



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 21, 2011

TO: Mayor Myrna de Vera and City Council Members
City Employees
Members of the Public

FROM: Steve Duran, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager's Weekly Report

Overview of Report: The following topics are included in this weekly's update:

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FUNDRAISER FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE BRAVO FIRE - OCTOBER 22, 2011

The Rotary Service Club will be hosting a fundraiser/dinner at the Hercules Swim Center to help the families that were affected by the fire at the Bravo neighborhood on **Saturday October 22, 2011**. For more information on how you can help or to buy tickets, please contact Rotary President, Dee Lopez at (510) 299-5799, (510) 724-0997 or deliamlopez@aol.com.

HELP LIBRARY GALA, 5th ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE - OCTOBER 23, 2011

The Hercules Emergency Library Project (HELP) is conducting a community-wide fundraising campaign to ensure that the Library remains open 40 hours a week. The financial crisis in Hercules meant that the city was forced to cut the library's hours. Unless \$50,000 can be raised for this fiscal year, the Library will be open only 35 hours a week.

In an effort to raise these funds this year, HELP is sponsoring a masquerade party on **Sunday, October 23, 2011**. There will be dinner, dancing, drinks and prizes. Masks are optional but encouraged and can be purchased at the door. Evening events include a no host bar by the Lions Club from 5p.m. to 6:30p.m., dinner from 6:30 p.m.to 8 p.m. and dancing from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

PROJECT AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Bayfront Project: The Vesting Tract Map, which is dependent upon Implementation Agreement being finalized. The project requires a General Plan Amendment, Zone Text Amendment, Zone Change, Amendments to existing Waterfront Initiative Development Agreement, and adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring Program, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Findings of Facts. A Special Planning Commission public hearing is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. to hear these items. The City Council voted unanimously to certify the “Hercules Bayfront Project” Final Environment Impact Report (EIR) on Tuesday night, October 11, 2011

Remaining ITC/Bayfront approval schedule:

Date/Deadline	Task
Oct. 27	Planning Commission – Special meeting <i>Continue Bayfront hearing</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public notifications already done • Vesting tentative map with conditions • General Plan Amendment • Zoning Designation Change • Zone Text Amendment • Implementation Agreement
Nov. 1	City Council – Special meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase & Sale Agreement (PSA)
Nov. 8	City Council meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bayfront approvals
Nov. 9	File Notice of Determination @ County Recorder

Sycamore North: Staff continues to review, clarify and qualify a number of offers for the purchase of the project and will update the City Council in closed session on October 25 under confidential negotiations. It is hoped that business terms, which will form the basis of a purchase and sale agreement, can be approved in November.

Building Department Summary:

(7 days of business between October 3rd and October 14th)

Number of permits issued----- 18
 Building permit fees collected----- \$8,136.22
 Number of inspections----- 43
 Number of rental inspections----- 8

Public Works Maintenance Summary:

- The City experienced a wastewater overflow at the Victoria Lift Station. Andre’s Mechanical has brought the station back into service and other than some minor continuing problems appears to have it fixed. The cost to repair the lift station so far is approximately \$19,000.00 with more billings to come. A meeting has been scheduled between staff and Andre’s Mechanical to discuss the cause of the overflow and to prevent any future occurrences at this lift station or any of the others.

- The retention Pond at the Corporation Yard continues to be drained into the concrete holding tanks. I have asked Pinole to take samples and test for heavy metals. We should have the results on Tuesday and if they come back clean we will dispose of the water in the concrete tanks to make room for the rest of the water in the pond that could be contaminated the closer we get to the bottom. Once that water is tested we can decide what to do with it. Staff has advised Carone and Company to be ready to start back up with the pond closure as early as the end of next week. Once the pond is closed we can take down all of the remaining fencing that surrounds it. This will be a huge improvement in the appearance of the yard.
- When Duck Pond Park was built the contractor installed a portable shaker next to the Corporation Yard at Willet and Sycamore to extract the fines. When he was done he left all of the remaining material on the site. This has created an eyesore attributable to the Corporation Yard that should not be. Staff has asked the contractor to come back, remove the materials, and grade the lot. I have been assured it will be done by next week. If it is, it will be another big improvement for the overall site.
- The City continues to experience wire theft in its streetlights. Staff is working to fix this problem and as soon as we have identified a tried and true method we will begin to use it everywhere. I am accumulating the bills so we have an idea of the losses so that we can set up an account in the future with funding for such activities. Right now, the thefts are being paid for out of Lighting and Landscaping funds that are not designated for such use and will undoubtedly cause some accounts to be over budget.
- The Sewer Relocation Project has been inspected and a punch list has been forwarded to the contractor. The contractor has completed punch list items and is asking for re-inspection to be scheduled next week.
- Staff repaired potholes on Willow Avenue between Valley Bible Church and Sycamore using 2 yards of Cutback Patch.
- New screening has been installed on the Corporation Yard fence in an effort to beautify.
- Parts of 2 large trees fell, requiring Public Works crews to remove them. One was located at Refugio Tennis Facility and damaged the tennis court fence. We are awaiting quotes for repairs.
- Staff met with an arborist and is awaiting pricing information for safety assessment of trees located at both Refugio Park and the Tennis Facility.
- A stand-alone high level call out system has been installed and tested at Victoria Lift Station.
- Graffiti has been removed from numerous locations around town and is an ongoing process.
- Staff continues to use Work Alternative Program for Litter Control and Weed abatement.
- A large water leak has been identified on Victoria Parkway and reported to EBMUD.
- Staff is preparing to install new sign at Frog Pad Park.

POLICE REPORT (Partial List)

Residential Burglary: On October 18, 2011 at 12:38 p.m. Officers were dispatched to the 1400 block of Partridge Dr for an alarm. Officers discovered the house had been burglarized. Neighborhood checked with negative results.

Residential Burglary: On October 18, 2011 at 2:49 p.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Chestnut for a report of a residential burglary. A neighborhood checked revealed possible leads which were forwarded to the detectives.

Warrant Arrest: On October 14, 2011 at 8:48 a.m. Officers served an arrest warrant at a residence in the 100 block of White Cap Cove. Azalia Ruiz of Hercules was arrested without incident.

Resident Burglary: On October 14, 2011 at 11:38 a.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to a report of an attempt burglary in the 1000 block White Cap Cove. A follow up investigation revealed information identifying the suspects. The case was forwarded to the detectives.

Stolen Vehicle: On October 13, 2011 at 4:59 p.m. Hercules Officers responded to HMHS on a report of a vehicle involved in a collision. The juvenile, who was already on probation for theft of a vehicle, was subsequently located, arrested and transported to Juvenile Hall without incident.

Directed Patrol: Pedestrian Right-of-way Awareness: In an effort to improve pedestrian safety, the Hercules Police Department is increasing cross walk enforcement within the city. Section 21950 (a) of the California Vehicle Code states that the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any mark crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, except as otherwise in this section.

Public Safety Announcement: The Hercules Police School Resource Officer made a Public Safety announcement at the Hercules Middle/High School regarding students crossing the Railroad track near Home Depot to get to the BART transfer station. This is also common for commuters to park in the Home Depot parking lot, cross the tracks to access the transfer station. The Hercules Police Department will be monitoring this area and those observed crossing will be subject to a citation.

Wanted Person: A couple of weeks ago there was structure fire at 412 Grenadine where a Marijuana grow house was located. Approximately 2,000 plants were destroyed in the fire and 10 were recovered. Detectives have indentified the responsible and obtained an arrest warrant for Viet Tran, 30 years old. If you know the whereabouts of Mr. Tran please contact the Hercules Police Department at 510-724-1111.

New Reserve Police Officer Hired: The Hercules Police Department would like to welcome Anthony Craig to the department. Anthony was hired as a Reserve Police Officer and he will be assigned to the Patrol Division. Anthony has been a member of the police department since he was 15 years old when he became a Police Explorer and held the rank of Lieutenant. He was hired as a Parking Enforcement with the Department and while performing these duties he attended the Napa Valley Police Academy. Anthony's ultimate goal is to become a full time police officer.