

**City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report
June 13, 2014**

Phil Batchelor, Interim City Manager



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Council Appoints City Manager – After an extensive search and interview process, at the June 10, 2014 City Council meeting, the Hercules City Council approved an employment agreement with David Biggs to serve as their next City Manager.

Mr. Biggs was one of approximately fifty applicants who were interested in serving as the City Manager. After a review of the applications received, six candidates were interviewed by the City Council. The Council conducted second interviews and subsequently selected David Biggs as the finalist.

Mr. Biggs is a seasoned senior executive in local government, having recently served interim assignments with the City of Manhattan Beach and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments. He has served as City Manager in the cities of Carson, Tustin and Morgan Hill and as the Assistant City Manager of Redondo Beach. Mr. Biggs has significant experience as an Economic Development Director with the City of Huntington Beach and Morgan Hill. Mr. Biggs attended California State University, Fullerton, where he received his BA in Political Science and is a graduate of the MBA program at the University of California, Irvine. Mr. Biggs also completed a Certificate program in Continuous Improvement and Quality Management from the University of California, Santa Cruz extension program.

City Budget – Also at the June 10th meeting, the City Council reviewed the year end FY 2013-14 budget and a draft of the recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2014/15. The good news is that the FY 2013/14 budget will end with a positive fund balance and it is projected that the Fiscal Year 2014/15 budget will also be balanced without the need to make additional staff reductions or program cuts.

The Council discussed staff's recommendation to add four items to the FY 2014/15 budget that are of critical importance to the operation of the City. If they are approved at the June 24th City Council meeting, these critical items will be financed from one time revenue sources. In addition, the Council reviewed the proposed FY 2014-15 street repair plan of \$800,000 to make repairs to a number of streets in the City as part of the annual analysis of street conditions. The proposed plan recommends paving and repairing streets in order of those that have the lowest pavement condition score.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Meeting – The next meeting is set for Monday, June 16, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Hercules City Hall, Council Chambers. The Planning Commission will be conducting a Public Hearing to consider the Final Plan Development Plan and other ancillary approvals for a proposed

144 lot subdivision which was submitted by Lewis Homes for the Muir Pointe project located on the site commonly known as Parcel C.

Building Division

Number of permits issued - 18

Building permit fees collected - \$4,100.28

Number of inspections – 11

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- Minor pipe failure at Willow Lift Station, no spill was recorded.
- Lights for Phase 3 of the LED replacement program were received, installation will continue in Victoria by the Bay Development.
- PG&E and staff continue to repair streetlights in various locations throughout the City.
- Chelsea Wetlands Restoration Project continues.
- Staff continues to work with State Water Resources Control Board on Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrades.
- Staff and Pinole staff interviewing Construction Management firms for Waste Water Treatment upgrades.
- Staff working with various developers on future developments.
- Staff continues to identify possible solutions to address derelict buildings.
- Staff has begun the implementation of the annual Weed Abatement Program

Engineering Division

Sewer Lateral Inspection Program – For the Period of May 25, 2014-June 7, 2014

- Number of applications received – 5
- Fees Collected - \$625
- Certifications issued – 5
- Deficiency Notices issued – 4
- Condominium Waivers issued – 0

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued - 2

Encroachment Permits Issued - 5

Activities:

- Intermodal Transit Center - SF Bay Trail Project No. 63001A – Construction in Progress
- Victoria Crescent Development
- Process continues for the posting of Sewer Service Charges to the County Tax Roll for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, as required by the California Government Code.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks & Recreation Department offers a wide variety of recreation classes and programs that cater to all ages and help to promote a healthy lifestyle. Classes and programs provide a great

opportunity to have fun and exercise while interacting with others in a safe environment. A sampling of classes offered is provided below. For additional information, to access a full listing of classes and programs or to register, please visit the City website at www.ci.hercules.ca.us.

Upcoming Events

- **Hercules Certified Farmer's Market** - The Farmer's Market will be opened this Saturday, June 14th, 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in Refugio Valley Park. All vendors who are interested in participating are encouraged to call Joe Aliotii, Market Manager, at (831) 905-1407.

NEW LOCATION! - Beginning Saturday, June 21st, the Farmer's Market will be moving to the Home Depot parking lot. The Farmer's Market will continue at this location every Saturday from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. through the end of October 2014.

- **Hercules Relay for Life** - This event is set for June 28-29, 2014 in Refugio Valley Park. The event consists of teams walking for 24 hours, "cancer never sleeps so why should we". The relay setting consists of team booths including cancer prevention information, food and games. The day is filled with entertainment and music. This year's theme for Hercules is "Disco for Life." Every dollar raised through the Relay For Life event helps the American Cancer Society save more lives through research, free information and services for those fighting the disease. Please come join us and help make a difference while celebrating the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. To join a team or for more information, go to www.relayforlife.org/herculesca or call (925) 899-4811.
- **5k/1 mile Fun Run and 4th of July Parade** – The Hercules Rotary Club is facilitating a 5k and 1 mile fun run and parade on Friday, July 4, 2014. Celebrate your 4th of July with the inaugural Hercules Dynamite 5k Run/Walk. The certified and timed 5k (3.1 mile) and 1 mile distances are flat, fun and perfect for all levels of runners or walkers. Stay afterwards and enjoy the post race Expo, refreshments, awards and the 4th of July Parade. Receive a custom event shirt when you register by June 16th. For more information or to register for the event, visit <http://www.active.com/hercules-ca/running/races/hercules-dynamite-5k-run-2014>.

Facilities: The City of Hercules offers several conveniently located facilities to rent for your meeting, wedding reception, graduation, retirement or baptism. Halls range with a capacity of 10 people in one room up to our largest which has a maximum capacity of 300. Visit the City website at www.ci.hercules.ca.us or call (510) 799-8291 for more information on facility locations, dates and amenities offered at each location.

Parks & Recreation Advertisement Programs: Applications for advertisement in the Fall 2014 edition of the Parks and Recreation activity guide are now being accepted. Reservations are also being accepted for remaining spots to put a banner out within the City of Hercules for all to see your promotion. Hurry, space is limited. Please contact Andrea Mendez at (510) 799-8290 or email amendez@ci.hercules.ca.us for additional information or to submit applications.

Sports Programs: We offer sports and other positive leisure activities for patrons of all ages. Our recreation programs help promote a healthy lifestyle, while providing an environment in which

people can enjoy themselves. Whether it is recreation team sports you are seeking, or an individual leisure activity/hobby, the City of Hercules is proud to offer it. To access a full listing of classes or to register, please visit our website at www.herculesrec.com.

Recreation Classes: We are now taking registration for many new and exciting recreation classes that cater to all ages and help to promote a healthy lifestyle. Our classes provide a great opportunity to have fun while interacting with others in a safe environment. To access a full listing of classes or to register, please visit the City website at www.ci.hercules.ca.us.

Teens: Our goal is to provide programming that will foster human development, promote health and wellness, and increase cultural unity with life experiences. As our youth grow into teens, we want to give them a sense of ownership and belonging to the community. We accomplish this through the many enjoyable programs and activities available at the Teen Center, "T.H.E. S.P.O.T." (Teens of Hercules Empowering through Spirit, Perseverance, Outreach, & Teamwork) located at 2007 Refugio Valley Road. Registration is now being accepted for the Fall S.P.O.T. Before and After school program.

- **Don't forget to sign up for T.H.E. S.P.O.T. Summer Camp Program from 6/9/14-8/13/14. Please make sure to register early because space is limited on field trip days.**

Seniors/50+: Come to the Senior Center to enjoy the CC Café, or to participate in an Art Class, Card Club, Ping Pong, Tai Chi, Zumba Gold, Low Impact Exercise Classes, Dance Club, or Hula Dance. Your annual membership of \$20.00 gives you access to over 30 classes and programs at a discounted rate.

Aquatics:

Lap Swim

Monday-Friday- 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Ages: 14+

Fees: Resident- Youth & Senior \$4/ Adult \$5

Non-Resident- Youth & Senior \$5/ Adult \$6

EBSD Year Round Membership

Dates: 10/1/13-9/31/14

USA Registration Fee: Year Round Swimmer \$80 (made payable to EBSD)

Code: 52200-G-L

Spinners: M-TH, 6:30-7:00 p.m., \$66

Intermediate: M-F, 5:00-6:15 p.m., \$83

Advanced: M-F, 5:00-6:30/7:00 p.m., \$94

Individual Swim Lessons

Dates: 6/2-6/13, 6/16-6/27

Ages 3+

Days: M, T, TH, F (30 minute classes)

Fees: Resident- \$158/Non-Resident-\$178

Hercules Piranhas Swim Team

Fees: 1 Swimmer- \$364 (\$200.00 Deposit)
2 Swimmers- \$627 (\$200.00 Deposit)
3 Swimmers- \$789 (\$200.00 Deposit)
4 Swimmers- \$985 (\$200.00 Deposit)
5 Swimmers- \$1,145 (\$200.00 Deposit)

Dates: 4/28/14-6/6/14

Beginner: M-TH, 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Intermediate: M-F, 5:00-6:15/6:30 p.m.
Advanced: M-F, 5:00-6:30pm

Dates: 6/9/14-8/8/14

Beginner: M-TH, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Intermediate: M-F, 7:15/8:45 p.m.
Advanced: M-F, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

EBSD Summer Seasonal Membership

Fees: \$295 Registration Fee/\$55 USA Registration Fee (Check made payable to EBSD)
Ages: 5-18 years
Dates: 6/9/14-9/26/14
Spinner: M-TH, 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Intermediate: M-F, 5:00-6:15 p.m.
Advanced: M-F, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Aqua Zumba

Days: Wednesdays
Times: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Drop-In Fee: \$10.00

Tiny Tots & Little Learners: A great introduction to your child's "First Learning Experience". They will have fun making their first school friends, learning through play, games, arts, crafts. Our loving and qualified staff will guide them with socialization and self-help skills. Children have so much fun, they do not realize they are learning! Our program runs along with the school year from September-June. Come see what keeps our children smiling! Children must be completely toilet trained.

- Tiny Tot program has a 5 day Jr. kindergarten program
- M-W-F Pre K program
- T/TH Little Learner Program

Licensed Before & After School Child Care:

What are the benefits of our licensed programs?

- They provide a safe and nurturing environment
- They provide a qualified and mature staff
- All lead staff members have training in school age programming through accredited colleges

- They provide a 1 staff to 14 ratio, not to exceed 28 children per classroom
- All staff have passed a Livescan/Background check

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Warrant Sweep: On June 11, 2014, Hercules Officers conducted a Warrant Sweep at ten residences for suspects wanted in cases investigated by Hercules PD. Officers served these warrants in Hercules, Pinole, Rodeo, Vallejo, and Pacheco. Three suspects were taken into custody on felony charges and were transported to County Jail.

Commercial Burglary: On June 12, 2014, a Home Depot employee called to report a theft in progress. One subject was seated in a black Dodge Caliber and the other subject walked out of the store as officers arrived. A store employee identified the individuals as the two who had committed the theft. Both suspects are on parole for burglary and had warrants for their arrest. Both suspects were later identified as the suspects in another Home Dept burglary in Hercules.

Burglary/Conspiracy: On June 9, 2014, Hercules Officers were dispatched to a theft in progress at the Lucky Store on Sycamore Ave. Dispatch stated three suspects were in the process of concealing items in bags and a backpack and provided a description of the three suspects. Officers arrived and waited outside for the suspects to exit after committing the theft. Officers then contacted and detained two suspects, both of Oakland, as they exited the store. Officers also contacted and detained the third suspect inside a Cadillac Deville parked in the parking lot. Officers recovered stolen property concealed by all three suspects. The recovered stolen property totaled approximately \$499. All three suspects were arrested

Tremendous Support For Special Olympics - The Bike the Bridges for Special Olympics event was held on June 8, 2014, with over 500 riders raising money for Special Olympics. The participants had the choice of a 25 mile, 100K (65 mile) or Century ride (100 mile). The rides started and ended at Waterfront Park in Martinez, with all courses taking the riders across the scenic Carquinez and Benicia Bridges. Once again, the Hercules Police Department was well represented. Our team was 26 strong which included Hercules Police Officers and Explorers, family members, former employees and community members.



With the extreme heat and challenges of the course, Team Hercules worked together to make sure everyone made it to the finish line. The Explorer Honor Guard and Miss Hercules did an excellent job presenting the colors and singing the National Anthem.

A special thank you goes to all of the volunteers for spending many hours in the hot sun to take care of the riders. On the road, Hercules Reserve and Parking Enforcement officers spent all day helping those along the route. Since the beginning of Bike the Bridges, Hercules Council Member Dan Romero has come out to help send off the Hercules



team. He then greets the teams at the halfway point handing out water and refreshments. This year, Hercules PD had the largest team in the event. A special **Thank You** goes out to all of the Police Departments and volunteers that work together every year to put this event on.

HERCULES POLICE BI-WEEKLY STATS – May 29, 2014 – June 11, 2014

Calls For Service	709
Reports	86
Traffic Cites	48
Parking Cites	65
Adult Arrests	35
Juvenile Arrests	0
Arsons	0
Domestic Violence Reports	2
Hate Crimes	0
Towed Vehicles	24
Part 1 Crimes -Total	18

Part 1 Crimes Broken Down	---
Homicide	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Assault	2
Burglary	7
Larceny	7
Motor Vehicle Theft	2

UPCOMING EVENTS*

**Events are subject to change. Please visit the City Calendar available on the City’s website for the most up-to-date information.*

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