



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 11, 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 unanimously voted to certify the Final EIR for the ITC project. This is a huge milestone for the City, our funding partners, and for the Waterfront efforts in general! Thank you to all members of the public, to the Council, staff and the consultants who have worked on this project for many years.

Bayfront Project: The 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. This is the next major milestone for the Waterfront that we hope to complete in the next six (6) weeks.

Sycamore North: Staff is hoping to have Sycamore Avenue open by the end of the month. Before that can happen though, we need to stripe the lanes and install the last stop sign at Sycamore and Tsushima.

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

At the last City Council meeting, August 9, 2011, the Council unanimously voted to move forward with the partnership with Pinole. That partnership includes the major undertaking of planning, designing, upgrading and expanding the Treatment Plant. More information will be provided on this as the process moves forward.

CITIZENS LEGAL ISSUES AD HOC COMMITTEE

This committee did an outstanding job interviewing and selecting a final group of attorneys for the City Council to consider. The committee's next task will be to review the City Council's rules of procedure and the Pinole Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant Joint Powers Agreement.

PARKS & RECREATION SERVICES

Park & Recreation Offices are closed every Friday. In addition, effective, 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 from 10a.m.- 2 p.m. For more detailed program times, 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.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

- Staff is working towards establishing a citizen volunteer program that would assist our street maintenance staff identifying hazards and maintenance issues. For more information please contact John MacGuire at 799-6525.

- The demolition of Ohlone School has begun. Plans were reviewed and approved by the Division of the State Architect. The parking lot at the park will be closed and as a result, access to the dog park and soccer fields will be limited to foot traffic only.
- Water meters that are no longer in use have been discontinued throughout the City resulting in an approximate \$15,000.00 in savings per year.
- Electrical wiring for street lights on San Pablo Avenue between Hercules Avenue and Kinder's Restaurant was stolen. The estimated cost of repairs is approximately \$3,500.00. As a result, the lights are not functioning and will be repaired as soon as possible. If you have any information regarding the theft, please call the Hercules Police Department at 510-799-8260.
- Our plea for help on the illegal dumping has yielded some success. KTVU 2 ran a story three times about dumping in Hercules. Dumping seems to have subsided for now but citizens are encouraged to call the Police Department or the Building Department if anything is observed.

POLICE REPORT

DUI: On August 5, 2011 at 3:26 a.m., an Officer contacted Kristina Handley of Crockett on Cummings Skyway at State Route 4, who had disabled her vehicle by flattening her tire. Hanley had collided with an unknown object bending her L/F rim and puncturing her tire. Handley admitted to driving and the Officer administered a field sobriety test. At the conclusion Handley was arrested for DUI and she provided a blood sample at HPD and was released with a citation.

DUI: On August 5, 2011 at 3:31 a.m., while en-route to cover the Officer above, another Officer came across a blue Hyundai weaving in both lanes of SR4. The car pulled off on Christie Rd. and stopped. The driver, Ronald Turner of Oakland, had been drinking. He was arrested for DUI and provided a blood sample at HPD. Turner was booked, issued a citation and released to a family member.

Vandalism/Theft: On August 8, 2011 at 2:25 p.m., an Officer was dispatched to the 3600 block of San Pablo Avenue for a report of copper wire theft that occurred sometime during the evening. Public Work noticed several of the in-ground box covers were out of place and discovered the cut wires. Total replacement and repair of the wire is estimated at \$3,300.00. As a caution to the community, there will be no street lights along San Pablo Avenue between Tsushima and Hercules Avenue until the repairs are done.

Outside Assist: On August 9, 2011 at 11:58 p.m., a Hercules Officer joined in a pursuit initiated by Pinole Police Department on SR-4. The suspect vehicle, a 2006 Honda Accord, had been reported stolen from Oakland. The driver, James Lewis of Richmond, led the Officers to Franklin Canyon where Lewis collided into the shoulder of the highway causing the R/F tire to fall off. Lewis continued to flee eastbound on SR-4 at speeds in excess of 100 mph on three tires and one rim. Seven minutes and eleven (11) miles later, Lewis exited Alhambra at which point the Honda spun 360 degrees. A short distance later, Lewis attempted to flee on foot and was subsequently arrested by officers.