



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 28, 2011

TO: Mayor Joanne Ward and City Council Members
City Employees
Members of the public

FROM: Fred Deltorchio, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: Interim City Manager's Weekly Report

Overview of Report: The following topics are included in this week's update:

Citizens Finance Advisory Ad Hoc Committee: On Monday, the City Council made five appointments to the newly formed Citizens Finance Advisory Ad Hoc Committee. Congratulations to the appointees: Frank Batara, Virgil dela Vega, Gabriel Naguit, Hector Rubio, and William Wilkins.

Return of former City Manager Long: This week, the City Council voted to bring back former interim City Manager Charlie Long to serve as a consultant for the City. Mr. Long's contract is still being negotiated, but is expected to go to Council for approval at the first meeting in February. Mr. Long will be working on various redevelopment issues including the Bayfront development, and will be reporting directly to the City Manager. Mr. Long will also be available as an advisor for our Senior Managers.

Interim City Manager Contract: As previously discussed, my contract is now available on the [City's website](#) for public review.

Town Hall Meeting: I mentioned in my report last week that we would be hosting a town hall meeting, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 15. Due to a previously scheduled event being held in the Council Chambers (Black History Month Art Exhibit), I am working with staff to hold this meeting on Wednesday, February 16. We should have this date finalized next week.

ITC: The following items were completed this week related to the ITC project:

- City staff met with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) on Friday, January 21st to review possible revisions to the project funding and construction phasing plan. Following the recommendations from this meeting the City is updating the funding plan to align with the anticipated project schedule.
- The City continues to meet with state, regional and federal funding partners to identify additional funding sources for the project. At the present time there is much uncertainty at both the Federal and State level.

Preliminary environmental assessment of future school site completed: The City has completed the first hurdle in preparing the location of the City corporation yard for a future elementary/middle school site. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has evaluated the environmental conditions of the project school site and has declared “no further action” is necessary in regards to clean up activities that will protect future students, teachers and other school personnel who may occupy the project site.

DTSC has based this finding on the Supplemental Site Investigation (SSI) and subsequent Addendum Report submitted by the City. This report consisted of data collected from groundwater monitoring wells and soil and groundwater samples from the site which were analyzed for hazardous substances.

Affordable Housing Transition: Three administrative staff members (Rochelle Samuels, Carlos Miranda and Matthew Farrell) of the Planning and Building Departments are currently being trained by existing Affordable Housing Solutions Group staff on intake procedures for loan submittal applications, and Annual Compliance verification reports. The transition agreement with Affordable Housing Solutions Group officially ends February 22, 2011. The City Council also agreed to hire a full time housing project manager, so we have begun the steps to create the position and recruit qualified candidates.

Possession for Sales: On January 19, 2011 at 1228 a.m. a Hercules Officer stopped a vehicle in the Lucky’s parking lot. Robert Reyna of Hercules was subsequently arrested for possession for sales of methamphetamines. He was transport to the Main Detention Facility in Martinez.

Robbery: On January 23, 2011 at 12:19 a.m., a resident in the 100 block of Paradise reported an acquaintance threatened him with a metal pipe and stole his car stereo after they both got into a fight over a borrowed video projector. Hercules Detectives and the Parole Fugitive Apprehension Team are actively searching for the suspect.

Recklessly Evading Police: On January 26, 2011 at 4:07 p.m. a Hercules Officer attempted to conduct a vehicle enforcement stop on Manzanita Way. The suspect, Michael Verette of Hercules sped away and officers pursued. Verette was subsequently arrested after he abandoned his vehicle in the 100 block of Shepard. Verette was booked on felony charges for evading a police officer and violation of probation.

Crime Stats: The Hercules Police Department reported a 10 percent overall drop in serious crimes in 2010. Two homicides occurred in Hercules last year, equaling the number of homicides in 2009.

Reports of assaults increased from 104 in 2009 to 111 last year, a 6.7% increase; arsons increased from 2 to 4; burglaries decreased from 125 to 74, a 40.8% decrease; rapes increased from 2 to 3; robberies decreased from 15 to 12, a 20% decrease; motor vehicle thefts increased from 75 to 81, an increase of 8%; and larceny decreased from 220 to 201, an 8.6% decrease.

In all, there were 488 reported serious crimes last year in Hercules, compared to 545 in 2009, which represents a 10 percent decrease.

Year	Assault	Arson	Burglary	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Car Theft	Larceny
2009	104	2	125	2	2	15	75	220
2010	111	4	74	2	3	12	81	201
Change	6.70%	100%	-40.80%	0%	50%	-20%	8%	-8.60%