

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Administration

League of California Cities Meeting

Mayor Stewart, Michelle Dawson, Rick Teichert, and Chief John Anderson attended the League of California Cities Riverside County Division dinner and presentation. The topic of discussion was the "Government Performance and Accountability Act". This is a proposed State Constitutional amendment developed by a group called *California Forward* with the goal of creating a "state government that is held accountable for achieving positive social gains in a financially sustainable way." The measure proposes a number of fiscal reforms at both the state and local level, including:

- a two-year performance based state budget
- legislative oversight every five years of the performance of state-funded programs
- the requirement that the Governor's budget propose offsetting reductions of programs or offsetting additional revenues if his budget proposal either reduces tax revenues by more than \$25 million or establishes a new state program or expands an existing one that would increase state costs by more than \$25 million
- prohibits the Legislature from acting upon bills and the budget unless the measure and any amendments have been available in print for at least 3 days
- require local governments' budgets to include performance based budgeting statements

The information was presented in a point/counterpoint type of discussion including the views of Jim Mayer, California Forward Executive Director and Josh Betta, Glendora Finance Director.

Mid Year Budget and FY 2012/13 Adjustments/Requests

We are finalizing the preparation of the Mid-Year Budget and revisions to the FY 2012/13 Budget. Assistant City Manager Michelle Dawson and Financial & Administrative Services Director Rick Teichert met with each of the City Councilmembers starting the week of March 19 to review the Mid Year budget status and any requested changes to the second year of the Two-Year Adopted Budget. We conducted a Special Study Session for April 3 to review the Mid-Year Budget and anticipate bringing this item to the City Council for adoption at the April 24 meeting.

Designation of Sheriffs Contract Savings to Camera Maintenance

As we indicated previously, the Sheriffs' contract rate for the current Fiscal Year will include a 1.1% increase over last year's rate. Since the City budgeted for a 2.3% increase, we are anticipating a savings of approximately \$380,000. We will be designating this amount to pay for the annual maintenance and replacement fund costs for the police surveillance camera program. The ongoing cost for software and server maintenance is estimated to be \$150,000 while the additional cost for replacement of the cameras is programmed at \$180,500 (based upon a ten-year replacement cycle). Designating these savings toward the camera maintenance and replacement costs will ensure that these expenditures remain budget neutral.

Media and Communications

Media

The Media & Communications Division has teamed up with Community & Economic Development to enhance the **Shop MoVal** program. MVTV-3 staff is currently designing a website that will provide the opportunity for Shop MoVal Members to download valuable coupons and discounts to partner businesses of the Shop MoVal program. This website will be just one of the many facets of in this joint Shop MoVal effort.

On March 12th, **National Public Radio** reporter Steven Cuevas published an article on the new World Logistics Center project. In this web and radio story, reporter Cuevas cites and links to the MVTV-3's World Logistics Center video. The report details Highland Fairview's interest in environmental sustainability, the potential boost to the Moreno Valley economy and the public's opportunity to weigh in on the project. The full story is available online at

<http://www.scpr.org/news/2012/03/12/31612/public-gets-its-shot-respond-moreno-valley-warehouse/>

Pre-Production

Chomp MoVal is coming to Moreno Valley. Host and City Manager Henry Garcia will take us on a delicious journey through Moreno Valley in this new local restaurant showcase. The new television series will be a great opportunity for Moreno Valley residents to explore what dining options are available to them in their community. Chomp MoVal will also give local restaurants a chance to showcase their menus to potential

Moreno Valley patrons. Principal photography of the new MVTV-3 series is expected to begin in early April.

Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business will highlight Moss Bros Auto Group as its next featured project. This video will focus Moss Bros. Auto Group's expansion and continued efforts to serve the residents of Moreno Valley.

Production

The City's new Used Oil Public Service Announcement premiered on April 1st. The MVTV-3-created commercial is titled "Val's Oil." This thirty second commercial takes a light-hearted approach to an important subject: Used Oil Recycling. Utilizing an all-child cast to drive home the message of proper oil disposal, this commercial is both humorous and informative. This commercial will not only air on the City's channel, it will also air on several popular Time Warner Cable channels throughout the month.

Anti-Jay Walking Public Service Announcement – The Moreno Valley Police Department has teamed up with MVTV-3 to create a public service announcement to encourage residents to stop jay walking and start using designated crosswalks. This public service announcement began airing in April.

Social Media

MORENO VALLEY: THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT... Or at least there will be one soon. Currently MVTV-3 is in the concept and design phase of a mobile phone "app" that will allow residents and businesses the opportunity to have City services at their finger tips.

The Media & Communications Division is currently embarking on a mission to extend the City's social media program by adding a Google Plus Account. This new social networking site will allow for a greater level of connectivity and communication to the residents and businesses of the City of Moreno Valley.

New Programming

"News Center – News Minute" – On Thursday February 23rd, MVTV-3 was on hand to provide photographic and video coverage of the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Berrybean Café. Join News Center as it highlights this new member of the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce, which is now open for business. This program airs daily at 9:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m. Episodes are also available on line at: <http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/spoton-mv.shtml>

MindMixer Website Coming

The City Manager's Office is developing a MindMixer website to engage community participation in City-initiated topics. MindMixers operate as interactive online TownHall meetings, essentially becoming blogs where citizens make project / service suggestions and then comment or refine each other's ideas. For examples of other cities' MindMixer sites, visit www.MindMixer.com.

Cities can utilize MindMixers four ways:

- *Open Idea Submission:* The City introduces a topic. Registered participants submit ideas and/or comment on each other's ideas.
- *Prioritization of City-provided options:* The City describes a specific challenge (i.e., a list of potential services and a limited budget) and asks users to prioritize – either by a limited number of votes or fictitious budget to spend on ideas.
- *Idea Refinement:* The City uses information gathered through the open idea submission or prioritized option methods described above to encourage the community participants to refine their ideas (i.e., the City selects the top five ideas and ask users to comment / vote on just those five).
- *Traditional survey.* The City can use the MindMixer Survey feature to gather information about participants' preferences.

MindMixers employ game mechanics to keep participants motivated. Community participants earn points through suggesting ideas or refining ideas suggested by others. Points can be exchanged for products or services. Other cities have offered City T-shirts, tickets to events, facility rentals, lunch with an executive, etc.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Administration

World Logistics Center

Approximately 120 people attended the public scoping meeting on March 12 for the World Logistics Center project planned for the eastern area of Moreno Valley—south of State Route 60 and east of Redlands Boulevard. The meeting was just the initial step in a comprehensive process to study and evaluate the proposed project, which calls for the development of a master-planned 41 million square foot logistics campus. The scoping meeting was an opportunity for the public to present issues that should be considered and evaluated as part of the environmental review for the project

In mid-March, Highland Fairview submitted its formal planning application and draft Specific Plan for the World Logistics Center. Highland Fairview's consulting team is working on finalizing the required technical studies and formulating the draft Environmental Impact Report.

Medical Corridor Marketing

City staff is cooperating with Highland Fairview and global real estate company—CBRE in marketing opportunities for new medical and healthcare development for the medical corridor that will be created with the extension of Nason Street to connect with Iris and Cactus Avenues. Los Angeles based CBRE, the largest full-service real estate company in the world, has created a Health Care Services platform that combines local market experts, healthcare specific research, and extensive experience in the healthcare industry, along with best practices in delivering integrated real estate solutions to the Southern California Healthcare industry. CBRE has assigned the Managing Director of CBRE-Health Care Services out of the Newport Beach office, as well as a Vice President from the CBRE-Inland Empire office in Ontario, to help direct the Moreno Valley marketing effort. CBRE has just completed a Technical and Feasibility Report to assist in the marketing of Moreno Valley for medical-healthcare opportunities.

Round 1

Pre-development work continues on the Round 1 project at the Moreno Valley Mall. Tenant improvement work is underway. A summer opening is targeted for the Round 1 entertainment center, which will include an 18 lane bowling center, along with an arcade area, billiards, darts, and karaoke, as well as a food & beverage center.

Rue 21

Officials with Rue 21 and the Moreno Valley Mall are pleased with the strong opening of the new Rue 21 store. The 7,500 S.F. retail store is performing over original projections and is actually trending better than another new Rue 21 store at Montclair Plaza that opened at the same time. Rue 21 is a popular retailer with over 750 stores nationwide in 46 states, including other Inland Region locations in Hemet, Hesperia, Lake Elsinore, and Montclair.

Anna's Linens Opens Strong

The relocated Anna's Linens store has been open 6 months and company officials report that sales have increased 20 percent with the new store in TownGate Crossings. Costa Mesa-based Anna's Linens has been relocating stores from their indoor mall locations to shopping centers as their leases come up for renewal. The Moreno Valley store for Anna's Linens relocated

from the Moreno Valley Mall to an updated 15,000 S.F. store at TownGate Crossings—with a September 1, 2011 opening. Please note that the former location in Moreno Valley also has advanced negotiations ongoing with a major fitness use that would utilize up to 25,000 S.F. at the Moreno Valley Mall, including the former Anna's Linens space.

Taco Bell Opens on Alessandro Boulevard

The new Taco Bell restaurant on Alessandro Boulevard had a 'soft' opening on Friday March 16. Plan check for the solar panel construction was just completed, so the drive-thru operation isn't open yet. Work started on March 19 on the canopy to be constructed over the majority of the drive-thru that will allow for the installation of the solar panels, which will produce electricity to operate the new 2,966 S.F. restaurant located at 22585 Alessandro Blvd, near the SE corner of Alessandro and Elsworth. Soon this location will be the first "Green—Solar" Taco Bell restaurant in their chain of over 5,600 restaurants.

ICSC-Monterey

Barry Foster attended the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) event in Monterey on March 14-15. Mr. Foster participated in meetings with possible uses including BevMo, Chipotle, Darden-Red Lobster, Hobby Lobby, Sprouts Market, Shoe Carnival, TJX (TJ Maxx & HomeGoods), Ulta Cosmetics and 24-Hour Fitness. Barry Foster also met with and networked with development representatives at ICSC from Lakeshore Village, Marketplace, TownGate and Stoneridge Towne Centre.

New Retailers Coming to Town

Two publicly-traded national retailers are aggressively moving into the California marketplace—including pursuing the development of a number of new stores in Moreno Valley.

- **Dollar General**—a Tennessee-based discount retailer, with nearly 10,000 stores in 35 states, is just entering California—with the opening of its initial two stores in Montclair and Ontario by early April. Dollar General is presently under development of its first store in Moreno Valley at 13473 Perris Boulevard, in the Town Square neighborhood center near the SW corner of Perris and Cottonwood. Tenant Improvements are underway for the 14,900 S.F. building that was previously a thrift store. Dollar General is looking for an early summer opening of its first store, as well as negotiating on another store location opportunity.
- **Family Dollar**—a North Carolina based discount retailer with more than 7,000 stores in 44 states

started opening California stores this past fall—including its first store in Ontario. Family Dollar is under way with Tenant Improvements for an 8,023 S.F. space in Moreno Valley (former location of Fashion Bug that didn't renew its lease) that is slated to open in late spring. Family Dollar is also pursuing development plans for a ground up development of an 8,320 S.F. store near the SW corner of JFK and Perris (next to the CVS store), as well as negotiations to occupy a store space north of SR 60 in an existing center.

McDonald's Proposed for Moreno Valley Plaza

McDonald's USA is pursuing the development of a new 3,838 S.F. restaurant, including a drive-thru, at Moreno Valley Plaza. The new corporate-owned and operated McDonald's restaurant will be situated on a new pad fronting on Sunnymead Boulevard after a vacant 6,636 S.F. building that previously housed a Warehouse video retail store is demolished. The project was considered and approved by the Planning Commission on March 8. McDonald's corporate officials are looking for a summer start of construction.

Harbor Freight Tools DC

The Harbor Freight Tools Distribution Center (DC) has been operating for three months and is quickly ramping up its operational capability. About 60 percent of the DC business for Harbor Freight Tools west coast operations has been moved to the new Moreno Valley DC from several older facilities in the Oxnard area—and more is coming. The 779,016 S.F. Moreno Valley DC for Harbor Freight Tools is very advanced in design and operations, including having a \$30 million material handling system. Presently, about 400 people are working on two shifts at the Moreno Valley facility. City staff from Development Services is already working with Harbor Freight Tools and Ridge Property Trust on plans for a major expansion of the Moreno Valley distribution operations.

Robertson's Ready Mix Relocation

Construction is progressing at the site for the new concrete batch plant for Robertson's Ready Mix. Development Services recently collaborated with Robertson's officials and the engineering team to resolve some design and special inspection issues that should help pave the way for advancing the timing of construction improvements for the project situated on the Old 215 Frontage Road—near the SE corner of Alessandro and Old 215. Completing this project will enable the relocation of Robertson's operations from its current site on Day Street in TownGate.

Industrial Vacancy--1st Qt.2012

Moreno Valley's vacancy rate for industrial buildings stayed the same at 2.2% in 1st Quarter 2012 as compared to 4th Qt. 2011. Moreno Valley presently has NO available large scale-modern industrial buildings suitable for a major logistic-distribution user. Presently there only four older or smaller scale industrial buildings available with a total combined square footage of less than 235,000 S.F. The following is a summary of Moreno Valley's current Industrial Building marketplace:

Moreno Valley Industrial Buildings:

- Occupied 10,276,823 S.F.
- Vacant 234,098 S.F.
- Total Bldg. Space 10,510,921 S.F.
- Available Industrial Bldg. Space 2.2%

With just a 2.2% vacancy rate, Moreno Valley clearly needs more large-scale industrial building product. In 2nd Qt. 2012, Moreno Valley's market saw its first new speculative industrial building finished when First Industrial Realty Trust completed its 691,960 S.F. project in late March. The new development, called First Inland Logistics Center has a modern cross dock design with 32 foot clear height, as well as the potential for 116 docks. First Industrial also recently purchased an undeveloped 25-acre property next door and has the ability to add to the current project by another 400,000 S.F.—taking the total building capacity up to nearly 1.1 million square feet. Once the First Inland Logistics Center it complete and hits the market—Moreno Valley's vacancy rate for industrial building space will jump to 8.3%. However, having available space for modern—large scale buildings is imperative to bringing more new logistics and distribution users to Moreno Valley. Presently six major users are considering Moreno Valley projects.

Economic Development Summary

The Economic Development Summary has been updated and is available on the City's website or via hard copy in the information rack on the 2nd floor of City Hall.

Unemployment - January 2012

Unemployment rates stayed virtually the same in January 2012 as compared to December 2011. This was the 5th straight month unemployment declined. Below are unemployment statistics for the months of December and January.

	<u>January</u>	<u>December</u>
California	11.3	11.1
Riverside County	12.5	12.5
Banning	14.3	14.3
Beaumont	14.2	14.2
Corona	9.2	9.2
Hemet	15.7	15.7

Moreno Valley	14.5	14.5
Perris	19.3	19.3
Riverside	12.6	12.6
San Jacinto	18.8	18.8

Unemployment-February 2012

Unemployment experienced a slight increase in February as compared to the previous month of January. Moreno Valley’s unemployment rate bumped up slightly going from 14.5 to 14.6 percent. Below are unemployment statistics for the months of February and January 2012.

	<u>February</u>	<u>January</u>
California	10.9	11.3
Riverside County	12.6	12.5
Banning	14.5	14.3
Beaumont	14.4	14.2
Corona	9.3	9.2
Hemet	15.9	15.7
Moreno Valley	14.6	14.5
Perris	19.5	19.3
Riverside	12.8	12.6
San Jacinto	19.0	18.8

Business Spotlight

The Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business program seeks to increase the community’s awareness of the many diverse businesses that operate in Moreno Valley. The businesses showcased at the February 14 City Council meeting were *Waste Management* and *Family Music Room*. The spotlight businesses for the March 13 City Council meeting included *Sizzler* and *On Stage Hair & Nail Studio*.

The Business Spotlight program also wishes to alert the City Council of some of the new businesses having just opened in the community. Some recent openings include:

- **Aerotek**—is a national recruiting and staffing agency focused on serving companies with technical, professional and industrial employee needs. Aerotek, an operating company of Allegis Group, the largest staffing company in the U.S. opened a Moreno Valley office in February 2012 in the Corporate Plaza at 13800 Heacock Street. Aerotek has worked with Fresh & Easy, Molina Medical, Kaiser Permanente and many other local businesses.
- **Big Bowl Asian Kitchen**—the new restaurant opened in TownGate Crossings in October 2011. This is a restaurant operation that offers a variety of Asian bowl combinations, along with sushi--previously was the San Sai Japanese Restaurant that was relocated from TownGate Plaza to make way for Five Guys Burgers & Fries.

- **Cantaritos Mexican Restaurant**—a family-owned and operated Mexican restaurant opened in November 2011 at 23750 Alessandro Boulevard in Alessandro Plaza. The owners are Moreno Valley residents who report that about 70 percent of their customer base resides in Moreno Valley.

Building & Safety Division

Development Activity

The following is a summary of current development activities being worked on within the Building & Safety Division:

- **Temporary Certificate of Occupancy**
 - Skechers USA-Highland Fairview Corporate Park
 - Harbor Freight Tools-Distribution Center
 - Taco Bell on Alessandro
 - I-Herb Distribution Center Expansion
- **Building Permit Issued-Under Construction**
 - First Inland Logistics Center-First Industrial Realty Trust
 - Nandina Distribution Center-IDS Real Estate Group
 - Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building
 - Robertson’s Ready Mix Concrete Plant
 - Morrison Fire Station
 - Hemlock Apartments-Rancho Belago Developers
- **Tenant Improvements Underway**
 - Moss Volkswagen
 - Moss GMC/Buick
 - Moss Chevrolet
 - Family Dollar @ Moreno Valley Plaza
- **Plan Check Underway for New Buildings**
 - Inland Empire Global Logistics Center-Panatonni Development
 - I-215 Logistics Center-Trammell Crow Co.
 - Alere Property Group
 - Centerpointe Logistics Center-Overton Moore Properties
 - Rancho Dorado Apartments (Phase II)-Palm Communities
- **Plan Check Underway for Tenant Improvements**
 - Wizards Party House – Jump House Expansion
 - Dollar General
 - TJ Maxx/Home Goods

Quick Stats-Building & Safety

The following represents the business activity in the Building & Safety Division for the month of February 2012.

- Counter customers - 521 (29 average per day)

- Building Permits Issued - 125 (8 average per day)
- Certificate of Occupancy Issued - 21
- Plan Checks Processed - 122
- No. of Inspections - 565 (40 average per day)
- Monthly Revenue - \$106,370

Code & Neighborhoods Services Division

Neighborhood Clean-up

On March 17, the Code and Neighborhood Services Division helped conduct a Neighborhood Clean-up event in the area of Honey Hollow, Seafarer Avenue, Dream Street, Breezy Way, Elfin Place and Sugar Creek Court in City Council District 2. A total of eight free roll-off dumpsters were provided to residents for the disposal of debris, bulky items, furniture, miscellaneous refuse and landscape trimmings. The clean-up was successful and resulted in the collection of approximately 13 tons of debris.

The next clean-up event occurred on Saturday, April 21 within City Council District 5. Dumpsters were provided to homeowners who reside on portions of Day Street, Cottonwood Avenue, Edgemont Street, Bay Avenue and Brill Road. All residents in the area were invited and encouraged to participate in this event.

Used Car Sales

Having cars parked for sale has become a major problem on Alessandro Blvd. The area on the north side of Alessandro Blvd.—just west of Perris Blvd. became a popular spot for people to park their vehicles and display them for sale. Cars stopping on busy Alessandro Blvd., as well as people walking around and looking at cars for sale, became a real safety problem. The Traffic Safety Commission supported a staff recommendation from the Traffic Engineering Division to eliminate on-street parking on this stretch of Alessandro Blvd. Parking Control officers from Code & Neighborhoods Services, along with the Police Department, will enforce the parking prohibition at this location. Additionally, parking control officers will also monitor parking problems on other areas—should the ‘used car’ area move down the street.

Vendor Sweep

In response to numerous citizen complaints, the Code Neighborhood Services Division and the City of Moreno Valley Problem Orientated Policing (POP) Team are conducting ongoing investigations into illegal roadside vending operations. Personnel conducted random inspections of these establishments during the evening hours throughout the month of March.

All illegal un-permitted businesses discovered were issued a criminal citation for operating an establishment without a city business license and unpermitted preparation of food without a Riverside County Health permit. Food items were confiscated by staff and disposed of in an effort to safeguard public health. Code Compliance personnel will provide updates to the City Council in future City Manager Reports.

Land Development Division

Development Activity

The following represents a summary of the development activity reviewed by the Land Development Division:

• **Grading Permits Issued**

- First Inland Logistics Center-First Industrial Realty Trust
- Nandina Distribution Center-IDS Real Estate Group
- Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building
- Robertson’s Ready Mix Concrete Plant
- Morrison Fire Station
- Hemlock Family Apartments – Rancho Belago Developers
- Centerpointe Logistics Center – Overton Moore Properties

• **Plan Check Underway for Grading Plans**

- Inland Empire Global Logistics Center-Panatonni Development
- I-215 Logistics Center – Trammell Crow Co.
- Alere Property Group
- Rancho Dorado Apartments (Phase II)-Palm Communities
- Vogel Development
- West Ridge Commerce Center

Quick Stats-Land Development

The following represents the business activity in the Land Development Division for the month of February 2012.

- Counter Customer visits -117 (7 average per day)
- Grading Permits Issued - 3
- Plan Checks Processed - 30
- No. of Inspections – 476 (30 average per day)

Grading Permit for Centerpointe Logistics Center

Overton Moore Properties received a Rough Grading Permit on February 27th for their project located between Cactus Avenue and Resource Way, west of Frederick Street. The project requires the import of approximately 13,000 cubic yards of soil and grading was completed in March. The project owner, USAA Real Estate Group, is anxious to get under construction

on the structure, with final occupancy planned for the end of August.

Neighborhood Preservation Division

Successor Agency & Oversight Board

As Successor Agency, the City of Moreno Valley is responsible for winding down the affairs of the redevelopment agency (RDA) including disposing of its assets, making payments, and performing other obligations due for Enforceable Obligations of the former RDA. Part of that winding down process is the establishment of an Oversight Board to review and approve the activities of the Successor Agency and ensure the former RDA's assets are properly distributed to the taxing entities. The Oversight Board for the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Moreno Valley convened its initial meeting on March 6, 2012. Each of the appointing authorities designated under the ABx1 26 for an Oversight Board member was represented, as follows:

- Henry Garcia, appointed by Mayor of Moreno Valley
- Jamil Dada, appointed by County Board of Supervisors
- Glenn Moss, appointed by County of Riverside Board of Supervisors
- Chris Carlson, appointed by Chancellor of California Community Colleges
- Dave Slawson, appointed by Eastern Municipal Water District
- John Strickler, appointed by Mayor of Moreno Valley
- Mays Kakish, appointed by Riverside County Schools Superintendent

Staff in Attendance:

- Barry Foster, Community & Economic Development Director
- Dante Hall, Redevelopment Administrator
- Kandace Baptiste, Executive Assistant
- Mark Huebsch, Special Legal Counsel

During the meeting, the Oversight Board established a regular time and place for its meetings, reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Oversight Board, and briefly reviewed the adopted Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS), which identifies the former redevelopment agency's financial obligations. At the following meeting held on March 28, 2012, the Oversight Board considered the approval of the ROPS. Once approved by the Oversight Board, the ROPS must be submitted to the State Department of Finance for review and approval.

Legislative Update

In late February 2012, Senate Pro Tem Darrel Steinberg (D-Sacramento) and Senator Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) introduced three bills that seek to solve what many consider to be serious problems caused by the demise of redevelopment. The first would give cities and successor agencies greater powers to maximize the value of redevelopment agency assets rather than subject them to a "fire sale" which would likely flood the market and further reduce the return on assets. The second and third bills seek to develop a consistent, dedicated source of funding for affordable housing and economic development that was eliminated with the recent California Supreme Court decision.

1. SB 1151: instead of throwing all the redevelopment agency assets on the market now (which would likely flood the market and further reduce the return on assets), this bill would require the successor agency to prepare a long-range asset management plan that outlines a strategy for maximizing the long-term value of the real property and assets of the former redevelopment agency. The agency would submit the plan on December 1, 2012 to the State Department of Finance (DOF), and the DOF and Oversight Board would approve the plan by December 31.
2. SB 1156: this bill would enable cities and counties to establish a "community development and housing joint powers authority" to assume successor agency responsibilities and create an additional sales tax to fund sustainable economic development and affordable housing.
3. SB 1220: this bill, titled the "Housing Opportunity Trust Fund Act of 2012," would establish a permanent source of funding for affordable housing. The funding would come through the imposition of a \$75 fee on the recordation of each real-estate document, and such funds would be used to support the development, acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable housing.

City staff will continue to monitor the progress of these bills through the legislative process.

CDBG/HOME

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) has issued funding allocations for FY 2012-13 for the CDBG and HOME programs. Moreno Valley received the following allocations:

- \$1,858,467 for CDBG
- \$468,275 for HOME

The CDBG budget increased 14.8% for 2012-13 after having had experienced a 16.3% reduction last year. The HOME budget however, was reduced for the second year

in a row; having decreased by 11.74% for this current fiscal year (2011-12) and again by 20.39% for 2012-13. The proposed CDBG and HOME project and program selections will be presented to the City Council during a public hearing on March, 27, 2012 with further consideration and final budget adoption for FY 2012-13 in mid-May. One-on-one meetings with Council members were recently conducted by staff to provide preliminary information on the proposed CDBG and HOME budgets.

NSP

In conjunction with the City's four Development Partners, the City of Moreno Valley has acquired 43 single family properties through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) for the purposes of rehabilitating and reselling them to income-qualified households earning up to 120% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Since receiving the grant award from HUD, the City and its Development Partners have been actively acquiring properties and creating homeownership opportunities for families through the NSP. Below is a year-to-date synopsis of NSP1 Single Family Residential Acquisition, Rehabilitation, and Resale Activity:

- Total Properties Acquired: 43
- Properties on the Market: 6
- Properties with an Accepted Offer/ in Escrow: 10
- Properties Resold / Escrows Closed: 27

Development Partners Identified for the NSP3 Program

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to procure Development Partners (DP) to assist with a third round of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP3) has been completed. The City received eight responses to the RFQ: six (6) for the Single-Family Residential Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resale (SFR-ARR) Program and two for the Multi-Family Residential Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resale (MFR-ARR) Program. The SFR respondents were: Mayans Development, Sheffield Homes, VCD Corporation, Riverside Housing Development Corporation (RHDC), Habitat for Humanity, and LaBarge Industries. The MFR Respondents were: Riverside Housing Development Corporation (RHDC) and LaBarge Industries.

After careful review and evaluation, the Review Committee recommended the following developers for selection: Mayans Development, Sheffield Homes, and Riverside Housing Development Corporation (RHDC) as the single family residential Development Partners for the NSP3 Program. Mayans Development and Sheffield Homes are currently single-family residential

Development Partners of the City's NSP1 Program and have contributed to the success of the NSP1 SFR-ARR Program.

RHDC and LaBarge Industries – the only two respondents to the MFR-ARR RFQ – were both recommended as multi-family Development Partners. RHDC serves as one of the NSP1 Program's multi-family residential Development Partner and has a long-standing relationship with the City of Moreno Valley; RHDC has partnered with the City for many years. RHDC currently manages various affordable housing projects within the City and will expand their participation in NSP3 Program serving in the capacity as both a single family and multi-family residential Development Partner. LaBarge Industries does not currently have an existing relationship with the City of Moreno Valley, but possesses an extensive background in affordable housing and experience with other many local NSP Programs.

The Development Partners must be approved by City Council and the approval of the recommended Development Partners is scheduled for April 24, 2012. The single family residential Development Partners will be responsible for acquiring bank-owned foreclosed and vacant properties for the purposes of rehabilitating and reselling them to income-eligible households earning up to 120% AMI. The multi-family residential Development Partners will be responsible for acquiring, rehabilitating, renting, and managing bank-owned multi-family units that will serve income-eligible households earning up to 50% AMI.

Housing Resale Market – February 2012

The housing resale market continues to be mixed. Moreno Valley's market has declined for the first two months in 2012 (January and February). The average resale home value in Moreno Valley for February was \$151,613, which was a 2.5% decrease from the value of \$155,427 for the month of January. During the last twelve month period, Moreno Valley's average resale value has been up five months, down seven months. This up and down resale market has also been experienced in all other nearby communities such as Corona, Riverside, Hemet/San Jacinto, Perris and Temecula/Murrieta. For February, four markets were down including Riverside (-4.6%), Moreno Valley (-2.59), Temecula/Murrieta (-2.2%) and Hemet/San Jacinto (-2.0%). Both Corona (+2.69%) and Perris (+7.2%) were up in February.

The number of resale transactions slightly decreased in this reporting period, going from 185 transactions in January to 181 in February. During a twelve month period there have been a total of 2,759 resale transactions

in Moreno Valley, which is a monthly average of 230. The housing resale market also continues to be mixed in other nearby Riverside county communities including Corona, Hemet/San Jacinto, Riverside, Perris and Temecula/Murrieta.

SBDC's Upcoming Small Business Training Opportunities in Moreno Valley

Through CDBG, Moreno Valley helps fund the Inland Empire Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Twice a week, SBDC has office hours in Moreno Valley at the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce and at California Bank & Trust. The SBDC also conducts a variety of low-cost or no-cost training opportunities throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The following two events will be conducted in Moreno Valley:

- QuickBooks for Beginners—presented by Al Gohary, SCDBC Business Consultant
Wednesday April 11 from 9 am to noon at the Conference & Recreation Center
NO Charge for this event which is sponsored by the City of Moreno Valley
- Writing Your Business Plan—presented by Al Gohary
Wednesday April 25 from 9 am to Noon at the CRC
NO Charge for this event with is sponsored by the City of Moreno Valley

Seating is limited for these events. Online registration is available at www.iesmallbusiness.com

Planning Division

Planning Commission

At their meeting of February 9, 2012, the Planning Commission took the following action:

- Recommended approval of a General Plan Amendment to add Heacock Street to the General Plan Circulation Element from Nandina Avenue to the southerly City limits. The amendment is being coordinated by the Transportation Engineering Division with the Air Force, March Joint Powers Authority and the City of Perris. The amendment will allow for the future improvement and reopening of Heacock Street to provide better access between Interstate 215 and March Air Reserve Base and the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. Final action on the amendment will be made by the City Council.
- Recommended approval of a Specific Plan Amendment, General Plan Amendment and Zone Change to rescind the Cactus Corridor Specific Plan. The Specific Plan, located between Moreno Valley Ranch and Old Moreno, was adopted prior to the implementation of the City's development code and

impact fee program. The Specific Plan has acted as an impediment to development in the area due to the lack of a master developer. Its rescission will be beneficial to both property owners and the City. Final action on the rescission will be made by the City Council.

At the meeting of March 8, 2012, the Planning Commission took the following actions:

- Approved a Conditional Use Permit and Master Plot Plan Amendment to construct a fast food restaurant with a drive through lane (McDonald's) at 23831 Sunnymead Boulevard in the Moreno Valley Plaza shopping center. An existing vacant retail building would be demolished to make way for the new restaurant.
- Recommended approval of a Municipal Code Amendment to revise various code sections related to industrial standards, parking requirements for restaurants in shopping centers, building and parking setbacks, parking lot tree maintenance, and parking lot aisle widths. The revisions are generally aimed at reducing energy use through more efficient site plan design. Final action on the Amendment will be made by the City Council.
- Reviewed and forwarded to the City Council the 2011 Annual Report of the Planning Commission, a document required by the State.

The meeting of the Planning Commission Joint Study Session included a review of various energy efficiency efforts under way as well as a general discussion of development review for major projects in the City.

Administrative Approvals

The following are recent Administrative Approvals:

- Plot Plan for the installation of new roof top equipment on the Kaiser Moreno Valley Hospital, located on Iris Avenue. The applicant is Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, Inc.
- Plot Plan for a 1,741 square foot addition and new façade for Moreno Valley Volkswagen, located on Eucalyptus Avenue in the Moreno Valley Auto Mall. The applicant is HC&D Architects for Moss Bros. Auto Group.
- Plot Plan for a new canopy and façade for Moreno Valley Chevrolet, located on Eucalyptus Avenue in the Moreno Valley Auto Mall. The applicant is HC&D Architects for Moss Bros. Auto Group.
- Plot Plan to install a roof top solar system at the WalMart SuperCenter on Moreno Beach Drive. The applicant is Solar City for WalMart.
- Plot Plan for parking lot revisions to relocate and restripe accessible parking spaces and access in the

JFK Plaza shopping center at the northeast corner of Perris Boulevard and John F. Kennedy Drive. The applicant is Paul Joelson.

- Plot Plan for temporary storage of trucks at 21921 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is Andland LLC.
- Plot Plan to establish a church in an existing business park complex located at 14340 Elsworth Street. The applicant is The Turning Point.
- Plot Plan for façade changes related to a new Family Dollar store in the Moreno Valley Plaza on Sunnymead Boulevard. The applicant is Christopher Ward for Moreno Valley Plaza.
- Plot Plan for a 155-panel solar array over the drive-through lane at the new Taco Bell restaurant at 22575 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is Grover Moss, the franchisee.
- Plot Plan for a solar array on the roof of the Morrison Fire Station now under construction. The applicant is DSD Electric.
- Plot Plan to establish an off-campus degree program for Southern Illinois University in an existing business park complex located at 14340 Cactus Avenue. The applicant is Southern Illinois University.
- Plot Plan to establish a church in an existing office complex located at 24281 Postal Avenue. The applicant is Rose of Sharon Evangelistic Church.

Recent Case Submittals

- Plot Plan to install temporary doctors' living quarters at the Kaiser Moreno Valley Hospital.
- Plot Plan for a dance studio in an existing shopping center at 14475 Moreno Beach Drive.
- Plot Plan for an auto repair facility in an existing business complex at 23920 Alessandro Boulevard.
- Amended Plot Plan for minor modifications to the approved site plan for Saint Patrick's Catholic Church on Pigeon Pass Road.
- Plot plans for a new tow yard and off-site storage lot on Veterans Way for Pepe's Towing.
- Amended Plot Plan for a new large recycling facility at 22722 Cactus Avenue. This location was formerly occupied by Smart & Final.
- Municipal Code Amendment submitted by the local Taco Bell franchisee to allow larger menu boards for drive-through restaurants.
- Plot Plan for site and building changes to locate a new Dollar General store in an existing vacant shop building at 13473 Perris Boulevard.
- Amended Plot Plan to revise an existing approval for a new auto repair facility on Hemlock Avenue east of Pigeon Pass Road. The modifications will accommodate specific tenants interested in

occupying the building once it is built.

- Pre-application for a sustainable housing project with food gardens and a farmers market for property located on Alessandro Boulevard east of Perris Boulevard (Moreno Rose).
- Phasing Plan for an approved affordable rental housing project on Hemlock Avenue west of Perris Boulevard (Hemlock Family Apartments). The plan will allow for a portion of the project to begin construction while the final design of EMWD facilities is settled.
- Amended Plot Plan for screening additional equipment at the Go Natural Gas fueling station nearing completion in Canyon Springs Plaza on Day Street.

Quick Stats–February 2012

The following represents the business activity in the Planning Division for the month of February 2012.

- Counter customers - 335 (21 average per day)
- Major Case submittals - 6
- Minor Case submittals - 77
- Plan Check submittals - 32
- Application Fees - \$106,969

Foreclosures and Homes Listed for Sale

Information available from the RealtyTrac website for February shows a modest increase in foreclosure activity in Moreno Valley. The website reported one in 124 housing units in Moreno Valley were in some stage of foreclosure, or less than one percent (1%). This compares to a rate of one in 128 units in the prior month, or a three percent (3%) deterioration. The current rate is sixteen (16%) better than the prior year month rate in 2011, when the rate was one in 107 units. Foreclosure activity was less than one percent (1%) better in the region. Contrary to experience during the recent downturn, there were not significant differences in foreclosure rates for communities with the highest levels of single family housing construction during the past building boom and those that grew slower. The Moreno Valley foreclosure rate is comparable with the cities of Corona and Beaumont. Calimesa had the lowest rate locally (1 in 281) and Menifee had the highest rate (1 in 111). By zip code, area 92551 had the highest rate in the City (1 in 91) and area 92553 had the lowest rates (1 in 158). This is the first time in recent years that the City's fastest growing zip code (92555) did not have the highest foreclosure rate.

Foreclosure activity decreased in zip code 92555, stayed the same in zip code 92557, and increased in zip codes 92551 and 92553. Moreno Valley had 450 homes reported in some stage of foreclosure in February,

compared to 435 in the prior month. The City of Riverside had the highest number of reported foreclosure properties at 649 and Corona was second with 529.

FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Animal Services Division

Animal Shelter Kennels Get Facelift

The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter is getting a minor facelift. Twenty six (26) individual dog kennels previously coated with Rhino-Liner over six years ago are now being resealed and repainted after much of the previous application of Rhino-Liner failed to perform under the required daily cleaning regimen. Specifically, the "G" row kennels, normally used to house larger dogs, Isolation and the Quarantine kennels were previously coated with the Rhino-Liner in an effort to provide a permanent seal. Over time, this liner began to crack and peel away from the kennel walls causing difficulty for shelter staff to perform the task of keeping these kennels properly disinfected. The deterioration of the liner caused further concerns by creating hiding spaces for a variety of animal parasites. Animal Services staff worked many hours removing the liner from the kennel walls. With funds received through the sale of the Animal Shelter's crematory, declared surplus property and sold in December 2011, a professional painter was hired to begin the process of resealing and repainting these kennels. The "G" row kennels, Isolation, and Quarantine kennels were completed by the middle of March. Pictured is Johnny Dunn, Animal Care Technician, removing some stubborn pieces of old liner in the Isolation kennels.



Low Cost Rabies Vaccination & Dog Licensing Clinics Scheduled

The Moreno Valley Animal Services Division has scheduled low cost rabies vaccination and dog licensing clinics this spring. All three clinics will be held at the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter located at 14041 Elsworth Street, one short block south of Alessandro Blvd. Rabies vaccinations will be provided at the low cost of \$6.00 per vaccination per pet. Dogs must be at least 4 months old to be able to be vaccinated against rabies. Dogs under 12 months of age that are vaccinated against rabies will have a valid vaccination for one year while dogs over 12 months of age will have a valid vaccination lasting for three years. Other routine pet

vaccinations will be offered at reduced clinic prices. The low cost rabies vaccination and dog licensing clinics are co-sponsored by Moreno Valley Animal Services and Dr. Marshall Scott, DVM & Associates. The clinic is located at the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter & Animal Clinic, 14041 Elsworth Street, and the schedule is from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m on the following dates:

Saturday, April 14, 2012

Saturday, May 12, 2012

The first of three low cost rabies vaccination and dog licensing clinics was held on Saturday, March 17. The response was fair given the slow turnout due to weather conditions as most dog owners arrived early before the rain storm began its daylong downpour. Results are as follows:

- Number of Dog Licenses Sold - 37
- Number of Microchips Sold - 4
- Fees Collected - \$1,164

Low Cost Rabies Vaccination & Dog Licensing Clinics will resumed on Saturday, April 14th and another one is scheduled for Saturday, May 12th.

Moreno Valley Animal Shelter Participates at the City of Perris Animal Control's "Strut Your Mutt" Event

On Saturday, March 10, 2012 the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter attended the City of Perris' annual "Strut Your Mutt" pet event. Lead Animal Care Technician Dorathy Haun, along with Animal Services Assistant Kristen Miller, teamed up with City of Perris Animal Control Supervisor Christine Bostwick to provide the public with valuable information on responsible pet ownership. The City of Perris contracts with the City of Moreno Valley to shelter stray and lost pets from the City of Perris. Four adoptable dogs were taken to the event to highlight the adoption services offered by the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter. Two dogs were adopted to new homes during this two-hour event. The Animal Services Division continues to promote the adoption of shelter pets and encourages all pet owners to have their companion dogs and cats spayed or neutered.

Technical Services Division

Wireless System Upgraded at the Library Enhancing Internet Access to the Public

Technology Services replaced the Trac-Wireless station at the Library with a new computer and updated software. The previous system was a 6-year-old computer using Windows XP. Patrons use their personal laptops to access the Internet wirelessly and this workstation provides the gateway to the Internet. The Trac-Wireless station also controls the printing for all the public computers.

The City of Moreno Valley Library was the first customer to upgrade the Trac-Wireless software to Windows 7. Trac-Systems spent several months custom programming the Trac-Wireless software to provide enhancements and to work with Windows 7. The new Trac-Wireless software includes new security enhancements and will increase the reliability of the public computer network.

Treasury Operations Division

Total Road Improvement Program (TRIP) Bond Issuance.

The City's participation in the TRIP bond sale that is being coordinated through California Communities has achieved some new milestones. This bond, being issued to fund the Nason Street improvements, was approved by the City Council on January 10, 2012, and is in the process of a judicial validation..

Facilities/Purchasing Division

Front Lobby Facelift

The City Hall Lobby Project is almost complete. This project involves updating the lobby to reflect a modern business office environment. The following items have or will soon be been replaced:

- Customer Seating
- Reception Desk
- Podium
- Display Case
- Picture Hanging Hardware for Public Art
- Paint
- TV Monitor for guests to view MVTV3 and other items while waiting

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Firefighter of the Year
Moreno Valley's City Council, City staff, and Fire Chief Abdul Ahmad recognized Firefighter II David Ruiz as the Firefighter of the Year for the City of Moreno Valley at the

City Council Meeting held on March 13.

In 1999 Firefighter Ruiz was promoted to Firefighter II in Moreno Valley. He has worked for Riverside County Fire/CAL Fire for 26 years. Firefighter Ruiz is currently assigned to the Sunnymead Fire Station as a Firefighter II on Truck 2. As a member of the truck company, he has received specialized training in swift water rescued,

low angle rescue, high rise incidents, wide rise incidents, confined space operations, and trench rescues.

As a seasoned fire veteran, Firefighter Ruiz instills core values and qualities in the minds of less experienced firefighters. One of the City's Fire Captains stated that "Dave takes time out of his day to help mentor and teach new firefighters while still volunteering to take on new projects." Firefighter Ruiz ensures that all new firefighters understand the importance of dependability, commitment, and team work.

Firefighter Dave Ruiz's extensive knowledge and experience as a firefighter is a true asset to the Moreno Valley Fire Department and is one of the many reasons he was selected as the Moreno Valley Fire Department Firefighter of the Year. After receiving the award, Firefighter Ruiz stated that he enjoys the challenging calls here in Moreno Valley and that he plans on retiring from here.

Simulated Weapons of Mass Destruction Training

On March 13 and 14, Engine and Truck 91 participated in a simulated Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) incident along with Riverside County Health, Riverside County Fire HazMat-34, and HazMat-81 as well as the following Engine and Truck Companies from Riverside County/CAL FIRE: E90, E19, E76, and T76. In addition to the aforementioned resources, the National Guard's 9th Civil Support Team (CST) participated in the drill.

One of the objectives of the exercise was to integrate Riverside County/CAL FIRE responders with the personnel from the 9th CST. One of the evaluators from the National Guard stated that "this was one of the smoothest integrations I have seen." The 9th CST is a 22-person team stationed out of Los Alamitos. They have the capability to respond and support local jurisdictions on WMD events and extended hazmat incidents.

Firefighter Completes the L.A. Marathon

Firefighter II Bryan Rowe, assigned to Truck 91 at the College Park Fire Station, completed the L.A. Marathon on Sunday, March 18 in a time of 4 hours and 39 minutes. This course started at Dodger Stadium and finished at the beach in Santa Monica. It traveled through Downtown Los Angeles, Hollywood Boulevard, the Sunset Strip, West Hollywood, Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, and Ocean Avenue in Santa Monica. Rowe averaged a 10:40 minute mile pace for this 26.2 mile course.

Significant Incidents

At 10:22 hours on February 25th, Battalion 9B, Engine 58, Engine 2, Truck 2 and Engine 91 responded with California Highway Patrol to westbound State Route 60 west of Theodore for a multiple person injury traffic collision with a fatality. Upon arrival, Fire Department personnel discovered a single passenger van had rolled over with two victims trapped inside the vehicle. Fire Department Paramedics rapidly assessed a total of four victims. One of the trapped patients was declared deceased at the scene. The second patient still in the vehicle required extensive extrication in order to be removed from the overturned vehicle. Two other patients outside of the vehicle were suffering from major traumatic injuries. Both were treated by Fire Department Paramedics and transported by ground ambulance to the area trauma center. The patient was extricated in approximately 25 minutes and also transported to the trauma center by ground ambulance.

Battalion 9B, Engine 6 and Engine 48 responded to two victims of trauma with the Moreno Valley Police Department. Fire Department personnel provided pre hospital trauma life support and delivered the patients in a stable condition to the area trauma center. One patient was treated for multiple severe life threatening injuries to the upper torso area. The other was treated for multiple non-life threatening injuries. As a result of the pre hospital paramedic care, and the rapid transport of the patients to a trauma receiving center, it is expected that both patients will survive their injuries.

A 4" gas line was ruptured at the Nason Overpass Project at Nason and Elder on March 5 at approximately 11:20 a.m., causing a release of flammable natural gas into the air. Several residences in the area were mandatorily evacuated due to this incident. Additionally, several streets, including the westbound State Route 60 freeway off-ramp to Nason, were closed. The Moreno Valley Police Department, Southern California Gas Company, Riverside County Office of Emergency Services, and the City's Office of Emergency Management assisted with the incident. The Gas Company was able to mitigate the issue just prior to 2:00 p.m. allowing the Incident Commander to rescind all orders for street closures and evacuations. Had the repairs not been made so quickly, numerous students from nearby schools would have been affected when walking home from school.

On Saturday, March 10, the Moreno Valley Fire Department responded with the Moreno Valley Police Department to a multi-casualty incident with several patients suffering from major, traumatic wounds. A total of 4 patients were injured, with one patient receiving fatal injuries, two patients receiving serious injuries, and

the 4th receiving a non-life threatening wound. All patients were treated by Moreno Valley Fire Department Paramedics and EMT's. Three patients were transported to local area trauma centers accompanied by a Fire Department Paramedic. Due to the nature of the injuries, there was one Battalion Chief, two Truck Companies, two Advance Life Support Fire Engines, and three ground ambulances assigned to the incident.

On March 16, Engine 48 responded from the Sunnymead Ranch Fire Station to a call of a child choking. Upon arrival, Fire Department personnel located a 2 year old in severe respiratory distress due to a deep, foreign body airway obstruction. Fire Department Paramedics and EMT's administered pediatric advanced life support to the child. The Paramedic was unable to visualize the foreign body object obstructing the airway, so efforts to dislodge the object continued on the ambulance as the patient was transported Code 3 to the hospital. The continued efforts of Fire Department Paramedics and EMT's while en route to the hospital were able to partially dislodge the obstruction, allowing for assisted breathing and oxygenation. The child was transferred to the care of the pediatric trauma team at the local area hospital and is expected to survive.

On March 18, Engine 91 and Engine 65 responded to a reported person choking and possibly in full arrest. Engine 91 arrived and found a patient who was not breathing but still had a pulse. Fire Department personnel performed an advance life support procedure utilizing the Magill forceps to remove a large item of food blocking the patient's airway. The Firefighter Paramedic then placed a tube into the patient's airway, which allowed the patient to be assisted with breathing. The patient was transported to the hospital via ground ambulance. Upon arrival, the patient had a heartbeat and was breathing unassisted. The patient is expected to make a full recovery.

Full Scale Disaster Drill for March Air Show

In preparation for the upcoming Air Show scheduled for May 19-20, Moreno Valley Fire Department's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and Operations as well as the Moreno Valley Police Department



participated in a full-scale disaster exercise on March 8. The multi-agency, cooperative exercise was sponsored by March Air Reserve Base (MARB) and involved several months of planning. The exercise scenario involved a simulated crash of two F-16 fighter jets

during an air show, with one jet impacting the runway and surrounding spectators. The second simulated jet crashed into the Southwest corner of Cardinal and Heacock, also impacting spectators. Approximately 20-25 victims with simulated injuries were at each site and several were transported to area hospitals for treatment. Numerous jurisdictions were involved in this exercise, including the Riverside County Sheriff Coroner's Office, CAL Fire/Riverside County Fire resources, Moreno Valley Kaiser Hospital, Riverside County Regional Medical Center; Mercy Air, AMR, and the Cities of Perris and Riverside Fire Departments. The exercise was extremely successful and provided invaluable learning opportunities.

Two Firefighter Paramedics Return from Permanent Academy

On Friday February 24th two Moreno Valley Firefighter Paramedics graduated from the CALFIRE permanent fire academy in Ione, CA. Firefighter Chris Hoggatt and Firefighter Bart Waddell successfully graduated from the 6 week fire academy. During the academy students receive over 300 hours of classroom and manipulative training in all facets of firefighting and rescue activities. The final week of the academy is reserved for testing. All students must pass written and manipulative tests with a minimum 80% score. Firefighters Hoggatt and Waddell were well prepared for this tough challenge through the experience and training they have received here in Moreno Valley as Limited Term Employees. Firefighter Hoggatt is assigned to the Kennedy Park Fire Station. Firefighter Bart Waddell is assigned to the College Park Fire Station. Congratulations to both Chris and Bart.

Beta Test of New Equipment

Moreno Valley Fire Department was selected to beta-test a new style Bag Valve Mask used for Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). This new style mask is the cutting edge of new technology in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) world. Some of the key features of this mask are improved facial seal and fit, small adult size mask available for appropriate volumes of oxygen delivery, removable single-use manometer (pressure meter) with a highly visible colored pressure gauge and improved flex tubing to allow for better ergonomics for rescuers. All on-duty Fire Department members received an in-service training on the new mask and are currently using and evaluating its performance.

HUMAN RESOURCES & RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Labor Negotiations

Talks are now underway toward a successor Memorandum of Understanding with the Moreno Valley

City Employees Association, the City's largest employee group. At the same time, language for a Comprehensive MOU with the Moreno Valley Management Association is being finalized to reflect all terms and conditions which apply to MVMA as well as the elements of the Tentative Agreement recently reached with that group.

Liability Insurance Program

As part of a comprehensive review of the City's Risk Management program, the City has issued a Request For Proposals from insurance carriers and/or insurance pools to provide coverage in areas such as:

- General Liability (Excess Coverage)
- Property
- Boiler & Machinery
- Automobile
- Auto Physical Damage
- Special Events

This process is unique in that it covers all Property and Casualty Insurance product lines, and because this is the first such effort undertaken in more than a decade.

Benefits Program Needs Assessment

The Benefits Committee, comprising representatives of all employee associations and management, has completed its work with the City's Benefits Consultant to assess the effectiveness of the City's Benefits Program in meeting the needs of employees. The process included a thorough review of existing programs and consideration of potential optional programs, culminating with analysis of critical benchmarking data comparing Moreno Valley programs with those offered in comparably sized cities. Results indicate that the range of program offerings meets employee needs while providing excellent value via cost effective rates. With the Assessment complete, the City's Benefits Consultant will negotiate on the City's behalf for 2013 provider rates. Medical insurance rates, determined by CalPERS, will be provided to the City in advance of the 2013 Open Enrollment Process.

MotiVate Wellness

Employee Resource Directory

The Employee Resource Directory made its debut this month, helping match interested employees with services or affiliations offered by other employees or their family members. This feature of the wellness program provides information on additional professional service options and opportunities to strengthen partnerships across the City of Moreno Valley workforce.

Medical Services

HR's active engagement with contract Health Clinic managers has led to a series of positive outcomes to enhance services provided to City employees who are newly hired or those who experience a work-related injury. Key protocol revisions have been implemented, along with a series of facility improvements designed to address specific input provided by Moreno Valley employees.

Early Detection Health Screening

Employees were provided a complimentary Lunch and Learn Wellness Seminar sponsored by *Longevity*. Attendees enjoyed a healthy lunch while learning about important steps to help prevent Heart Disease, Stroke, and Cancer.

Later that month an Early Detection Health Screening Event was held at City Hall on March 21st, featuring a brand new pricing formula uniquely designed by and for City of Moreno Valley employees. The new program offered four tiers of screening packages, with prices starting at \$90. Through close cooperation with the Payroll team, employees were able to participate via Payroll Deduction to spread costs over upcoming pay periods. Services were provided by *Longevity*.

Two-Mile Walk

Employees joined a twice weekly Run/Walk/Jog program which convenes at City Hall during the lunch hour. This two-mile event accommodates fitness enthusiasts at all levels.

Talent Management

Robust recruitments are underway for several positions in the City workforce. Recruiting/selection processes are in progress for the following openings:

- Recreation Aide – Temp (182 applicants)
- Sr. Parks Maintenance Technician
- Recreation Program Leader – 2 Part Time positions
- Sr. Accountant – Temp
- Accountant II – Temp
- Laborer
- Maintenance Worker I/II
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CalPERS Retirement Planning Webinars

In response to discussions at the City Manager's recent meetings with all members of the City family, information was gathered and provided to all employees regarding two CalPERS retirement planning webinars. Materials include a pre-webinar checklist to prepare employees to maximize their participation in this life planning session.

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Special Events

Wine And Art

The Moreno Valley Arts Commission and Moreno Valley Parks and Community Services Department invite you to the first annual WINE AND ART SHOW. The Wine and Art Show is scheduled to take place at the TownGate Community Center on May 11 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Participation is open to all artists who exhibit work of original concept, design, and execution in painting, drawing, collage, graphics, photography, and mixed media. For more information, contact Carlos Castillo, Arts Commissioner, mypainting@castilloportraits.com, (909) 894-8191 or Parks and Community Services at (951) 413-3701, recreation@moval.org, or at the website at www.moval.org.

Help the "Arts Come Alive"

The Moreno Valley Arts Commission and Moreno Valley Parks & Community Services Department invite you to bring your group's events and ideas for creating a vibrant and active arts community in Moreno Valley. A special Community Arts Forum was held on Saturday, April 21, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Community Center, 25075 Fir Avenue. For more information about the forum or to submit your ideas, call 951-413-3701.

Moreno Valley's Independence Day Celebration

It's BACK! "The City of Moreno Valley's July 4th Celebration" will take place on July 4, 2012. The Independence Celebration will kick off with a parade sponsored by Waste Management from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The parade route will begin at Alessandro Boulevard, head north on Frederick Street, go west on TownGate Boulevard and end at the TownGate Plaza at approximately 12:00 noon. The parade theme this year is "United We Stand- A Moreno Valley 4th." Organizations are invited to enter a float. Parade entry forms are currently available at Moreno Valley Conference & Recreation Center.

Get ready to really celebrate! The festivities continue at Morrison Park and Mountain View Middle School located at the corner of Dracaea and Morrison. Gates open at 1:00 pm with the festival beginning at 2:00 p.m., NEW this year will be a Wine and Beer Garden. There will be food, arts and crafts, game booths, clowns and entertainment. A nominal entry fee will be charged to get into the festival.

As the day progresses, get ready for excellent entertainment. Two stages, a main stage and a youth stage, will guarantee enjoyment for the entire family.

There will be several entertainers this year. At 3:00 p.m., the excitement will begin when finalists compete to be the Moreno Valley Idol. At 4:00 pm a performance by "Michael John's Tribute to Billy Joel," followed by "BELLA DONNA - A Tribute to Stevie Nicks and Fleetwood Mac," and then "The Joshua Tree – A Tribute to U2." As a grand finale, the event will conclude with a fireworks extravaganza at 9:00 p.m., which will be simulcast with patriotic music by KOLA (99.9 FM). This promises to be the best July 4th show ever!

Presale tickets for the event are available at the Moreno Valley Conference and Recreation Center from June 11 to July 3. Cost is: \$2 per person or \$10 for a family (up to 6 people). On July 4, entry is free between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 pm. After 4:00 p.m., entry fee is \$3 per person. Military service members with valid identification and children under 5 are free.

We thank the following sponsors who have contributed to our Celebration: City of Moreno Valley, KOLA 99.9, Moreno Valley Unified School District, Pepsi, Accurate Accessories, Waste Management, Supervisor Marion Ashley. For more information contact the Moreno Valley Parks and Community Services office at 413.3280.

Park Projects

The status of Lasselle Sports Park is as follows:

- Grading Plans: Mylars signed.
- Building Plans: Plans have been approved.
- Site Improvement Plans: Plans and Structural's are approved.
- Project Specifications: Under Parks and Community Services review.
- Eastern Municipal Water District: Civil engineering, Recycled Water Use and Irrigation plans are approved.
- Department of Water Resources: Informal approval of the Encroachment Permit has been granted. Waiting for the issuance of the signed permit.
- Jurisdictional Permit #401: Pacific Development Inc. is working with the environmental consultant to obtain documentation, in order to proceed with the project.

Sports Field Automated Lighting Upgrade is expected to have a purchase order issued to Musco Lighting within the month. The project's completion is estimated for summer 2012.

Parks Maintenance Division

Projects Completed

Trimmed Rockridge and Patriot Parks; checked all parking lot lights and timers; trimmed palm trees at Conference & Recreation Center (CRC); removed and repaired the infield turf transitions at Morrison Park ball fields; and fertilized parks.

Projects in progress include: Repair and replant parking lot planter at Bethune Park; install drainage V-ditch at Gateway Park; aerate sports fields; relamp sports field lighting at various parks; spray herbicides for annual weed control at all park sites; tree trimming and removal at various park sites; remove barbecues from TownGate Park; repair drain pipe at Cottonwood Golf Course (75% complete); spray all trails for weeds; and spray all parks for weeds

Vandalism and graffiti have been reported at the following areas in February: Adrienne Mitchell (\$80), Aqueduct Bikeway (\$397), Bayside (\$49), Bethune (\$61), Celebration (\$100), Community (\$667), El Portero (\$161), JFK (\$239), Morrison (\$88), Parque Amistad (\$99), Pedrona (\$57), Rancho Verde Trail (\$285), Ridgecrest (\$30), Sunnymead (\$268), TownGate (\$440), Victoriano (\$25), Westbluff (\$24), and Woodland (\$132). The total cost for vandalism/graffiti was \$3,202. Total labor hours for vandalism/graffiti were 67 hours, approximately 8 full-time work days.

Staff training was provided as follows:

- February 29, 2012: Tractor Safety Begins with You
- February 29, 2012: Chain Saw Safety

Court referral laborers performed a total of 561 hours during February. The total hours for court referrals in 2012 are 921 which equates to approximately 115 full-time work days.

Recreation Division

Recreation and Sports

The Time for Tots program was busy during the month of February with an increasing number of registrations for classes. In addition to the expanded creative curriculum, children celebrated special activity days by learning about our favorite underground weather reporter on Groundhog Day, dressing originally on Super Hero Day, enjoying Valentine's Day, learning about the movie's favorite snack on Popcorn Mania Day, and learning about the most famous of leapers, the frog, on Leap Day.

February saw an increase in new registrations for many youth classes including Dance Exploration, Hip-hop,

Ballet, Ballet/Arco, Drawing for Kids, Kung-fu, and Folkloric Dance. Staff have also been busy recruiting new contract class instructors. More information regarding additional summer classes coming soon.

Valley Kids Camp staff were busy in February preparing fun-filled activities for Spring Camp for local Moreno Valley and Val Verde Unified School Districts during their scheduled spring breaks held March 26 through April 6. While the kindergarten through eighth graders enjoy their break from school, they will spend their days at camp playing exciting recreational games, watching movies, playing video games, and nurturing their creativity with arts and crafts.

Recreation staff were busy planning and preparing for the spring events scheduled during the months of March and April. The annual spring activities began on March 31 with the free Easter Egg Hunt for community children ages 2 to 12 years were held at 9:00 a.m. at Sunnymead Park. More than 500 children were expected to attend the event and search for thousands of candy and prize filled eggs.

During this event, Parks & Community Services Department, in conjunction with the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter, hosted a "Spring Pet in the Park Adoption Day." This paw-friendly event was held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Sunnymead Park. The adoption fee was \$50 for each pet adopted. The fee included the first round of puppy vaccinations, microchip, 1-year altered dog license, spay/neuter surgery, and a pet bed and blanket.

Also scheduled on March 31 was the annual Bunny Brunch held at the Senior Community Center. The two-hour brunch began at 10:00 a.m. for children ages 3 to 12 years. For a resident fee of \$6, children enjoyed a morning of crafts, a specially-prepared brunch, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. The Morning Optimist Club of Moreno Valley donated their time to assist staff in preparing the breakfast for this fun-filled spring event.

The Spring Easter Chef's Workshop was held on April 3 at the TownGate Community Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For the resident fee of \$8, children ages 5 to 12 years were able to make yummy holiday goodies to take home and enjoy.

The spring activities concluded on April 5 with the Hop Down the Craft Trail at the TownGate Community Center for children ages 5 through 12 years. The event was held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for an \$8 resident fee. Children made fun and exciting spring crafts.

The Youth Basketball League had their championship games on March 3. The winning teams from the championship games represented the City of Moreno Valley in the Inland Valley's Tournament of Champions held on March 17 and March 18 in local Inland Empire cities.

The Adult Softball League was on break during the winter months, and competition will begin again in early March. Teams will compete in five different divisions on three different nights of the week.

The Pee Wee/Junior Soccer program is underway and has been a huge success. There are more than 220 participants in the age range of 3 to 7 years in the program. This is the fourth year of a completely revamped Pee Wee/Junior year-round sports schedule. Other upcoming sports include a basketball clinic, T-ball, flag football, and a basketball league.

The Women's Adult Soccer League ended their season on March 18. Registration for the following season will start soon with play beginning shortly thereafter. Participants will play Sunday evenings throughout the year at Community Park.

Senior Community Center

On February 1, AARP began to provide free tax help Monday through Friday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This assistance was provided through April 17.

On February 3, the Super Bowl Pizza Party was held. There were approximately 80 seniors participating.

On February 14, the Center held its Black History Celebration, which was sponsored by Meeting Senior Needs. There was dancing, popcorn, and a Black History slideshow presentation. About 50 seniors attended the celebration.

Also on February 14 was the annual Valentines Day Dance, which was sponsored by Health Net. A DJ provided the seniors with music, cupcakes, and punch, and gift boxes filled with candy were provided to each senior in attendance. There were 80 people that attended.

The February Senior Birthday Party was celebrated on February 23 at 12:00 p.m. This event was sponsored by the Friends of Moreno Valley Senior Center, which provided a free meal and box of candy. Miller Jones Mortuary donated the cake and ice cream.

Trips scheduled in February included a trip to Spotlight 29 Casino on February, 5; a 3-day trip to Laughlin at the

Colorado Belle on February 12-14; and a trip to Buffalo Bills on February 25.

Library Services

Over 150 children enrolled in In-n-Out Burger’s “Cover to Cover Club,” which ran until Saturday, April 14, at the Moreno Valley Public Library. This reading program was open to children between the ages of 4 and 12, and allowed children to receive up to three award certificates for a free hamburger, cheeseburger, or cheese sandwich, while supplies last.

National Library Week 2012 ran from April 8 through April 14. This year’s theme was “Libraries—the Heart of Every Community.” All citizens are invited and encouraged to visit Moreno Valley Public Library and discover the many free materials and resources available for their use and enjoyment.

Can you put a price tag on library services? Obviously, many public library benefits are not quantifiable. However, the Massachusetts Library Association developed a calculator for estimating what the retail cost would be for many basic library operations. Using our actual use statistics for FY 2010/2011, the table below illustrates what a tremendous value the City of Moreno Valley receives by operating the Moreno Valley Public Library.

Moreno Valley Public Library FY 2010-11		
Library Use Value Calculator		
The number in the leftmost column indicates the number of times during FY 10/11 the library service described in that row was used, to determine how much it would have cost to purchase these services at estimated 2011 retail values.		
MVPL Use	Library Materials & Services	Value of Use
343,499	Books Borrowed	\$6,169,242
40,763	Video Materials Borrowed	\$172,427
7,928	Audio Materials Borrowed	\$83,323
26,681	Interlibrary Loan	\$704,645
97	Adult Programs Attended	\$1,537
6,077	Children's Programs Attended	\$44,970
33,988	Hours of Computer Use	\$430,968
384,957	Database Searches	\$8,114,894
127,203	Reference Assistance	\$941,302
Total Value		\$16,663,309

Values based on average retail prices in 2011 from Amazon.com, Netflix, Kinko's, etc.

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As shown above, we can see that the dollar value of services received is more than *eight times* the budget allocation. This is truly a remarkable value.

Women’s History Month

March was Women’s History Month. Come into the library and pick up a new bibliography on women’s rights, feminism, and more. See the special display of materials available for checkout.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) recognize Moreno Valley Police Officers

On February 22, 2012, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) honored members of the Moreno Valley Traffic Team at their annual “Avoid the 30” award ceremony. This event is endorsed by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). Over 300 people from several law enforcement agencies in Riverside County attended this prestigious event.

Several members of the Moreno Valley Traffic Team were individually recognized during this event. MVPD Motor Officer Eric Robinson was the top DUI arresting officer for all agencies in 2011 and received the Triple Century Award for arresting 314 motorists for impaired driving. MVPD Motor Officer Dennis Pleta was the next highest DUI arresting officer in 2011 for all agencies and received the Double Century Award for arresting 203 motorists for impaired driving.

Other MVPD Officers who were recognized for DUI arrests were Motor Officers Jason Edmondson and Christopher Loucks as well as Officers Christopher Bayani, Myling Bordeau, Ralph Lopez, Jason Slover, and Rebecca Torres.

Management Analyst Launa Jimenez received special recognition from the Riverside County “AVOID the 30” Campaign for her continued dedication to traffic safety. For the past six years, Launa has worked closely with the Office of Traffic Safety and our “Avoid the 30” partners, coordinating and administering our traffic safety grants. Her hard work and organizational qualities allowed officers to maximize their enforcement efforts.

Not only is the Moreno Valley Traffic Team highly recognized for enforcing impaired driving laws, the team was also recognized by the California Office of Traffic Safety by winning first place in the very competitive California Law Enforcement Challenge. The Moreno Valley Traffic Team was recognized at the national level by the International Chiefs of Police, taking 1st place in Traffic Safety.

The Moreno Valley Traffic team takes traffic safety very seriously and was also recognized by CNBC.com when Moreno Valley was named as the 3rd safest city in the nation for its size in 2011.

Surveillance Camera Community Meeting, March 14

The second and third Community Advisory Meetings were held at police department. These meetings afford the community an opportunity to learn and discuss the benefits of the upcoming camera system. We now have an email address for the public to use to forward their questions and comments. mvpdcamera@riversidesheriff.org

School Zones

Every school in California has a school zone. In Moreno Valley alone there are 42 schools and 36,000 students. Each of these schools has a school zone. A school zone is a reduced-speed zone around a school. In a school zone, the speed limit is reduced to 25 mph for the safety of the juveniles walking to and from school. Each school zone is accompanied by a sign with the reduced speed limit and a sign that state "When children are present." A common question that is asked by the public is what defines "When children are present?"

"When children are present" is defined as the hours before and after school when there are juveniles on the roadway and sidewalks. Once the children are on the campus and school has started, the 25 mph zone reverts back to the posted speed limit of the street, even if children are behind the fence of the school playing. When school lets out and the sidewalks and roadways begin filling back up with children, then the 25 mph speed limit returns. This has been the consensus of traffic judges and commissioners throughout the State of California.

Please remember, when a school bus loads and unloads students, whether on the road or in a school zone, the red lights will be flashing and the side stop sign will be deployed if so equipped. Under 22454(a) CVC, vehicles must stop completely for the flashing lights. The only exception to this is vehicles approaching from the opposite direction, if it is a divided highway, or there are more than 2 lanes of travel. In all cases, vehicles traveling the same direction as the school bus must stop.

Remember these rules were meant to help keep the roadways safe for our children.

Cases of the Week

- On Monday, March 5, 2012, at 11:57 AM, officers responded to a shooting in the parking lot of the 7-Eleven, located in the 15000 block of Perris Blvd. The male suspect fled the parking lot on foot. Upon

checking the area, officers saw the male hiding in the bed of a pickup. The male ran and was quickly apprehended. The weapon was recovered. No one was injured. Further investigation revealed the male was shooting at his former girlfriend and her new boyfriend. The male was arrested and booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center.

- On Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at 8:28 AM, officers responded to a residential burglary in progress in the 24300 block of Gabriel St., in the City of Moreno Valley. Upon contacting the victim, officers learned two males tried to enter the residence through a window and were scared off. Another victim at a nearby residence stated one of the males entered her home and threatened her with a knife. Based on the description of the males, the officers were able to identify one of the males. Officers on the Robbery Suppression and Burglary Suppression Teams continued the investigation. The identified male was arrested in the City of Riverside and booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center.
- On Friday, March 2, 2012, at 7:57 PM, volunteer members of the Citizens On Patrol (COP) reported seeing a suspicious male running from a vehicle at the El Potrero Park, located in the 16900 block of Lasselle St., in the City of Moreno Valley. Officers responded and learned a male suspect, robbed the occupants of the vehicle at gunpoint. The suspect then assaulted the female and ran when he saw the arrival of the COP members. Officers established a perimeter. The suspect was located and arrested. A Riverside County Sheriff's Department bloodhound was used in the investigation and evidence identifying the suspect to the crime was located. The suspect was booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Capital Projects

Widening Of Perris Boulevard Southbound at State Route-60 Westbound On-Ramp

Construction began this month. The project will construct a southbound right turn lane on Perris Boulevard at the SR-60 westbound on-ramp which includes traffic signal modifications at Perris Boulevard/Elder Avenue as well as at Perris Boulevard/SR-60 westbound on-ramp. The project is partially located within Caltrans right of way; therefore Caltrans is involved with project inspection and oversight. Once completed, the project is anticipated to provide congestion relief in the southbound direction near the 60 freeway and enhance pedestrian mobility.

State Route 60/Nason Street Interchange Phase 1

Significant progress is being made on the SR-60/Nason Street Interchange. In January, the new westbound on- and off-ramps were opened to traffic. In February, during a weekend partial closure, Nason Street and the Nason/Elder intersection were completely rebuilt and widened, and opened to traffic. In early March, the contractor completed the “new” Nason Street south of the bridge, which raised the grade in some areas by over 15 feet along the old Nason alignment. The contractor switched traffic to the new roadway, temporarily closed and rebuilt the Stoneridge driveway, and completed final drainage tie-ins in the area. The final work in the project installed traffic signal poles at both the new Nason / eastbound off-ramp / on-ramp and the Nason / Elder/ westbound ramp intersections. To sign up for regular project updates, please visit the City’s “Route 60 Nason” link on the city’s website. A toll-free number has been set up as 1-888-493-8410. Construction remains on schedule. Phase 2, bridge replacement, will take place after completion of Phase 1 and is expected to take 14 months to complete.

Auto Mall Improvement Project Update

The construction of the Moreno Valley Auto Mall Freeway Pylon Sign was completed successfully with a budget savings in July of 2011. The Pylon Sign was Phase I of the City’s conceptual plan for the Auto Mall. Phase II of the conceptual plan includes improvements that will enhance the appearance of the perimeter of the Auto Mall site along Auto Mall Parkway and boost business advantages by creating attractive visual displays for the dealer’s products, including other aesthetic landscape elements. The goal is to help provide increased awareness and interaction between prospective customers and business owners. The increase in Auto Mall business has the potential to increase additional opportunities for employment and enhance other long term related business benefits for the local community. Phase II construction was approved by City Council at the February 28, 2012 meeting.

Phase II improvements include visual display enhancement and landscape improvements to the southeast corner of Auto Mall Parkway at Eucalyptus Avenue and the northeast corner of Auto Mall Parkway (Moreno Beach Drive) at Auto Mall Drive. Work to be completed includes the replacement of the two existing Auto Mall entry way concrete monument signs with new multi-dealership 14-foot high by 7-foot wide signs with eight (8) backlit tenant (dealership) panels similar in architectural features of the recently completed pylon sign, construction of pedestrian friendly access sidewalks and ramps, construction of six automobile display pads,

landscape, irrigation, and lighting improvements to improve the overall attractiveness of the area.

Heacock Street Sidewalk Improvements from Atwood Avenue to Myers Avenue

Seven (7) bids were received for the Heacock Street Sidewalk Improvements project and were opened on March 5, 2012. The apparent low bidder was Elite Companies US, Inc. in Huntington Beach with a bid amount of \$87,852. The engineer’s estimate was \$122,200. The City Council awarded the construction contract to Elite Companies US at the March 27, 2012 meeting.

Cottonwood Avenue Improvements From Perris Boulevard To 650 Feet East:

Ten (10) bids were received for the Cottonwood Avenue Improvements project and were opened on March 1, 2012. The apparent low bidder was Hillcrest Contracting in Corona with a bid amount of \$150,983. The engineer’s estimate was \$196,000. The City Council awarded the construction contract to Hillcrest Contracting at the March 27, 2012 meeting.

Ironwood Avenue Improvement from Heacock Street to Perris Boulevard

City Council awarded the construction contract of the Ironwood Avenue Improvement from Heacock Street to Perris Boulevard to STI Inc. Trucking and Materials on October 25, 2011 and the project will construct full street improvements on both sides of Ironwood Avenue from Heacock Street to Perris Boulevard. The improvements include widening of the road by constructing two additional lanes and installing the missing curb, gutter, and sidewalk. A new traffic signal will be constructed at the intersection of Davis Street and Ironwood Avenue. Southern California Edison (SCE) has completed the relocation of 16 power poles along the north side of Ironwood Avenue to clear the way for the street construction. Other utility companies such as Time Warner, Sunesys, and Verizon have also coordinated and relocated their facilities on the poles in a timely manner. The relocation of SCE power poles started in July 2011 and was completed by end of October 2011 as scheduled, and project construction started in late November 2011. New sidewalk, curb and gutter have been installed for the section from Zantar Lane to Perris Boulevard. Construction will finish in May 2012 (weather permitting).

Morrison Park Fire Station

The construction contract for Morrison Park Fire Station was awarded to Silver



Creek Industries in Perris at the September 13, 2011 City Council meeting. Construction started the second week of October 2011 after the ground breaking ceremony. This project will build a new fire station at the northeast corner of Cottonwood Avenue and Morrison Street occupying approximately 1.5 acres. The Morrison Park Fire Station will be a two-bay fire station with low maintenance landscaping design. Following are the milestone construction activities:

- Construction started in October 2011
- Grading completed in November 2011
- Building slab pouring completed in January 2012.
- Underground utilities installation in January- February 2011.
- Building framing started in mid February 2012.
- Installed wall, sheeting and roof trusses March 2012.
- Construction will finish in July 2012 (weather permitting)

Fire Station No. 65

The Fire Department is planning to relocate the Fire Station No. 65 to a new location. A new location for Fire Station No. 65 replacement has been selected at the northeast corner of Rebecca Street and Brodiaea Avenue. The future site of Fire Station No. 65 will be approximate 1.5 Acres. The Department of Public Works, Capital Projects Division is working together with Fire Department in the land acquisition for the future Fire Station No. 65. City Council has authorized Capital Projects to start the offering and negotiating process. A letter of offer has been sent out to the owner. The City and the owner are entering the Agreement for Conveyance of Property.

Industrial Fire Station

The Fire Department is planning to acquire land to construct a new fire station in the City's south industrial area. The selected site is parcel APN 316-190-035, along the north side of San Michele Road west of Perris Boulevard. The site is in Industrial Business Park zoning and currently improved as legal-non conforming single family residence with unique features: geodesic dome house of 2,813 SF gross living area on a 4.78 acre lot. An appraisal report was prepared in September 2011 by Overland, Pacific & Cutler, Inc. City Council has authorized Capital Projects to start the offering and negotiating process on November 1st, 2011. The City and the owner have signed the Agreement for Conveyance of Property. Escrow has been opened for the acquisition in March 2012.

Local Street Pavement Resurfacing

The Local Street Pavement Resurfacing project is under construction. The project is to resurface fifteen (15) residential streets to provide new smooth pavement

surface and extend the life of street pavement. The contractor, All America Asphalt, will be performing pavement crack filling, then overlaying the existing pavement surface with new asphalt concrete layer, and applying slurry seal as the final treatment process to the pavement. The construction is scheduled to be completed by April 2012.

Cactus Avenue / Nason Street Improvement Project

On March 13, 2012, the construction contract for the Cactus Avenue / Nason Street Improvement project was awarded to Sully-Miller Contracting Company.

This project implements and is part of the Economic Development Action Plan, approved by the City Council on April 26, 2011.

The project will widen Cactus Avenue to four lanes from Lasselle Street to Nason Street and widen Nason Street to four lanes from Cactus Avenue to Delphinium Avenue as well as extend Nason Street further south from Delphinium Avenue to Iris Avenue as a new four lane arterial road.

The project will install:

- 4 miles of concrete curb
- 45,000 square feet of concrete sidewalk
- A new Traffic Signal at the Nason Street and Iris Avenue Intersection
- 93 Street Lights
- 2 miles of Storm Drain
- 1.3 miles of Domestic Waterlines
- 2 miles of Recycled Waterlines
- 0.5 miles of Sanitary Sewer
- Move 165,000 cubic yards of dirt
- Utilize 20,000 tons of asphalt concrete to pave the roads.
- Underground a mile long overhead SCE power-line along Cactus Avenue.

The project construction will start in late April 2012 and the completion is anticipated by June 2013.

The City received a \$1 million State Grant to widen Cactus Avenue. Eastern Municipal Water District will fund \$3.3 Million for the construction of its facilities, while Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District will assist the City by funding \$705,000 of the storm drain construction.

Lasselle/Margaret Traffic Signal

The traffic signal was successfully turned on March 6, 2012 and is currently operational. The traffic signal assists pedestrians crossing Lasselle Street adjacent to Vista Del Lago High School.

Perris Boulevard Widening from Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral "B" (Southerly City Limits) to Cactus Avenue

The proposed work for the Perris Boulevard Widening from Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral "B" (Southerly City Limits) to Cactus Avenue project includes street widening to a uniform six travel lanes, concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, driveway approaches, minor drainage improvements, utility relocation, and relocated traffic signals. The pre-design, design, and right of way phases were all completed for this project, but there were no Regional Arterial Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) funds available for the construction phase.

In an effort to secure funding for construction, Public Works Department staff has been diligently working for several months with Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) staff. City staff pointed out to RCTC that during the pre-construction phases of this project, the work was completed at a savings of \$1.25 million under budget. Similarly, City staff saved another \$415,000 during the pre-construction phases for a second TUMF funded project (Perris Boulevard Widening from Ironwood Avenue to Manzanita Avenue). RCTC agreed to combine these substantial savings with another \$4 million in TUMF funds, for a total of almost \$5.7 million. On March 14, 2012, the RCTC Commission voted to appropriate almost \$5.7 million in TUMF funding for the construction of this important regional project. The agreement to secure these funds will be brought before City Council on April 10, 2012. Once approved, the project would be advertised for bidding, with construction to start in Summer 2012.