

FRIDAY LETTER
July 23, 2010

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

Good Friday to the dedicated staff and City Council at the City of Oviedo. Good news, the I.A.F.F. contract negotiations have concluded. On Wednesday, July 21, 2010, I received notice that the I.A.F.F. membership ratified the contract as presented by the City's Labor Attorney, David Young. On Thursday, July 22, 2010, Dana Allen delivered an executed copy of the Labor Agreement to my office. Chief White and Connie Collins are making the necessary preparations to have the contract placed on Council's August 2, 2010 agenda for approval. It's been a long process, but thanks to all who brought it to a successful conclusion.

On another note, I met with PRMG this week concerning the Financial Feasibility Report in connection with the proposed \$36,000,000 Bond Issuance for the acquisition of the Alafaya Utilities. The purpose of our meeting was to review the draft feasibility report one more time before our meeting with the entire Acquisition Team and the recently appointed bond underwriters. The Financial Feasibility Report is voluminous, comprehensive, and capturing. It captured what the City's financial picture will be as a result of the Alafaya Utility Acquisition. The report makes comprehensive financial projections and debt service coverages for the next five years. Interestingly, the economic recession, our water conservation program, and our reclaim program have all had a significant impact on potable water consumption. So much so that by 2015, the City will be well under its 4.67 MGD CUP. Despite the negative impact on potable water sales, the City's projected debt service coverage capability is predicted to be more than adequate. We remain environmentally responsible and financially sound, which is a difficult balancing test.

Some of my activities this week included:

- Meeting regarding Alafaya Utilities (Feasibility Study)
- Meeting with Chief White
- City Council Meeting
- Network Services Evaluation Committee Meeting
- Network Services Oral Presentation Meeting
- Meeting regarding the Anderson Parcel
- Staff Meeting
- Meeting with Deputy Mayor Persampiere
- Meeting with Councilman Schenck

Please see the informational items for the week as reported by City Departments:

PUBLIC WORKS:

On Sunday night, road striping activities will occur at the intersection of Lockwood Blvd. and Pauline Street. Hatch striping will be placed on the through lanes on Lockwood Blvd. to prevent blocking of the intersection. This improvement will address the potential increase in traffic at Pauline and Lockwood due to median modification that will occur at Mitchell Hammock Road and Katie Jean Street/Manigan Avenue. Maintenance of traffic may require intermittent delays during the striping and/or periodic lane closures. Operations staff installed "Do Not Block Intersection" signs this past week in anticipation of the striping.

Bids were received this past week for the Mitchell Hammock Intersection improvements at Katie Jean/Manigan, Eastbridge/Henson and Sharon Ct. The apparent low bid for the project was

\$184,602 which is approximately \$100K less than the original project estimate. This project is ARRA funded with FDOT providing up to \$154,000 of the project cost. Staff anticipates this item for Council approval at the second meeting in August. CEI services for this project will be on the August 2nd Council Agenda for approval.

The sidewalk project continued this past week along north Lockwood Rd. The first section, north of Ashland Tr., has been completed with preliminary construction work in progress up the west right of way up to the Shane Kelly Park east/back entrance. The project is on schedule.

At last week's METROPLAN'S Board meeting, projects were reviewed for selection to be funded from surplus ARRA money. METROPLAN and FDOT successfully lobbied the State to allow local projects to be funded rather than only statewide projects.

A portion of the surplus funds have now been allocated to the SR-426/ Red Bug Road/ Mitchell Hammock Road Pedestrian Bridge construction.

Seminole County has been contacted regarding City requested enhancements for the bridge.

RECREATION AND PARKS:

Tuesday, July 20th was the final evening session of Swim Lessons at Riverside Pool for the summer. There were 66 swimmers registered by the first day. Saturday, July 24th will begin the registration for the final morning session of lessons. Group Swim Lessons will continue into the 2010 school year, with sessions in September and October.



A total of 151 campers attended summer camp at Riverside Park this week, our highest record of attendance this summer! The campers had their morning exercise program on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday with a Jazzercise instructor. This helped to get their blood flowing for the week of adventure. A 30-minute reading session after lunch each day helped their minds to stay on track while school is out of session. Riverside Park reserves these books for three weeks at a time from the Seminole County East Branch Library in Oviedo. Field trips this week included Typhoon Lagoon, Disney Quest, and the Central Florida Zoo.



Congratulations and good luck to all our Oviedo Babe Ruth and Oviedo Little League teams competing in State and National tournaments this summer. Below are the results and schedules of the teams still in play.



Babe Ruth Baseball

- 9-year-olds: State Runner-up - will place in the Southeast Regional Tournament beginning July 22nd in Varina, Virginia
- 11-year-olds: State Champions - will play in the Southeast Regional Tournament beginning July 22nd in Semmes, Alabama
- 12-year-olds: State Champions - will play in the Southeast Regional Tournament beginning July 29th in Ocala, Florida
- 13-year-olds: District Champions - will play in the State Tournament beginning July 22nd in Jupiter, Florida

Babe Ruth Softball

- 12-year-olds: State Champions - will play in the World Series, beginning August 5th in Alachua, Florida

Little League Baseball

- 9/10-year-olds: Sectional Champions - will play in the State Tournament, beginning July 23rd in Land O'Lakes, Florida

Little League Softball

10/11-year-olds: Sectional Champions – will play in the State Tournament, beginning July 23rd in Tallahassee, Florida

Adult Softball Leagues continue their summer seasons with a few weeks remaining until post-season tournaments begin. Come out and watch the exciting softball action every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights at the Oviedo Sports Complex.



The summer Adult Flag Football League has completed the regular season, with team “Hooray” winning the regular season championship. Teams are now competing in a postseason tournament, with the semi-finals and finals taking place on Sunday, July 25th at Long Lake Park.



Work continues with the renovations of Field #1 at Shane Kelly Park, with staff concentrating on the transfer of sod. Parks staff continues to complete routine maintenance, regular work requests, and daily activities.

Tommy Kelly, Crew Leader, was voted full-time employee of the month and David White, Concession Stand Worker, was voted part-time employee of the month. Congratulations to both!



HUMAN RESOURCES:

The Human Resources Department has been working closely with Public Works Utilities regarding the potential acquisition of Utilities, Inc. Job audits have already been conducted with the City staff as well as the staff at Utilities, Inc. and we are determining position and salary equity if the two staffs should be merged.

Connie Collins, Barbara Faulk, Tony Segreto and Joe Grusauskas met with the Utilities, Inc staff last month to answer their questions and review the City’s benefits. Applications have been received from all five (5) staff members at Utilities, Inc. in preparation of the acquisition. A meeting with the City Manager and Assistant City Manager on July 29th will provide direction on our recommendations so that we can be prepared to move forward at the appropriate time.

FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES:



Emergency Management notifications were provided concerning the potential tropical threat in the Atlantic. The tropical activity is anticipated to increase from August through September which is considered the peak portion of the hurricane season as climate conditions are typically more favorable for development of tropical storms. High heat warnings were also distributed to city employees.



Centra Care surveillance monitoring is demonstrating a significant increase in Strep Throat mostly from the Orange County facilities. The medical ailment is likely to increase in Seminole County as well. Strep Throat can remain contagious for upwards of 3 weeks even when the symptoms no longer remain. Symptoms include; fever, red throat, general ill feeling or

weakness, loss of appetite, swollen lymph nodes in the neck, difficulty swallowing, stomach ache, nausea, chills, headache. This illness is very common in children and teenagers.



Oviedo Professional Firefighters Local 3476 ratified the labor agreement this week and the contract agreement is being prepared for City Council review.



Chief White attended the City Council meeting, City Manager staff meeting, Fire Chiefs of Seminole County annual planning meeting and performed an interview with Fox 35 news.



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have announced the following recalls:

- J & H Besta Corp., issues voluntary nationwide recall of Slim-30 Herb Supplement found to contain an undeclared drug element and has not received FDA approval. Product distributed nationwide as a natural herb weight loss product. The undeclared product is sibutramine which is known to increase blood pressure/pulse rate and presents a health risk to patients with a history of coronary artery disease. Call 516-735-1436 for recall information.



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has announced the following recalls:

- Recall of Karino Baby Pacifiers. Product may separate and result in a choking hazard. Approximately 44,000 sold since 2009. Manufactured in Mexico. Contact 619-395-4543 for recall information.
- Recall of Atico International Bamboo Torches. Wick is extremely sharp resulting in laceration hazard. 324,000 sold via CVS, Rite Aid, and Dollar Tree stores since 2008. Call 866-448-7856 for recall information.

POLICE:

Chief Chudnow attended the monthly meeting of the Seminole County Law Enforcement Association and the Seminole County Child Abuse Prevention Task Force.

Code Enforcement Manager Shawn O'Rourke and the Chief met to discuss the Extended Hours Ordinance application & permit as well as the documentation pertaining to applicable businesses.

The Chief met with Thomas Newman regarding a law enforcement career. He also attended Traffic Court regarding traffic enforcement he conducted.

Chief Chudnow and Mr. Groot met regarding late night alcohol sales and issues related to Red Light cameras.

The Chief attended a Domestic Violence Grant “InVEST” on-site entrance meeting Commander Beaulieu and Lt. Capetillo conducted with the assigned DCF Monitoring Team and Oviedo’s lead Domestic Violence Detective. The grant review was very positive overall.

Criminal Investigations detectives and Community Response officers are continuing multiple active investigations into reported crime and ongoing community concerns.

A Business Watch meeting was held at the C.O.P.S. Center following an earlier Media Release announcing the event. Those in attendance felt the information was meaningful to the business community. Business Watch operates very similar to Neighborhood Watch in that the business community identifies a geographical area and organizes to watch out for each other. Business Watch development actively continues with 250 Business Watch forms returned to the police department and placed on file. To date, this is about a 50% return of the forms from businesses that have been contacted.

Lt. Lynch is the Acting Public Information Officer through August 1st due to Lt. Beavers being on vacation.

Oviedo officers were invited to be involved in the videotaping of a public service announcement that helps incarcerated parents be more aware of social services that are available to their children while they are incarcerated. Planning is currently underway for the filming.

Please note the following meetings and work sessions.

Upcoming Meetings		
Monday, July 26, 2010	Budget Special Session	5:30 p.m.
Monday, August 2, 2010	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Monday, August 16, 2010	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.

Sincerely,



Richard Gestrich
City Manager