



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: MAY 17, 2012

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FURLOUGH DAYS:

May:

Friday, May 18th

June:

Friday, June 1st
Friday, June 15th
Friday, June 29th

July:

Friday, July 13th
Friday, July 27th

HOLIDAYS:

Monday, May 28th

SCHEDULES:

Chief Atkins: On vacation from May 4th – May 20th, acting on his behalf during this time will be Sgt. Bassett (1st half of week) and Sgt. Fears (the second half).

Building Official Terry Hoofard: On vacation from May 14th – May 17th.

CITY MANAGER:

Budget:

The budget is coming together. Roy, Steve and I are spending a good deal of time refining the current fund balances, projected revenues and planned expenditures. Other staff members are supporting the effort as well, including Lisa, Dawn, Pala, Laura Caulkins, Chief Spannaus and former Chief Cardenas.

The numbers are encouraging due to increased sales tax revenue, a onetime increase in the triple flip allocation and the expected recovery of the former Flying J sales tax revenue previously sent to another City. Right now, it looks like we'll be able to end the furloughs at the first of the year, complete many of our planned Capital Improvement purchases and accomplish some significant street repaving projects.

Steve Kimbrough Consulting Contract:

We have a current contract with former City Manager Steve Kimbrough for consulting budget work. Steve has been working with Roy Seiler, Pala and me to develop the FY 12-13 Budget. His knowledge and assistance is invaluable.

The current contract is terminable upon 30-days' notice from the City or Steve. Steve has presented a letter acknowledging that once the budget is completed, the need for his services will be greatly diminished. He proposes to revise the contract to provide only "as needed" services, and anticipates less than 150 hours of work for the next year at his present rate of \$60.00/hour.

I passed the letter on to the City Attorney for his review and possible text revision preparation. We anticipate preparing a staff report for possible Council action to amend the contract at the June 12th meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Clark Park Well:

John spoke with Gary Schultz of the California Dept. of Public Health-Drinking Water on Monday. He indicated he was preparing an inspection report that would recommend that we better secure the chlorine tank to its base, and weigh in regarding how the 5 gallon pails of chlorine are stored in the pump house. Securing the tank and restacking the pails are easy fixes. Of course we'll have to await his letter, but, from the conversation, I believe those will be his only substantive comments. We'd naturally like to put the well online as soon as possible.

Rodgers Theater:

As we've discussed, our next step in the theater project is to complete the restrooms. We have about \$43,000 left from three separate sources; Park Bond, ADA Grant and McConnell Foundation grant. Since we'd previously acquired the restroom fixtures, we think that \$43,000 will be more than enough to complete them. So, we want to expand the project to take advantage of the remaining funds.

We received a proposal and authorized Structural Engineer Eric Ausmus to complete the engineering on the "Loge seat area" remodel and rebuild and associated improvements. Eric is familiar with the project, having been instrumental in the roof redesign. He regularly works with Bob Metzger who has been instrumental in plan preparation for the theater project.

Solar Land Lease Options:

Bill Brick of Ecoplexus contacted me last week. We have granted Ecoplexus a lease option for property at both the Airport and WWTP to investigate the feasibility of solar panel installation and ultimately a land lease. Bill relays that the Airport site likely will not come to fruition. It turns out the PG & E distribution system map was incorrect and the "connection point" Bill thought he could accomplish on Orangewood Road isn't available. Another option would be to connect to power lines along Olive Road. However, that line is part of the same "circuit" as the system serving our WWTP, where we have another project planned. That circuit cannot accommodate both projects. The one other possibility was a lengthy powerline extended to the west, but that would require crossing the Old Highway, which PG & E standards forbid. The point here is that it appears the airport solar lease will not occur. We may be able to expand the WWTP array and lease area to increase our potential lease payments to make up for this loss. We're looking into that right now. Of course we have to make sure we have sufficient vacant land area to accommodate our WWTP needs for the expected 20 year life of the solar lease.

AutoZone Project:

You've undoubtedly noticed the construction of the new AutoZone store just west of Corning Chevrolet. We have been working with the contractor to identify the precise position and nature of the utility pipes in Solano Street in order to make efficient connections. To connect to water, they must temporarily shut of the water mains in Solano Street. Because of the limited number of water valves in the area, the shut off will affect many businesses. The contractor believes the connection will take about 2 hours to complete. We've directed them to make the water connection at night-between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. We have prepared notices on City letterhead that the contractor will deliver to all affected businesses.

Potential Contractor Donation:

An area contractor is preparing to retire and has offered the Public Works Department his remaining inventory of plumbing materials. The offer is appreciated; however we need to make sure that we can legally accept the donation. So, I am checking on that with the City Attorney.

Airport Consultant Contract:

We have selected Mead & Hunt of Santa Rosa to be our Airport Engineering Consultant. They have offered a contract for our review. I forwarded that document to City Attorney Jody Burgess for his review. Jody Burgess provided his comments to Mead & Hunt and they are continuing that dialogue that'll ultimately conclude with a contract document that we'll present for Council consideration and adoption.

Petro Well Test Pumping:

We're working with the City Attorney and Petro Staff to secure a temporary access agreement so that we may install the water pipe across the Petro property in order to discharge the water to the Burch Creek drainage system. We plan to do the pumping in early June.

Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S):

I attended the SR2S meeting at Caltrans in Redding last Thursday. As expected, our application came in at Number 5 in District 2. It looks as though only three projects will be funded. However, if additional funds become available we could get funded. Our SR2S Project envisioned a new sidewalk curb and gutter along the north side of Fig Lane between Marguerite Avenue to just east of Centennial High School.

Masonic Lodge Parking Lot Resurfacing:

We noted some pavement repairs that needed to be completed before the seal coat overlay is done on the Masonic Lodge Parking Lot. Our crew completed those repairs this week. Patrick Walker is coordinating with Clay Brohm of Quality Surfacing to get the seal coat completed with minimum interruption to the businesses and the Masons. The plan is to do the seal coat on a Friday and the striping over the weekend so that the lot will be ready for traffic at the start of business on Monday.