

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 16, 2010
TO: City Council
FROM: Kenneth Frank, City Manager
SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES

Special Projects Reports – A copy of the July 1, 2010 Special Projects Reports summarizing key City projects has been placed on the desk in the Council office.

Summer Meeting Schedule – Just a reminder that the City Council modified its meetings for the summer as follows:

July 20
August 17
August 31
September 21

Farmers Market Expansion -- Local vendors will join the weekly Orange County Farm Bureau Farmers Market starting this Saturday. The added area is called “Laguna Lane” and is adjacent to the northwest corner of the current market with space for 6 additional local vendors.

Business Task Force – This week, the City staff met with members of the Business Task Force, including Councilmembers Iseman and Pearson. We discussed the recommendations which were approved by the City Council and the current status of implementing each recommendation.

Downtown Sidewalk Washing – From May through September, Downtown sidewalks are pressure washed monthly by the City’s contractor. The July washing will begin next week. The process normally takes two weeks because the work can only be done during early hours before the sidewalks fill with pedestrians. During the fall and winter months the washing is done about every other month, depending upon rain. Each washing costs \$10,000, and the annual program cost is \$90,000.

Energy Efficiency Grant Approved – Last December the City submitted an application for a State Energy Efficiency block grant. The final approval and grant agreement was received this week. The grant amount of \$131,000 was determined by a population based formula. The grant will be used to replace the City Hall air conditioning units with high efficiency units and to replace lighting at several City facilities with energy efficient lighting. The program also includes lighting motion sensors throughout City Hall.