISCUSSION





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