



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 3, 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 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 Citizens Finance Ad Hoc Subcommittee is scheduled to meet this evening, June 3, 2011 at 6 p.m. to discuss the budgets for our Police Department. This is an important discussion for both our overall city budget and the future of Hercules public safety. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Bayfront: Council Member Kuehne attended the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) meeting on May 27, 2011 and reported that WCCTAC approved Hercules' request for \$300,000 of Subregional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program (STMP) funds. Mr. Long gave a presentation supporting this funding request and answered questions from the committee. There was concern that limited STMP funds were being dispersed on a "first come, first served" basis without taking into account project priority. Mr. Long and Council Member Kuehne reiterated that the Hercules ITC is one of the most significant transportation projects in the Bay Area and should have the full support of WCCTAC.

The STMP funding request was approved subject to the three conditions outlined in Mr. Long's memorandum to WCCTAC Executive Director, Christina Atienza, dated May 17, 2011:

1. Approval of the extension of the \$9.1 million of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding by the California Transportation Commission.
2. Advance of funds to occur after July 1, 2011.
3. Demonstrated progress on environmental approvals and land acquisition.

To ensure these conditions are met, WCCTAC is requesting an update on the ITC project at its June, 2011 meeting.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission will consider the following items at the next meeting, Monday June 6, 2011:

Extension of the Administrative Use Permit at the Market Hall Site: The applicant is Jerry Klima of ABC Tree Farms. The requested use permit extension includes three major events; a Halloween Festival with pumpkin sales, a Christmas Festival featuring a tree lighting ceremony and a certified Farmer's Market.

Outdoor Dining Area at the Biryani House Restaurant in the Willow Shopping Center: Applicant seeks to add an outdoor dining area which includes alcohol consumption.

Citizens Ad Hoc Committee – Legal Issues: At their June 1, 2011 meeting, the Committee reviewed and approved the final draft of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for City Attorney Services. The RFP will be posted to the City website and to professionally related media outlets such as Western City Magazine, the Recorder, and Municipal Management Associations of Northern California to name a few. The deadline for submittal of proposals is Friday, July 1, 2011.

At the next meeting of this Committee, scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 2011, 7:00 p.m., the Committee will discuss procedures for processing and reviewing the proposals submitted and procedures for interviewing and presentation of recommendations to the City Council. The Committee will also begin preparing questions for the interview portion of the process.

Carson Slide: The barricades have been removed from the street. The City has not yet received a response to requests to Congressman Miller's Office for information regarding possible federal assistance.

Sycamore North: City negotiators continue to work with a potential buyer to finalize a purchase deal. We hope to have a completed proposal for the City Council to review by their June 14, 2011 meeting.

Housing Sales: The residence at 1209 Devonwood was sold for \$125,000. The escrow is scheduled to close on June 21, 2011. The residence at 127 Oxford is under agreement to sell for \$238,000 and scheduled to close on June 8, 2011. All monies from these sales are required to be returned to the City's Redevelopment Agency Affordable Housing Fund.

Public Safety Activities:

Search Warrant: On May 27, 2011 at 7:30 a.m., Officers served a Search Warrant in the 200 block of Sharon in Rodeo. Marcus Peppard from Rodeo was arrested for possession of counterfeit money and is currently in County jail. A search of Peppard's residence revealed more counterfeit U.S. currency, computer equipment used to print the currency and a small amount of Methamphetamine.

Robbery: On May 27, 2011 at 6:10 p.m., Officers responded to a robbery that occurred in front of Chase Bank. A juvenile reported another juvenile took forty dollars from her hands. The suspect was last seen running towards the Shell Gas Station. An area check for the suspect was done but he was not located.

Recovered Carjacked Vehicle: On May 27, 2011 at 6:55 p.m., two Hercules officers assigned to a Memorial Weekend County Wide DUI Task Force located an unoccupied Honda Civic that was carjacked on 4/1/11 in Dublin. The vehicle was recovered in the parking lot of Casino San Pablo.

Possession of Stolen Property: On May 29, 2011 at 3:27 a.m., an officer saw a subject pushing a vehicle on Willow Avenue under I-80. The vehicle had been reported stolen to CHP on 5/26/11. Erika Wilkerson, from Hercules, and Martha Jones, from Vallejo, were arrested. Jones had methamphetamine and stolen checks in her purse. She was just released from jail this month for auto theft and was on probation for a firearms violation. Wilkerson had also been previously arrested for auto theft. Both went to County jail.

Auto Burglary: On May 31, 2011 at 10:20 a.m., a citizen reported that she parked and locked her vehicle and went inside the Chase Bank while leaving her purse in her car, in plain view. A white male wearing a black hood and a #11 jersey smashed a window on her car and stole her purse. The suspect was last seen running behind the building towards Sycamore.