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DATE: March 11, 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:

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**Waterfront Task Force:** On Thursday, March 10, the Waterfront Task Force held their second meeting. Mr. Charlie Long, who is overseeing the Task Force, prepared [a summary](#) report of the items discussed at the meeting.

**ITC/Bayfront Update:** Below is a summary of the work that was completed related to the Intermodal Transit Center/Bayfront project.

- On Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> City staff and Anderson Pacific held a conf. call as part of the continued efforts to collaborate in the development of a Joint Phasing Plan for the ITC/Bayfront Project.
- City Staff attended a technical workshop offered by the Urban Greening Grant Program, SGC in Oakland on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>
- On Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> City staff was able to meet with: Dept. of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and California Natural Resources Agency. A summary of the ITC/Bayfront project components was provided which focused on

green/natural elements within the project. While the focus was on the Urban Greening grant opportunity there are actually two possible programs for grant opportunities:

- 1) California River Parkways (applications accepted in May)
- 2) Urban Greening (concept applications in April)

The City and Anderson Pacific will be working together to develop the Concept application(s) over the next few weeks to pursue these grants for the project.

**Sycamore North:** On Tuesday, the Council authorized the expenditure of \$2,253,058 to continue construction of Sycamore North for the next 60 days. We have retained a broker to sell the project, however, we have been highly encouraged to continue construction for as long as possible to maintain the value of the project, even at a slowed pace.

**Citizens Financial Ad Hoc Committee:** The Ad Hoc Citizens Finance Advisory Committee will now be combined with the Finance Subcommittee. The meetings will take place on the first and third Tuesday of the month beginning at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers. The meetings will be audio recorded as previously determined by the Council. Members of the community are encouraged to attend.

**Community Events:** On Tuesday, the City Council took the recommendation of the Community and Library Services Commission to suspend three community events and look for additional cost saving measures on the continuing events. The events that will be suspended are the Annual Tree Lighting, Community Update and support for the Martin Luther King Celebration. The events that will continue are the Farmers Market, Golf Tournament, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Cultural Festival. Our Parks and Recreation Staff will also be looking into the possibility of continuing the Community Clean up if the overall cost to the City can be reduced.

**City Council Summary:** This week's City Council meeting was packed, so I've included a summary of a few of the noteworthy items that went before Council:

- The City Council formally authorized the cancellation of four contracts: WestCAT for bus wraps, Joe A. Gonsalves and Son for lobby representation, Brent Salmi for engineering services and Fernandez Commercial Cleaning for landscaping services at Hercules Fitness. The total annual savings is approximately \$381,437.
- The City has entered into an agreement with Goldfarb and Lipman for legal services related to the redevelopment agency. Retaining a law firm who specializes in redevelopment law was one of the preliminary recommendations made by MRG. Our counsel, Ms. Lynn Hutchins is a redevelopment specialist and has already begun working with staff to review various projects.

- At the recommendation of staff and the Financial Ad Hoc Committee, the City Council also decided to suspend all work related to the HMU substation. Since the project and several major expenditures had already been authorized by the Council, staff will be working with each of the manufacturing companies responsible for the various components to determine the least costly route for stopping work. This may mean continuing the work and then selling the item when complete.

**Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner:** Next Saturday, March 19, the Hercules Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual awards dinner at the Community/Swim Center. The dinner honors the Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Educator of the Year, Youth of the Year, Women of the Year, Police Officer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year and a Special Recognition. This is a great event where Hercules honors those that have contributed to our community. Tickets are \$35 and must be purchased in advance. Anyone interested in attending can purchase tickets online at the [Chamber office](#).

**Vandalism:** On March 5, at 7:06 p.m. a citizen reported several street lights not working in the area of Victoria Crescent West. Officers located two electrical ground stations with the covers removed. One of the stations had some of the wires cut, but it did not appear that any wire was taken. The Police Department is asking that if you see anyone tampering or removing electrical covers to contact them immediately. You may prevent a wire theft from occurring.

**Domestic Violence/ Firearm Seized:** On March 5, at 10:22 p.m. Officers responded to a residence in the 1000 block of Sanderling for a report of a female being choked by her husband. Nicolas Humphrey, from Hercules, was arrested for domestic violence and transported to County Jail. A handgun and rifle were confiscated from the residence.

**Attempted Residential Burglary:** On March 7, at 10:05 a.m, Officers were dispatched to the 700 of Turquoise for a report of an attempted residential burglary that had just occurred. The victim reported a Black male adult had attempted to enter his residence through the back door. The suspect removed the screen and then fled when he saw the resident. The suspect was last seen driving down Turquoise in an older brown Ford sedan with no license plates. There were no other occupants seen in the vehicle. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

Four car and two additional residential burglaries occurred during the week. Please remember to always lock your car and home and never leave valuables, or objects that look valuable, in your vehicle.