



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 4, 2011
TO: Mayor Myrna de Vera and City Council Members
City Employees
Members of the Public
FROM: Liz Warmerdam, 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 weekly’s update:

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GENERAL – CHANGES IN SCHEDULE: Please remember that as of July 1, 2011, City Hall will be closed every Friday due to budget cuts. Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Department will be closed every day from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. for lunch due to staff reductions.

PLANNING & PROJECTS

Intermodal Transit Center (ITC) Environmental Impact Report (EIR): On Tuesday, August 9, 2011, the City Council will receive a presentation on the ITC EIR and decide if it will certify the Final EIR. The document can be found on our website at http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/index.aspx?page=604.

**Bayfront Project:** Staff is working on reports to the Planning Commission and City Council for the Final Environment Impact Report and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Bayfront project. We are still waiting on the Final EIR from the consultant so it can be reviewed and brought to the Planning Commission for a recommendation.

**Sycamore North:** As discussed at the Council meeting held on July 26, 2011, Bridge Housing has sent the City a letter indicating that they are stepping aside for now until the City can decide which direction it wants to go regarding the project. The City Council will shortly be in discussions with legal counsel to fully understand the impacts of all options being considered.

**Red Barn:** Staff continues negotiations with Red Barn LLC to facilitate a sale to a new buyer/developer that will seek new entitlements at the property and terminate our relationship with Red Barn. Several proposals from both the City and Red Barn have been discussed. No settlement has been reached to date.

## **WASTEWATER**

The Council will decide on August 9, 2011 whether it wants to continue to do business with the City of Pinole to treat its wastewater. Should the Council choose to stay with Pinole, that will be the first step in beginning the process of planning and designing an upgrade and expansion of the plant.

## **CITIZENS LEGAL ISSUES AD HOC COMMITTEE**

On July 27, 2011, the Citizens Legal Issues Ad Hoc Committee conducted the last interview of the ten (10) applicants. The Committee also completed the ranking of all candidates and has forwarded their recommendation of the top four (4) to the City Council. The City Council will be scheduling interviews with the four (4) candidates and make a selection. Once the selection is made, a contract will be negotiated and approved in a public meeting of the City Council. It is anticipated that the new City Attorney will be on board mid to late September, 2011.

## **BUILDING & MAINTENANCE**

The building and maintenance staff continues to work to keep our City looking beautiful. I would like to share some of the things they have been working on this past week:

- Meeting with EBMUD on ways to reduce and better track water usage;
- Quotes have been received for replacement of 2 Bradford Pear Trees that were knocked down in an accident on Refugio Valley Rd. The trees should be replaced in the next few weeks;
- Goats are still working on Lupine hillside;
- Two sections of street light wires were cut and stolen in Baywood. The wires will be replaced by staff. There is a concern that copper theft may be on the rise again. It is our understanding that the City of Pinole had some street light wiring stolen as well;
- Graffiti has been removed from numerous locations around town and is an ongoing process;

- Staff continues to use the Work Alternative program for litter control and weed abatement;
- The sewer relocation project is in its final stages of clean up. Punch list will probably be completed in next two weeks;
- Staff is working on various items to facilitate the opening of Sycamore Avenue including moving the fencing, trailers and securing other equipment;
- Installation of site furnishings continues at Duck Pond Park. Large area planting is about to start;
- Staff is refurbishing three (3) trash cans for installation at Duck pond Park;
- Signs for Duck Pond and Frog Pad Park have been ordered for completion and installation by staff;
- Two (2) animal carcasses (cats) were removed from centerline of Turquoise that were dumped illegally.

## **PARKS & RECREATION SERVICES**

Park & Recreation Offices are closed every Friday. In addition, effect, August 1, 2011, Monday, fees for many city services, programs, and activities have increased.

**The Senior Center:** The Senior Center / 50+ Adult Activities hours of operation are now from 10a.m. - 2 p.m. For more detailed program times, please visit <http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/index.aspx?page=174>

**Request for Proposals for Before and After School Services:** The City received two (2) proposals for operating the City's Before and After School Programs at our three (3) elementary school sites. Staff will be reviewing the proposals and presenting them to Council in the coming weeks.

## **POLICE REPORT**

**Possession of Stolen Property:** On July 27, 2011, at 12:10 p.m., an officer responded to the 200 block of Scotts Valley for a dirt bike driving recklessly in the area. The officer stopped the bike which was driven by a 16 year old male from Hercules. Michael Sherman, 7/20/92, from Hercules, was also contacted on scene and said the dirt bike belonged to him. The bike had been reported stolen to Richmond PD on July 25, 2011 during a residential burglary. Both subjects were arrested. The juvenile, who was also on probation for burglary, was transported to Juvenile Hall and Sherman was transported to County Jail

**DUI Collision/Obstruction of Justice/Probation Violation:** On July 28, 2011, at 2:50 a.m., officers responded to multiple calls of a crash on Gloucester at Canterbury. Mathew Romero, and Ronald Eusey, both of San Pablo, were standing next to a vehicle that had collided into a stop sign and light post. The vehicle sustained major damage and came to rest on the grass area near the community pool. Romero admitted being the driver and was arrested for DUI. Eusey was arrested for obstruction of justice and a probation violation.

**Suspicious Event (Online Report):** On July 28, 2011, at 11:41 a.m., a citizen reported that on July 18, 2011 she was at Refugio Valley Park with her children when a subject took photos of

her and the children while they were at the children's play structure. The subject was described as either Hispanic or White, 28-34 years old, 6'2", 220-230 lbs., short brown hair, brown eyes, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and blue carpenter style jeans. He was last seen walking towards the Tennis Courts. The citizen was contacted and advised to report any future similar incidents right away.

**Disturbance:** On July 29, 2011, at 11:26 p.m., officers responded to the 1000 block of South Shelter for several men smoking marijuana in the street, being loud and causing a disturbance. Upon arrival there were several subjects hanging out in front of a residence and several more uninvited guests arriving for a resident's birthday party. The resident was given his first warning verbally and instructed to keep everyone inside the house. At 1:32 a.m., officers responded back after receiving additional complaints of the noise and associated parking complaints. The resident was issued a second written warning, the party was shut down and officers remained in the area until it was completely dispersed. Several vehicles associated with the party were cited for various parking violations.

**Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon/Resisting Arrest:** On July 30, 2011, at 10:10 p.m., officers responded to the 3900 block of San Pablo for two subjects that were taking boxes of tiles from pallets in front of a restaurant. Officers detained two subjects matching the description of the two subjects taking the tiles. A third subject, Clyde Anderson, from Oakland, attempted to walk away and a brief foot pursuit ensued. Anderson was located in the Shell carwash entrance. He continued to resist and placed his right hand in his waist band while officers attempted to take him into custody. Eventually, Anderson was handcuffed and officers located a loaded handgun in his right front pant pocket. The two other subjects fled the area while the officers struggled with Anderson. Anderson was transported to County Jail for being a felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, possession of a concealed firearm, possession of a loaded firearm and resisting arrest.

**Indecent Exposure:** On August 1, 2011, at 12:09 p.m., an employee at a business in the 3700 block of San Pablo reported a subject exposed himself while standing outside the front door of the business. The subject was described as a Black male, 20-30 years old, wearing a yellow hat, a dark colored shirt and orange shorts.