



# City of Corning

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## THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

**TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP**  
**DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2014**

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### SCHEDULES:

**Fire Chief Martin Spannaus:** Will be on vacation next week, October 6<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>.

### CITY MANAGER:

#### **Solano Streetscape Project:**

We are preparing a staff report for the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to present the final engineered plans for the Streetscape Project. The project is largely for beautification of the downtown area and includes decorative paver treatments, pedestrian bulbs, new tree grates, street furniture, bike racks, streetlights and trash cans within a four block area from Third Street to West Street. However, we recently discovered that we have the opportunity to leverage funds from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program if we agree to provide bike paths in the project. The bike lanes can occur only with the restriping of Solano Street traffic lanes from the current 4 traffic lane plan to a three lane plan. After a couple of years of the three lane plan (one lane each direction with median turn lane) on Solano Street segment east of the railroad, we know that it can work west of the tracks as well.

Utilizing CMAQ funds will not mean more money for the project, but if we utilize those funds we can free up other STIP funds for use by other member Tehama County Transportation Commission member jurisdictions such as the County, Red Bluff or Tehama. In that manner we can help out our sister agencies, who have historically supported our efforts to complete this important local project and others such as the South Avenue Interchange Improvement Project.

#### **CDBG Program Income Funds:**

We are compiling a staff report for presentation on October 14<sup>th</sup> to authorize submittal of a supplemental CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) activity that will facilitate spending CDBG Program Income on street rehabilitation (resurfacing). If Council approves the plan, Staff will present it to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for their final approval. If approved, we anticipate completing the repaving in spring of 2015.

#### **Park Phase 2:**

Kendel Trent was scheduled to complete the parking lot and Houghton Avenue paving this week. The hydroseeding of the turf areas is expected to occur next week.

#### **Rodgers Theater Floor Plans:**

Tony Cardenas and Terry Hoofard have scheduled a Volunteer work day at the Theater on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 a.m. to kick off the floor reconstruction project. We'll provide more details next week.

**City Hall Carpeting:**

We received one proposal for carpet replacement from Towne Carpet of Chico. The proposal was below the amount budgeted therefore we will proceed with the carpet replacement. The Public Works Crew has nearly completed the City Hall repainting project, once completed we can have the Carpet Contractor move in and install the carpeting.

**Martini Plaza Fire Repairs:**

Kendel Trent Construction and the adjacent property owners have reached agreement regarding access that will facilitate the replacement of the wall forming the east boundary of the Park and the repair of the Restroom Building.

**2014 Street Repaving Project:**

Jason Abel Construction is acquiring the Bonds required before the repaving contract can be signed. Once that is complete Staff will schedule a pre-construction meeting and get a better idea of timing so that we can coordinate the project with the West Street School Staff and other neighbors along the affected segments of Marin and West Streets.

**Sales Tax Revenues:**

I'm scheduled to meet with Harold Longballa of HdL next week to review the details of our Sales Tax data for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2014. HdL has provided some of the information at this point. This data incorporates taxes collected on sales in the months of April, May and June of this year, and then actually paid to the City during the months of June, July and August. Because of the payment schedule, the 2<sup>nd</sup> calendar quarter is the first quarter included in the new (2014-2015) Fiscal Budget year revenues.

Sales Tax is up this quarter compared to last, and when added to a fourth of our anticipated Triple Flip funds, it's just under (about \$3,045 or 0.5%) our budgeted quarterly average. Sales Tax is down from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2013, but that quarter was affected by a sales tax anomaly (recovery from a prior quarter) of about \$57,000. We'll provide the more detailed HdL 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter summary information with next week's Friday Notes.

**PUBLIC WORKS:****Homecoming Parade:**

The City has again received a request from Corning Union High School for help with the Homecoming Parade. The parade date is set for Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. The Public Works and Police Departments will assist with traffic controls and detours for the parade route. The parade begins on Solano Street at Third Street and will travel west to Toomes Avenue where it will end.

**Corning Community Park:**

The parking lot is scheduled for paving on Friday, October 3, 2014 and PG&E is to supply electrical power on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The Landscaper will complete some final grading that will enable him to start planting the turf for the soccer fields.

On Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, Public Works Director Patrick Walker met with Trent Construction, Sierra Landscape and the electrical Contractor to troubleshoot the electrical transformer issues. It took a while to figure out how to get 240V to both the irrigation booster pump and the restroom concession however they were able to come up with a solution. As a result there could be some future project electrical upgrades.

**99W Well Emergency Generator:**

Chris Demo has been assisting Peterson Power Systems with the repairs to the generator at 99W. Chris has been able to do quite a bit of the work himself saving the City some of the labor costs. We are anticipating the generator to be back online on Monday.

**Veterans Day Parade:**

Jim Darrow from the Veterans of Foreign Wars has requested to have the annual Veterans Day parade on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. and starts at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Solano Street and ends at the Veteran's Memorial Hall at Houghton Avenue and Solano Street.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 225 calls for service, a total of 28 officer reports were taken and there were 85 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 11 misdemeanor and 6 felony arrests, 43 traffic stops and issued 21 citations of which 0 were felony, 13 were misdemeanors, and 6 were infractions, and 2 were unclassified during the period of September 24 through October 1, 2014.

**Personnel:**

A background packet has been given to the top Dispatcher/Clerk applicant for completion.