



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 8, 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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Budget Discussion: Last Tuesday at the Finance Subcommittee, Finance Director Liz Warmerdam and I discussed the upcoming budget process and necessary cuts to bring the general fund budget from 18 million to 10.5 million. We are asking all members of the public to attend the upcoming City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers to provide their input on essential City services. The City provides a wide variety of programs and services that benefit the community and many of these vital programs may be cut. We are seeking the community's input to determine which services and programs they consider to be the most important. All stakeholders: residents, business owners and employees, are highly encouraged to come Tuesday night to speak to the Council.

MRG Report Update: Staff is still reviewing a draft of the final report from Municipal Resources Group. I do not expect the report to be complete until the week of April 18th. We will be posting the final report to the website and in my weekly as soon as it is finalized.

Carson Street Landslide: John McGuire, Chief Building Official, continues to monitor Carson Street for the possibility of additional sliding. Since the rain has subsided for some time, we believe that the land is not currently moving. On Thursday, the HOA completed testing for asbestos at 233 Carson Street, however, the City has advised the HOA that we cannot issue a demolition permit until we receive an updated geotechnical report advising the City how the hill will react and what remediation measures will be necessary to protect the other structures in the event the hill moves. Staff is concerned that any attempts to remove the damaged homes may result in further damage to the surrounding structures. We have advised residents, especially those in the four yellow tagged homes, to be cautious and aware of possible movement. The City maintains that the HOA is responsible for the damages because the hillside is owned by them.

Barillas Commendation: Hercules Police Explorer Sgt. Christian Barillas received a letter of commendation from Cpl. Alex Abetkov for his quick thinking and dedication to the preservation of human life. Explorer Sgt. Barillas took action to call for help when he discovered an unconscious driver on his way to school. He did not standby idly but quickly initiated CPR and then took the initiate to direct traffic when additional help arrived. Great job Explorer Sgt. Barillas.

Duck Pond Park: The park project managers are working with HMU to get the power for the park online. In order to bring the power into the park, there will need to be a temporary shutdown of power to the local area, but the shut down should not be for more than an hour. HMU will notify effected customers when the shutdown is scheduled. The landscapers will be onsite today to resume the work that was delayed due to weather.

Check Registers: At the request of the community and members of the Finance Subcommittee, the Finance department has created a page, called [Disbursement List](#) for the weekly check registers. Registers are posted every Monday.

Pedestrian Struck by Vehicle: On April 4, at 8:24 p.m. a vehicle traveling west on Sycamore at Civic struck a 14 year old pedestrian in the crosswalk. The pedestrian traveled 65 feet before coming to rest in the middle of Sycamore. She was struck on her right side and complained of head and leg pain. The driver pulled over immediately and said she never saw the pedestrian. The pedestrian was air lifted to a hospital. The driver did not display any symptoms of being under the influence and submitted to a blood draw. It was later reported that the pedestrian was in acute care.

Possession of an Illegal Weapon: On April 4, at 11:42 p.m., Officers responded to the Swim Center for twenty subjects involved in a physical altercation during a Quinceañera party. The subjects left in a red Dodge and a white GMC. An officer stopped the Dodge

Ram and arrested Yovani Hermosillo from San Pablo, for a pair of brass knuckles found in his possession. Hermosillo was transported to County Jail.

Pursuit of a burglary and Auto theft suspect: On April 6, at 3:20 p.m., officers responded to Rite Aid for a burglary that had just occurred. Officers located the suspects black Ford at the intersection of Sycamore and Willow Avenue. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle and a pursuit ensued. The suspect vehicle hit one vehicle near Sycamore and Willow and proceeded onto San Pablo Avenue at speeds up to 80 miles per hour. Officers notified Pinole Police that the vehicle was heading west on San Pablo Avenue into the City of Pinole. The suspect vehicle hit two vehicles at the intersection of San Pablo and Tennant in Pinole and proceeded to hit a Pinole Police vehicle at the intersection of San Pablo and Oak Ridge.

The driver, Java Taylor of Richmond, was booked in to County Jail for burglary, possession of a stolen vehicle, misdemeanor hit and run, felony hit and run, and assault with a deadly weapon. One of the passengers, Verdina Nix of Concord, has an outstanding warrant for an unrelated theft.