



# City of Seat Pleasant

Office of the Director of Economic Development  
Director Weyimi Ayu

## A SMART CITY OF EXCELLENCE

**“Seat Pleasant offers Smart City Services that are better, faster and personalized making it a City for Me using information and communication technology, with the internet of things”**

Department Name Economic Development

Date of Report December 4, 2017

Reporting Period November 2017

**Summarize significant department progress for the reporting period that is indicative of providing services that are better, faster and personalized, make it a City for Me, using information and communication technology with the Internet of Things (IOT).**

- The Economic development department staff along with Department contractors have been locating vacant houses around the city since the recent fire that occurred at a vacant property, we have been working diligently to obtain additional houses in the city to combat our vacant housing epidemic. Recently we were able to purchase 4 new vacant homes for only \$300,010.
  1. we purchased 6112 Addison Road which is already being worked on to become our first “Smart Home”.
  2. 6224 Foote Street was the house which had a fire, the department negotiated with Bank of America to purchase the house for \$10
  3. 6003 Seat Pleasant Drive purchased from Fannie Mae for \$125,000
  4. 710 71<sup>st</sup> Ave was purchased for \$85,000
  5. 716 Cabin Branch Drive which was purchased for \$90,000
- Hired a New Real-estate Broker Shameeka Price, Principal of Capital Structures LLC.
- The Housing Trust Fund “Smart Home” Initiative has been making some tremendous progress at 6212 Addison Road from the interior to the exterior.
- Submitted Bid Package recommending General Contractor for Seat Pleasant Smart City Modernization project. USDA stated the documents were reviewed and have been sent for final review and concurrence.
- Received letter of concurrence to approve General Contractor for Swing Space from USDA
- Director Ayu accompanied the Mayor to The University of Oklahoma for the Public Service Institute.
- Director Ayu met with Habitat to Humanity to establish a lucrative relationship that will be able to benefit the city soon.
- Director Ayu met with the State of Maryland to expand the Smart Buy program here in the City of Seat Pleasant
- Director Ayu attended along with the Mayor, Council, and City Staff to the National League of Cities Conference.

- The Grants Management Division received a new Grant from COPS regarding community oriented policing. Our Grants Manager Kyrthlyn Rhoda who wrote the grant worked hard to receive the highest score on this grant in the state. This grant will allow us to hire one additional community policing officer.
- The Grants Management Division also submitted a grant for Home Depot and we are currently awaiting a response.
- Director Ayu negotiated with the Nation’s top planning firms Skidmore to hire them pending council resolution to develop the City’s Master Plan; the department also negotiated the price for the master plan from \$100,000 to \$35,000

Office of the City Treasurer

**Revenue**

Line Item **6-5100 – 6-6602**

FY2017 Budget (Previous Year)	FY 2018 Budget (Current Year)	FY 2018 Actual (Current Year)
\$70,000.00	N/A	N/A

**Expenditures**

Offers 1.1 to 1.8

FY2017 Budget (Previous Year)	FY 2018 Budget (Current Year)	FY 2018 Actual (Current Year)

\$70,000.00	\$6,320,626.00	\$6,094,639.12
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**Attachments: Net Suite for Economic Development**