



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: June W. Catalano, City Manager

DATE: February 24, 2011

SUBJECT: **WEEKLY UPDATES**

PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Engineering Division

- Golf Club Road Bridge Water Line Relocation Project – This project will relocate a 24-inch Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) Water Pipeline from under the existing bridge to outside the bridge footprint. CCWD is designing the engineering plans for relocation of their pipeline as part of a Utility Agreement with the City. Most of the CCWD engineering costs will be reimbursed by the Caltrans Golf Club Road Bridge Replacement Grant. By mid-March, CCWD is scheduled to have 50% completed Project Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E). Also, as part of the defined roles of the Utility Agreement, the City is working on the project tasks for: scheduling potholing of ten existing underground utilities; additional boring for geotechnical information for the engineering design; finalizing construction easements; and environmental permitting for the project.
- Oak Park Boulevard Pedestrian Bridge Repairs – The City is currently accepting bids for the Oak Park Boulevard Pedestrian Bridge Repair Project. The work to be done includes the removal and replacement of the existing wood pedestrian bridges on the north and south sides of Oak Park Boulevard over the Contra Costa Water District canal; installation of new vinyl-coated, chain-link fencing; repair of the existing asphalt concrete pedestrian approaches; traffic sign replacement; and delineation of the existing guardrails. The work is necessary due to the deterioration of the wood decking and safety concerns. The work is expected to begin early in March 2011 and be completed by April 2011.

- Encroachment Permits Underway

Private/City

Subtronic Corp. – Potholing on Lisa Lane for upcoming City Project

Utilities

AT&T – Cable splicing on Pleasant Hill Road at Devon Avenue and Mercury Way

PG&E – Gas leak repair at 2009 Oak Park Boulevard

Maintenance Division

- Winter Storm – A strong winter storm traveled through the Bay Area this past week and dropped significant amounts of rain on Pleasant Hill. The storm rain totals were over one inch from Thursday, February 17th through Saturday, February 19th. Maintenance staff removed debris and trash from the City's storm drainage system inlets before, during and after the recent storm. Only minor flooding occurred at a few low-lying spots and, overall, the City's storm drainage system functioned properly.
- Tree Down – A large portion of an Acacia tree fell onto the bike lane located on Taylor Boulevard on Friday evening. Crews responded that evening by setting up traffic cones and a message board to alert traffic while the debris was being safely removed.

Planning Division

- Planning Commission

Minor Use Permit (UP 07-011) Time Extension – 100% Office Use on the Ground Floor Use Permit (1936 Linda Drive) – The Commission conducted a public hearing to consider approval of a third one-year time extension for Minor Use Permit 07-011 which was originally approved to allow 100% office use on the ground floor of the existing building located in the *RB Retail Business* zoning district where the Zoning Ordinance allows up to 25% office use on the ground floor unless approved through a use permit.

Action: Approved with conditions. No members of the public spoke on the item.

Appeal Period: The appeal period will end on Monday, March 7th at 5:00 pm.

Appointment of Subcommittee Members – This was a request for the Planning Commission to appoint Chair Bonato and Commissioner Mascaro to be members of the newly-created joint City Council and Planning Commission Subcommittee for Economic Development and appoint Vice Chair Vavrek and Commissioner Wallace

to be members of the newly-created joint City Council and Planning Commission Subcommittee for Housing, Neighborhoods and Planning.

Action: Approved, no members of the public spoke on the item.

Appeal Period: Not applicable.

AT&T Wireless Telecommunication Facility – Use Permit Request (0 Paso Nogal – Assessor’s Parcel Number 154-220-015) – The Commission held a public hearing to consider approval of a Use Permit to install a wireless telecommunication facility on a new 35-foot-tall faux tree, including associated electronic equipment, on an undeveloped, vacant parcel. The project site is located in the *R-7 Single Family – 7,000 sq. ft. lots* residential zoning district.

Action: Continued to March 22, 2011. Five members of the public spoke on the item, all in opposition to the request as proposed. The Commission requested additional information from the applicant, including placement of a story-pole on site (or some other method) to provide a visual representation of the proposed request.

Appeal Period: None, since no action was taken.

Study Session for a Proposed City-Wide Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance – The Planning Commission conducted a study session to review and discuss revised language for a proposed water efficient landscape ordinance to implement requirements of State law. The proposed ordinance is intended to be “at least as effective” as the State of California Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and has been revised based on input and direction from the Commission and review and input from the City Attorney’s office. The new ordinance is intended to comply with State law, while simplifying State regulations as allowed.

Action: No action taken since was a study session. No member of the public spoke.

Appeal Period: Not applicable.

- Zoning Administrator

No meeting scheduled.

- Architectural Review Commission

No meeting scheduled.

- Miscellaneous

Tree Removals – The following tree removals have been approved: 1) One 27-inch diameter Eucalyptus Dollar tree at 205 Boyd Road (Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Station), and 2) one 26-inch diameter Aleppo Pine tree at 1649 Marta Drive.