



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2009

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
BEN REYES, CITY ATTORNEY

FROM: BELINDA B. ESPINOSA, CITY MANAGER

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- SEPTEMBER 24 – PLANNING COMMISSION AND STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Planning Commission serving as the General Plan Update Steering Committee will meet on Monday September 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The meeting will focus on a discussion on the Draft Housing Element of the General Plan Update. The Housing Element was last updated in 2003. This update is required to meet State legal requirements. Further information about the City's 2009 Housing Element Update at the following City website link: <http://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/planning/housingelement.html>. Please contact Redevelopment Analyst Leslie Carbahal (phone: 510-724-9831 and email lcarbahal@ci.pinole.ca.us) or Planning Manager Winston Rhodes (phone: 510-724-9832 and email: wrhodes@cipinole.ca.us) with any questions. The City looks forward to your participation in the preparation of the Housing Element Update.

- SEPTEMBER 29 - FLU CLINICS AT DOCTORS MEDICAL CENTER-SAN PABLO

Doctors Medical Center will offer public drive-thru seasonal flu vaccination clinics on Tuesday September 29, 2009. The drive-thru format is intended to make the process convenient for the public in order to encourage more people to consider receiving the seasonal flu vaccine. Chief Nursing Officer Sullivan said that the clinics are being scheduled in September instead of November because the flu season is anticipated to begin earlier this year. The hospital is actively preparing for an early flu season.

The seasonal flu vaccine will be offered to people age 12 and older. Appointments are not necessary, but supplies are limited. Flu vaccination clinics will be asking for a \$10 donation however, no one will be denied if unable to pay. The location is at Doctors Medical Center, in the west-side parking lot, 2000 Vale Road, San Pablo

Note that the seasonal flu vaccine is different from the H1N1 vaccine, which is not yet available. Details about H1N1 vaccine availability should be released in the coming weeks. For general information about the influenza vaccine, go to <<http://www.cdc.gov/FLU/protect/keyfacts.htm>>. For Contra Costa County's flu clinic information and locations call 1-800-246-2494. A flyer is attached at the end of the report.

- **SEPTEMBER 26- WEST CONTRA COSTA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR**

The West Contra Costa County Emergency Preparedness Fair will be held at the Hilltop Mall in Richmond. This is a free one day event to help residents prepare for natural and manmade disasters. The event will take place on Saturday September 26 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

- **OCTOBER 3 FREE FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR**

California State Controller John Chiang, Senator Loni Hancock, Assemblymember Sandré Swanson, Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums & the Financial Planning Association of the Bay Area and the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards are hosting a day of **FREE** Financial Planning on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at 1515 Clay Street in Oakland. A flyer is attached at the end of this report with registration and contact information.

- **OCTOBER 14- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING WORKSHOP**

The Pinole Police Department, through the Community Preservation and Safety Unit, will be hosting a Domestic Violence Training Workshop. The workshop will be held on Monday, October 14, 2009, from 9 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. in the Alex Clark Room. To RSVP or for additional information, please contact Community Safety Specialist Patricia Pava at 510-741-3892 or on-line at ppava@ci.pinole.ca.us.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- **REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION-SECURITIZATION BILL**

The California State Association of Counties has sent a letter to the State Senate requesting that the California Legislature reconvene immediately in order to discuss the proposed legislation on the Securitization Bill (see attached). The Securitization Bill was one of many bills that did not receive the required 2/3 majority vote in order to be enacted. The Legislature is reconvening for deliberations on just this specific bill on October 15.

This bill specifically outlines the State's proposal for borrowing from local government (cities, counties and special districts) from our Prop 1A Property Tax. The City of Pinole is about to lose an estimated \$330,000 from the State as one of their measures for fixing their economic crisis. Basically, the bill outlines that there would be a pooled bond issuance for the

proportionate share of Property Tax 1 A monies from all of the cities, counties and special districts with absolutely NO ongoing obligation by local agencies for the debt.

The State would bear all responsibility for paying back the bond holders. Staff may present this issue to the City Council in October since the original bill language requires a council resolution by November 6, 2009, provided that the Senate reconvenes and the bill passes..

- **A SUCCESSFUL SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PLANT UPGRADES**

There was a project scoping meeting for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed upgrades at the Water Pollution Control Plant on Thursday evening September 24, 2009. The purpose of this meeting was to receive public testimony as to the impacts that the EIR should evaluate. Only a handful of residents attended, however, their comments were noted and will be taken into account in the EIR document. It is expected that the EIR document will be released for comment early 2010.

- **TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE (TAPS) OPENINGS**

The terms of three committee members expire in November. The City will accept applications for this committee on October 1 and applications must be completed and filed by close of business on Thursday, October 16 at 4:30 P.M. Pinole residents and business owners are encouraged to apply. Applications will be available on the City website and at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall- 2nd Floor, 2131 Pear Street. An announcement is attached at the end of this report.

- **SENIOR CENTER NOT OFFERING FLU VACCINE THIS YEAR**

Pinole Senior Center has received notice from the County that they will not be offering flu shots at any senior center this year. So, Pinole Senior Center will not be able to offer flu shots this year. There are a number of hospitals and businesses with pharmacies such as Target, Walgreens and Longs /CVS offering flu shots. The cost and when shots are available vary from business to business. Most places are providing the shot free if you have Medicare Part B. Please contact them directly for cost and hours.

- **ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES**

Work has pretty much been completed on the Residential Slurry Seal and Residential Overlay Programs. Construction crews are now striping the newly rehabilitated streets and performing minor clean up items. For the most part construction was completed with minimal impact to residents, thanks to multiple notices and a focus on customer service by our inspectors. The most common complaint was from residents whose street could not be rehabilitated because of funding limitations.

Construction activities are now ramping up on Simas Avenue and Appian Way. Construction crews are now reconstructing damaged curbs and out of compliance access ramps along those two roadways. In the next few weeks, areas of highly distressed asphalt will be removed and reconstructed in advance of an overlay of new asphalt.

The Appian project will include several small but important traffic improvements such as a left turn lane and green arrow into Mann Drive from Appian Way, edge striping to help reduce speeds, a dedicated right turn lane at the foot of Appian Way at San Pablo Avenue, and finally an uphill acceleration lane at San Pablo Avenue.

- **BAY TRAIL UPDATE**

City staff continues to work with East Bay Regional Park District on the missing portion of the Bay Trail between Pinole Shores and the Bay Front Park. This missing link is one of the more challenging segments of the trail to construct because of poor geology, steep terrain, and the fact that the project will involve right-of-way discussions with both the Burlington Northern / Santa Fe as well as the Union Pacific Railroads.

This past week an engineering consultant was selected from a field of seven very capable candidates. Engineering the trail will now begin and is expected to take 12 months to complete.

This project is a joint effort of the lead agency East Bay Regional Park District, the City of Pinole, and West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC), who is funding the project from Regional Transportation Monies.

- **ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR ENERGY PROJECTS**

Staff attended a Workshop on Energy and Climate Change this week in Orinda. Representatives from various agencies were in attendance and there was much discussion about the California Energy Commission's plan for distributing Federal Stimulus Monies.

We learned that stimulus dollars will be distributed in two ways. Each City/County will receive a Block Grant based upon population and unemployment statistics. Under this formula the City of Pinole will be receiving approximately \$100,000. Funds may be used to purchase energy efficient equipment or to fund an energy efficient construction project. Staff is looking at ways to best deploy these onetime monies to reduce long term / ongoing energy costs. One possibility is a new HVAC system at City Hall; our current system has become unreliable and it is far from energy efficient. Other possibilities include helping to fund our solar project, or the installation of more efficient street lights.

The California Energy Commission will be making a second distribution of monies through a competitive grant process in which agencies and cities submit energy efficient projects for consideration. We are looking at the possibility of joining forces with other West County cities

for a West County wide project of removing old inefficient street lights and replacing them with new more efficient systems.

- **PINOLE SENIOR CENTER JEWELRY SALE**

Every two years, the Pinole Senior Center collects everyone's jewelry that they are no longer wearing. Al and Lynn Dunn then clean it and price it to sell as a fund raiser. All the money raised goes to the Senior Center scholarship fund. In the past, the Center was able to award from \$3,000 to \$4,000 to graduating high school seniors. Please come by and support a great cause and pick up some beautiful jewelry at a super low price. The first day of the Jewelry Sale is Tuesday October 6, 2009 at 10 am. The sale will last most of the month of October. So shop early and shop often.

- **CERT CLASSES CONTINUE.....**

The second class of the Pinole CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Training) program was held Monday night and the subjects covered included review of fire chemistry, how to identify hazardous chemicals in buildings, storage of household hazardous chemicals, proper use of electrical and extension cords, how to turn off hot water and gas meters, smoke detectors and how to operate a fire extinguishers. That was the fun part. The CERT members paired up in teams and actually practiced extinguishing small fires with fire extinguishers. It is important to note that everyone should have a wrench stored nearby their meters or in their home emergency kits so that in case of an emergency, you will be able to turn the meters off. **Of great importance is that once the gas meter is turned off, only a PGE representative can start the meter again.**

- **WELCOME NEW HOME OWNERS ON MAIDEN LANE**

Congratulations to the first time homebuyers who have just closed escrow on their new home on Maiden Lane. The Redevelopment Agency offered two homes in the On Maiden Lane subdivision for sale at a below market rate to qualified moderate-income buyers. Following the September 22, 2009 close date, the Agency has received payment for the sale, and the new home owners are hard at work making the house their home. The Agency expects to close escrow on the second home in the next few weeks.

- **KUDOS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

We continue to receive tremendous assistance for our community volunteers, mostly from our very own Senior Center. This week we highlight Charles Christopher who has been assisting in Administration with our records management tasks. While staff is busy imaging records identified for retention, Charles has become our "Number 1 Shredder" to reduce our paper load! During the past several weeks Charles had shredded 37 boxes. Previously, the most cost effective way to shred large volumes of paper was to outsource to a private vendor,

which charge from \$7-\$10 / box. Do the numbers - Charles has saved us approximately \$350! Thank you to Charles, and all the volunteers at the Pinole Senior Center!

- **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Graffiti –

Two San Francisco residents were arrested spraying graffiti on the train wall under Sunnyview Drive. Other police agencies are also interviewing the vandals believing that they may be responsible in thousands of dollars worth of vandalism in the Bay Area.

East Bluff Apartments -

On Monday, September 21, 2009, the East Bluff Apartments held their “Safety Social” in celebration of their “Certification” in the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. With thanks to Sgt. Will Palmini, Officer Andrew Decker and Explorers Tiffany Hurtado, Tim Messier, Joshua Ellison, Oscar Rodriguez and Natasha Eaton and CSS Tom Madigan, the Safety Social was a terrific success. Thanks also to Cable Access Coordinator Dave Snell and Cable Access Technicians Stewart McCale and Eric Wilson for their participation in memorializing the evening’s festivities by recording it all! We will soon be able to watch it on Channel 28.

The evening ended with Pat Pava presenting the Crime Free Certificate to Patrice Williams, and Sgt. Palmini speaking on behalf of the Community Preservation and Safety Unit surrounded by Unit staff, the Explorers and acting property manager Patrice Williams. Once again, Cable Access Technician Stewart McCall was able to capture all of this for future broadcast. ***Thank you everyone for your participation – a good evening was had by all.***

Volunteer Efforts –

Police Department volunteers put in the following number of hours:

Front Desk -	20 hours
Administrative Support –	16 hours
Patrol Support -	16 hours
Explorers -	<u>15 hours</u>
Total volunteer hours-	67 hours

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September 15, 2009

The Honorable Darrell Steinberg
Senate President Pro Tem
Room 205, State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Dennis Hollingsworth
Senate Republican Leader
Room 305, State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Senator Steinberg and Senator Hollingsworth:

On behalf of the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, and the California Special Districts Association, we are writing to respectfully request that you take expedited action to reconvene the California State Senate immediately to approve two budget cleanup measures of critical importance to both local government agencies and the state. These measures were included among a number of urgency measures that were approved by the state Assembly, but they did not receive the required two-thirds vote in the Senate before recess early September 12, 2009.

The passage of SB 67 is of critical importance to local governments that desire to securitize the state's repayment obligation for the approximately \$1.9 billion in property taxes being borrowed by the state. This measure contains important changes to the language of AB X4 15 (Gaines) approved as part of the July budget agreement. These changes were deemed necessary by bond counsel and bond advisors for the transaction as well as the Department of Finance and the State Treasurer's Office. The bill represents a consensus effort agreed to by those agencies, our three associations, and legislative consultants from both parties.

SB 67 provides an accelerated schedule for the securitization of the Prop. 1A loan to occur no later than mid-November, ensuring that local agencies will receive this critical funding on exactly the same schedule as they would normally receive distributions of their property tax funds. Moreover, these same changes in SB 67 make it possible for the state to save an estimated \$200 million in interest costs because the bonds can then be issued on a tax-exempt basis. If SB 67 is not approved, we have been advised that this significant cost-saving advantage will most likely not apply to bonds issued next spring under AB X4 15 (Gaines) and local governments will suffer serious public safety and other service reductions as a result of a loss of their property tax funds.

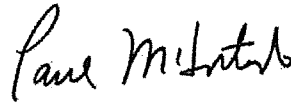
SB 65 is a state cash flow measure that allows the state to reduce its need for temporary borrowing through alterations to the schedule of existing deferrals to better match the state's needs for cash flow. This measure also includes helpful language on provisions related to gas tax revenues being deferred under existing law.

We urge you, as leaders of our state, to work together – and if necessary with the leadership of the State Assembly – to take immediate action to pass these measures that are so vital to providing local services and keeping our streets, our neighborhoods, and all Californians safe.

Sincerely,



Christopher McKenzie, Executive Director
League of California Cities



Paul McIntosh, Executive Director
California State Association of Counties



Neil McCormick, Executive Director
California Special Districts Association

cc: Honorable Members of the California State Senate
The Honorable Karen Bass, Speaker of the Assembly
The Honorable Sam Blakeslee, Assembly Republican Leader
The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor, State of California



ANNOUNCEMENT – TAPS COMMITTEE VACANCIES

THE TERM OF 3 OF THE TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY (TAPS) **COMMITTEE** MEMBERS EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 1, 2009. THE CITY IS SOLICITING APPLICATIONS FROM INTERESTED PINOLE CITIZENS AND BUSINESS OWNERS.

THE PINOLE TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE IS A (7) SEVEN-MEMBER PANEL WHO RECOMMEND OR REVIEW ACTION ON TRAFFIC SAFETY, TRAFFIC CONTROL AND PLANNING, SPEED LIMITS, PARKING AND OTHER TRAFFIC RELATED MATTERS, AND IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN CHANGES AND MATTERS REFERRED FOR STUDY.

THE TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE MEET EVERY OTHER MONTH ON THE THIRD, WEDNESDAY, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM LOCATED AT 2131 PEAR STREET.

APPLICATIONS AND REQUIRED QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OCTOBER 1 AT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE LOCATED AT 2131 PEAR STREET OR BY CALLING (510) 724-8928. **APPLICANTS MUST BE RESIDENTS OR BUSINESS OWNERS IN PINOLE.**

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND REQUIRED QUESTIONNAIRES ARE DUE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009.

CITY COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT INTERVIEWS. APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL OF THE DATE AND TIME. APPOINTMENTS WILL BE MADE AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

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