



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 18, 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 & REDEVELOPMENT:

Redevelopment Dissolution: As many of you know, the Governor signed legislation (ABx1 26 & 27) that called for the elimination of Redevelopment as of October 1, 2011 unless cities opted-in and made remittance payments to the State. On August 11, 2011, the California Supreme

Court agreed to review the California Redevelopment Association and League of California Cities' petition challenging the constitutionality of that legislation. The Court's order stays (or suspends) the process of dissolution throughout California. For Hercules, this means we have additional time to analyze whether or not we want to opt-in to Redevelopment. While the Court will most likely not make their decision until January, our attorneys have recommended we continue our plan to discuss and decide our opt in/out position, but to do so in September, 2011 which would allow additional time for further analysis, interpretation and clarification. As a result, we will be presenting the matter to the Council on September 13, 2011 which we hope will include several growth and no growth scenarios.

Bayfront Project: The staff has set a target schedule for the certification of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Bayfront project. We expect to have the Planning Commission review the project approvals including the EIR on September 19, 2011 and then to the City Council on October 11, 2011

Sycamore North: Acting Police Chief Bill Goswick and Senior Planner Robert Reber attended a neighborhood meeting at the Bayside neighborhood this past Sunday, August 14, 2011 where residents discussed the Sycamore North Project. Council will be discussing the possibility of creating a task force or potentially a real-estate committee to better address the critical issues surrounding this important project and potentially other real estate related efforts throughout the City.

Additionally, our staff has installed a new stop sign, stop legend and crosswalk in anticipation of Sycamore opening. Our Contractor is also scheduled to install a double yellow and single white fog line this week.

CITY ATTORNEY & CITY MANAGER SELECTION PROCESS

The City Council will be conducting interviews of four (4) city attorney candidates this coming Saturday, August 20, 2011. The City Council hopes to make a decision within the next few weeks.

Regarding the City Manager recruitment, the first round of interviews will take place on Saturday August 27, 2011. The City Council will be discussing the process to involve the community at their next meeting August 23, 2011.

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 10 a.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. The Staff will be reviewing the proposals and presenting them to the City Council in the coming weeks.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

Staff is working towards establishing a citizen volunteer program that would assist our street maintenance staff in identifying hazards and maintenance issues. For more information please contact John MacGuire at (510)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. **A ground breaking ceremony is tentatively scheduled for the beginning of September, 2011. More information will be provided as it becomes available.**

POLICE REPORT

Domestic Violence: On August 13, 2011 at 12:57 a.m., Officers responded to Pinnacle Court for a report of an altercation between the husband and wife. An investigation revealed that the wife was the aggressor and both sustained injuries in the altercation. The wife requested to be transported to the hospital. Neither party desired prosecution and officers will forward the case to the District Attorneys Officer for review Corporal Injury/Mental Evaluation. On August 14, 2011 at 2:56 a.m., Hercules Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Sparrow regarding a battery. The victim reported that his wife had scratched him and hit him several times with a wooden cane. Officers evaluated the responsible for mental illness and determined that she fit the criteria for an evaluation. The wife was transported to County Hospital.

Possession of Stolen Property: On August 14, 2011 at 12:11 p.m., Hercules Officers contacted Melvin Russell of Rodeo at 800 Willow Ave. Russell was carrying a black laptop bag and was found to be on searchable probation. During the search, a cell phone, a phone charger and a computer mouse was located and it appears the owner of the property is a business by the name of "La Clinica". Officers were unable to confirm that the property was stolen and seized the property for investigation. At approx. 3:30 p.m., the victim was contacted and it was determined that the property was taken from the Victim's vehicle while he was fishing in Rodeo. On August 15, 2011 at 2:09 p.m., Russell was taken in to custody by patrol officers.

Burglary: On August 14, 2011 at 4:12 p.m., Officers responded to the 100 block of Emerald for a residential burglary. Officers determined that the suspects kicked open the side garage door and took a 60 inch LG Plasma TV, a 47 inch Toshiba LCD TV and a PS3.

Intoxicated Juvenile: On August 14, 2011 at 7:42 p.m., Officers responded to the 100 block of Paradise Drive for a report of subjects using/selling narcotic in the area. Officers located a male subject passed out near the 139 building. The subject who was determined to be a juvenile was extremely intoxicated and claimed amnesia. Due to his intoxication level, the juvenile was transported to the Richmond Kaiser hospital where he was treated and released. No other criminal activity was discovered.

Lost Firearm: On August 15, 2011 at 3:37 p.m., a resident in the 100 block of Beechnut reported a .38 caliber revolver was missing from the residence. It was last seen in 1999.

Auto Burglary: On August 16, 2011 at 7:21 a.m., an employee at a business in the 700 block of Alfred Nobel reported his truck was broken into and three laptops that were left in plain views were stolen. It occurred between 0500 hours and time of call.