

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 15, 2010
TO: City Council
FROM: Kenneth Frank, City Manager
SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES

New Police Employee – James E. Beres, Jr. begins employment with the Laguna Beach Police Department on January 19 as the Civilian Supervisor for the daily activities and operations of the Parking Control Unit and Animal Control Unit. Mr. Beres graduated from Santa Ana College with an Associate in Arts degree in Criminal Justice. He started his career with the City of Orange in 1988 working in the Public Works Division and then transferred to the Police Department. In 1990 he accepted a position with the City of Stanton for four years. In 1994 he was offered a position with the City of El Monte as a Code Enforcement Officer working his way up to the Code Enforcement Supervisor. In 2007 he was promoted to Neighborhood Services Manager. He currently resides in Irvine, California.

Fireworks Display—Just a reminder that the City budget does not include money for a fireworks display on July 4. We have received some donations, but not enough to order the show. The fireworks contractor did the display last year for \$22,000 but wants more this year and prefers to use a barge for \$50,000. We have until about March 1 to schedule a display if there were money.

Summer Transit Service—This coming summer the three art festivals have proposed slightly different operating dates. The Sawdust and Art-A-Fair start before the Festival of Arts and the Festival runs two days after they close. This creates a problem for our transit system and additional funding would be necessary to serve all these dates. We will be requesting a meeting of the Festival Coordinating Committee to see if the conflict can be resolved.

Hospital MRI and Temporary Chillers – On Wednesday night, the Planning Commission approved a three year temporary use permit for the hospital to relocate the existing MRI trailer to the parking lot between the west medical office building and the hospital. The approval also allows for the future placement of an auxiliary chiller at the same location. Both pieces of equipment will be directly connected to electricity eliminating the need for generators and will have sound walls in place to ensure that noise is kept below 50 decibels.

Temporary Generator – When Edison power was out earlier this week, there was a power surge at the large sewer pump station at Glenneyre and Calliope. The surge destroyed an electrical unit which will be replaced, but we need to use a temporary generator for a couple of days to do the repair.

Laguna Canyon Road Widening – The County still intends to construct a new right turn lane from Laguna Canyon Road to El Toro starting in September. However, the undergrounding of utility lines and the widening of Laguna Canyon Road between El Toro and the toll road will be delayed somewhat because of the lead time to underground the power lines.

Community Assistance Grants – The application period for fiscal year 2010-2011 Community Assistance Grants is now open. The application is available on the City's website and they are due Friday, February 26.

Lang Park Sculpture Renovation – On Monday, January 25 the Arts Commission will discuss the renovation of the Art in Public Places sculpture "Music of the Spheres" by Nancy Mooslin at Lang Park. The renovation would include the replacement of 12 tubular steel hoops and chimes. The artist has estimated the renovation costs to be \$18,000.