



MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 6, 2011

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

FROM: Fred Deltorchio, Interim City Manager
Special Thanks to Anton Jungherr and Lori Chinn for Assisting with the preparation of this Report

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: The Finance Department's primary focus is working on the Fiscal year 2011/12 Budget. Individual department heads are meeting with the Finance Director and presenting preliminary budget numbers. We anticipate presenting the preliminary budget for review by the community in late May, 2011 in a workshop format through the Citizens Financial Advisory Ad Hoc Committee.

The Citizens Financial Advisory Ad Hoc Committee: The committee met on Tuesday evening May 3, 2011 and received presentations on the proposed FY 2011/12 budgets for Parks and Recreation and the HMU. The possible appraisal and sale of the Yellow Freight property was also considered. John Stier also presented a Wastewater Update on the cost of moving our

wastewater to West County versus staying with Pinole. No staff recommendation was made. **The meeting summary** has not yet been posted. When the summary is posted it will be available on [the Finance Sub-committee](#) webpage.

Carson Slide: The K Rail barricades will be removed from the street on May 23, 2011. The City had requested they be removed sooner, however this was the soonest the rental company could remove them. If the slide advances no further the City will probably lift the state of emergency resolution at the May 24, 2011 City Council meeting.

Sale of City Owned Homes: Frank Fox, Property Manager, reported the following activities on city owned homes listed for sale with various local real estate agents:

312 Boatswain #2 List price \$119,000/Sale price \$119,000 Escrow closes May 4, 2011

16 Amber Court List price \$169,900/Sale price \$170,000 Escrow closes May 23, 2011

701 Windsor List price \$90,000/Sale price \$108,000 Escrow closes June 3, 2011

1209 Devonwood List price \$144,000/Sale price \$139,000 Escrow closes June 3, 2011

127 Oxford List price \$238,000/Sale price \$238,000 escrow closes June 18, 2011

The monies obtained from the sale of these city owned homes are required to be returned to the City's Redevelopment Agency Affordable Housing Fund.

Grand Jury Report: The City received Grand Jury Report No. 1104, "Elected Board Membership." The report compares compensation for elected officials serving on city councils and town boards in Contra Costa County. The city is preparing its response to this report and will post it when completed. A copy of [Grand Jury Report No. 1104](#) is posted on the city website.

Sister City Update: On April 26, 2011, the City made a donation of \$1,500 to the American Red Cross to support tsunami relief efforts in Japan. For more information on this relief effort visit www.redcross.org.

Market Hall: Red Barn filed a request for a one year time extension to continue their administrative use permit. The time extension request is scheduled to be heard before the Planning Commission at their May 16, 2011 meeting.

Police Activities: The police department reported the following activities this week:

Battery: On April 29, 2011 at 4:58 a.m. a citizen reported she was assaulted by two male subjects on Lupine near Woodfield Park after she flashed her high beams at a vehicle. The

suspects blocked the victim's path and then opened her car door, punching her several times. One of the males was wearing a red hat with letter "C" on the front and a white T-shirt. The other male was wearing a blue and white striped shirt.

Garage Fire: On May 1, 2011 at 6:25 p.m. The Rodeo-Hercules Fire District responded to the 200 block of Starling for a fire in a garage. Hercules Police assisted with evacuating the neighboring homes and traffic control. The fire was extinguished within minutes and involved only the garage area. The fire was apparently caused by a clogged clothes dryer vent.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon: On May 1, 2011 at 8:34 p.m. Officers responded to the 100 block of Paradise for a 12 year old juvenile who struck a 16 year old juvenile with a "Razor" type scooter. The older juvenile and his friend were teasing and laughing at the 12 year old. Upset, the 12 year old threw the scooter at the victim, striking him in his mouth and causing his two front teeth to be knocked out. The 12 year old was arrested and transported to Juvenile Hall. The victim's mother took him to an emergency room.

Public Intoxication/Battery on a Peace Officer: On May 2, 2011 at 8:45 p.m. officers responded to the 800 block of Willow for an intoxicated subject harassing customers. Robert Viera, of Richmond, was arrested for public intoxication and transported to County Jail. On the way to County Jail, Viera spat at the transporting officer. Viera also kicked one of the patrol car doors. Viera was placed in a restraining device and booked at County Jail.

Traffic Notification: On May 10, 2011 The Hercules Police Department, CHP and Office of Traffic Safety will be hosting an "Every 15 Minutes" Program at the Hercules High School located at 1900 Refugio Valley Road in Hercules. Refugio Valley Road between Partridge and Redwood will be closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Please plan to follow alternate routes and traffic delays.**