



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER KRISTINA MILLER
DATE: JUNE 3, 2016

CITY MANAGER:

FY 2016/17 Budget:

Roy Seiler and I met on Thursday May 31st to finalize the FY 2016/17 budget. I am drafting the staff report and printing of the budget will begin on Friday June 3rd.

Kauffman Building and Solano Streetscape:

As you may be aware, there has been concern about the structural integrity of the Kauffman Building located at 1302-1310 Solano Street for quite a few years. Based on a letter from Dean Cofer dated May 26, 2016, a recent inspection (for tenant occupancy) of the Kauffman Building by Building Official Dan Redding, and Fire Chief Martin Spannaus, and a conversation with City Attorney Jody Burgess, the Kauffman Building will be tagged as an unsafe building by June 3, 2016. If an unsafe building is known to the City, the City is liable for damages where it performs work (i.e. Solano Streetscape Project). For this reason, the City will hire Pace Engineering to inspect and prepare a report regarding the structural integrity of the building. It is anticipated that Pace Engineering will conduct their investigation on June 8th.

There is concern the Solano Streetscape Project will cause further damage to the Kauffman Building that will ultimately cause or contribute to its collapse. This risk is mitigated and minimized by requirements within the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document circulated as part of the project, which states no vibratory equipment shall be used in the project area. Compliance with CEQA does not eliminate our liability if the building were to collapse. The CEQA document was not previously incorporated in the bid specifications. Trent Construction is aware they must comply with CEQA and will be providing a proposal as to how they will comply with all of the mitigation measures incorporated into the document.

I informed Dean Cofer via written correspondence that the City appreciates his concerns and will be hiring a Structural Engineer to investigate the issue and information will be provided as it is available.

Leave of Absence:

My proposed coverage plan will be submitted by memo to the Council later today. The budget will be approved prior to my departure and union negotiations will not commence until my return. Please feel free to call me with questions.

City Manager's Meeting Luncheon:

I attended a City Manager's luncheon on June 2nd. The City of Orland instituted a program whereby all second graders receive a week of swim lessons free of charge. The students are transported to the Orland Pool in groups of 60 whereby they are quickly categorized based on existing swimming levels. City Manager Peter Carr reported by the end of the week all students were diving into the pool. I would like to collaborate on a similar program with the School District in 2017.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Downtown Streetscape Project Update:

Section 1: South side of Solano Street between 3rd and 4th Streets:

- Traffic/side street parking will resume temporarily until street paving begins.
- 4th Street intersection on the south side of Solano will remain closed.

Section 2: South side of Solano Street between 4th and 5th Streets:

- Concrete work is complete
- 5th Street intersection on the south side of Solano will remain closed.

Section 3: South side of Solano Street between 5th and 6th Streets:

- Partially complete with concrete work.
- 6th Street intersection on the south side of Solano will remain closed.

Section 4: North side of Solano Street between 3rd and 4th Street:

- Sidewalk demolition began.

The Contractor does not expect Solano Street to be entirely closed due to intersection construction until July. The closure will encompass 3rd Street through to 6th Street. Updates will be provided throughout construction.

TAC Meeting:

Public Works Director Dawn Grine attended a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting on June 1st. Tehama County Public Works has hired Consultant Jeff Schwein, AICP CTP of Green Dot Transportation Solutions to collect transportation related projects located within Tehama County and to incorporate that data into the Tehama County "Regional Transportation Plan" (RTP). The County intends to submit the final draft RTP to the Tehama County Transportation Commission on June 23rd for adoption. The RTP is updated every 5 years and is a helpful tool to the State in that projects can not only be presented by an entity as a need but includes cost estimates that can be utilized to predict budget/funding.

The Council recently adopted the City of Corning Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Improvement Plan on April 12, 2016. The Public Works Department will submit this plan to be included in the Tehama County RTP.

Pool:

The City pool will be opening to the public on Monday, June 6, 2016. The pool schedule and fees can be found on our webpage @ www.corning.org. Local schools have been holding parties at the pool over the past 2 weeks.

Public Works Director Meetings & Training:

The Tehama Utilities Council meeting will be at noon on June 7th at the Cozy Diner in Red Bluff.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 224 calls for service, a total of 45 officer reports were taken and there were 90 officer-initiated incidents, including 35 traffic stops. Officers made 15 misdemeanor arrests and 2 felony arrests. Officers issued 30 citations, of which; 20 were misdemeanors, 1 was a felony, and 9 were parking-related during the period of May 25, 2016 through June 1, 2016.

Department:

The Corning Police Department would like to extend an invitation to City Staff to ride-along with patrol Officers this summer.

We would like to extend our thanks to the Public Works Department for our patrol vehicle parking slot re-configuration.

Chief Fears recently completed the POST-certified one day K-9 Evaluator Seminar held at the Butte County Sheriff's Office in Oroville.