

FRIDAY LETTER
October 29, 2010

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

A very good Friday to the dedicated staff and City Council of our Top 100 City of Oviedo. Tuesday was an important day in the City of Oviedo's history. Mayor Persampiere, Deputy Mayor Henken, myself, members of the EDC, Winter Springs Mayor Bush and representatives from the Winter Springs-Oviedo Chamber of Commerce all attended the Seminole County Commissioner's meeting in support of the City's CRA application. Our EDC Consultant, John Jones, was there to make a presentation on the City's proposal to amend the County's Delegation of Authority provisions relating to our CRA. As I reported last Friday, the City was seeking the following changes:

1. Extending the lifespan of the Oviedo CRA from 20 to 30 years:
2. Providing a mechanism and schedule to enable Seminole County participation in the Tax Increment Fund contributions, more specifically, a 50% of contribution of the Seminole County portion of the Increment beginning in the year 2017 or beginning after the overall taxable value of the CRA has increased 15% over the base year taxable values (whichever occurs first) for a term of 20 years:
3. Seminole County Representation on the Oviedo CRA Board.

In response to our request, the Seminole County Planning staff had prepared two Resolutions as Exhibits A & B. As I reported last week, Resolution Exhibit "A" was very worrisome. Exhibit A left the door open for Seminole County to push a decision on the County's participation well down the road. Furthermore, Resolution Exhibit "A" allowed the County to ultimately determine that it wasn't going to participate at all in the City's CRA. My concerns were confirmed when, Jeff Hopper on behalf of the County staff, recommended adoption of Resolution Exhibit "A".

However, John Jones made a very concise and accurate presentation on the City's request, emphasizing the timing and expiration of all the other County supported CRA's and our City's historical lack of a County supported CRA. Mayor Persampiere emphasized the virtues of a partnership with the County as well as with Winter Springs. Chairman Dallari and Commissioner McLean immediately began the debate in favor of our proposed Exhibit "B". During the ensuing debate, Commissioner Van Der Weide also came to the City's aid. Ultimately, the Commissioners moved for adoption of our preferred Exhibit "B" and voted to adopt Exhibit "B" on a 3-2 vote, with Chairman Dallari, Commissioner McLean, and Commissioner Van Der Weide all voting in favor of our proposal. The results are very significant in two respects:

1. Exhibit "B" extends the life of the CRA from 20 to 30 years, thereby extending the bonding period from 15 to 25 years. The result is nearly a doubling in the City's CRA capacity to borrow.
2. Exhibit "B" also requires a 50 % County tax increment share to begin in the year 2017 or upon the taxable values within the CRA exceeding 115%. The financial impact of the County's 50% tax increment share over a 20 year period (assuming payments begin in 2017) is estimated at \$15 million based on the current tax rate levied by Seminole County, projected improvements, and current taxable values within the CRA.

Congratulations and many thanks to all our supporters. It was truly a productive day.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Chudnow participated in a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for Boys Town sponsored by TJ's Seafood Shack. The breakfast raised \$425 and approximately 80 people were served.

Deputy Chiefs Jacobs and Coleman, and the Chief were part of a six member bowling team that participated in the 4th annual Oviedo Rotary Club's bowling fundraiser.

Chief Chudnow attended the International Chiefs of Police Conference held in Orlando. The conference was attended by over 7,000 police executives from the United States, Canada, Mexico, other South American countries, as well as attendees from the African continent, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. The conference included a number of classes and workshops. Vice President Biden, Homeland Security Secretary Napolitano, FBI Director Mueller and Attorney General Holder addressed the conference attendees.

Chief also attended the mock DUI presentation held at Hagerty High School. Oviedo High School students were also in attendance due to the inability to hold this event on the OHS football field. Additionally, the Chief and Lt. Lynch attended a HOA Presidents' Association meeting.

A meeting with all the Department Lieutenants to discuss operational, administrative, and personnel topics was held by the Chief. Chief Chudnow also met with the Executive Director of the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation regarding standard policy issues, per Grant stipulations.

2 motor units, 1 patrol unit and a member of the Community Relations section attended the Hometown Heroes Halloween sponsored by the Live Oak Reserve HOA. The event gave the opportunity for department members to meet and interact with citizens and gave children the chance to meet and have their photographs taken with officers and their vehicles.

A Mock DUI presentation was held for Hagerty and Oviedo High School students at the Hagerty campus. Members of the Oviedo PD Traffic Unit participated in the demonstration held for juniors and seniors by enacting a sobriety check, as well as showing students the very real possibility of a DUI ending in a funeral procession. It is a sober and somber experience that conveys the rippling affects of drinking and driving.

Individuals suspected of being part of an Orange County check fraud ring were arrested in Oviedo. Oviedo detectives charged two individuals and closed out two active cases of check fraud.

Members of the Detective section attended the Seminole Intelligence Meeting.

Detectives partnered with CRT on a search warrant for drugs in the city.

Deputy Chief Coleman attended the Red Ribbon kickoff breakfast at Stenstrom Elementary School.

The Community Relations Lieutenant attended the three-day Southeast States Crime Prevention Association 2010 Annual Conference.

Corporal Mojica and Officer Duffy attended the Rape Aggression Defense for Women Instructor certification class. Their certification will result in the ability to more regularly schedule these classes for the community.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

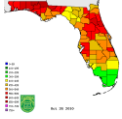
The Human Resources Department currently has the following positions open; GIS Coordinator (contract), Budget Officer, Financial Accountant, Payroll/Accounts Payable Specialist and Head Lifeguard.

Barbara Faulk conducted a final offer of employment to former employee Richard (Ricky) Clark. Ricky came back on board with the City on Monday, 10/25/10 as a Heavy Equipment Operator in the Stormwater Division of Public Works.

Connie Collins and Barbara Faulk attended the Workforce of Central Florida's State of the Workforce Summit 2010 on October 26th held at the Wyndham Orlando Resort. The Summit featured a selection of breakout sessions dealing with various issues employers face in these tough economic times. The City will participate in the November 3rd Re-employment recruitment event sponsored by Workforce of Central Florida in the hopes of obtaining two more Workforce participants.

This week, Crystal Hanson and Connie Collins worked on 3 active workers' compensation claims along with the fourth quarter liability performance measurements. They arranged a modified duty assignment to begin on November 1st in the City Clerk's area. Modified duty assignments help an injured employee return to work while they are in the process of healing. It also provides the employee with income until they can return to full duty while it helps City departments get special clerical projects accomplished. It's a "win-win" situation!

FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES:



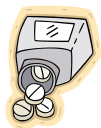
The fire danger is increasing each week with the lack of substantial rain. Our drought index has reached 540 for Seminole County and climbing. A "burn ban" remains in place for Oviedo as implemented by Chief White and we anticipate Seminole County may do the same in the near future. We have been responding to an increase in brush fire activity and the fires are more difficult to contain and thoroughly extinguish.



Fire Rescue participated in the Mock DUI presentation for Oviedo and Hagerty students. Both schools converged at Hagerty this year for the presentation as the new football field at OHS will restrict this activity to avoid damage. The presentation was well received among the students and we hope none experience the tragic results of driving under the influence.



This year Halloween falls on Sunday, October 31st. Fire Rescue encourages our residents to enjoy the festivities with due care. Safety tips include supervision for children, clothing that is flame retardant and make sure visibility is not a problem when wearing masks, etc. It is always a good idea to inspect the candy before indulging and pay attention to increased neighborhood traffic. Have a safe Halloween!



This past year the Fire Rescue Department began a Prescription Medication Disposal Program which is becoming increasingly more popular among our citizens. We are now experiencing frequent collections as the program becomes better known. Any Oviedo citizen may bring their family prescription medications to the Fire Administration Office (Mon-Fri). Please continue to promote this new program!



Chief White attended the Live Oak Reserve Hometown Heroes special event this past Saturday at the Live Oak clubhouse. Chief White and Division Chief Koepsell also attended the Stenstrom Elementary School public safety appreciation breakfast this week recognizing Red Ribbon Drug Awareness activities. In addition, Chief White also attended the Oviedo Joint HOA meeting and the Code Enforcement Board Hearing.



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

- Electrolux Home Products Inc. announces the product recall of the Frigidaire and Electrolux Smoothtop Cooktops and Slide In Ranges due to a fire hazard. Over 70 incidents have been

reported. Model numbers are extensive and can be reviewed at www.smoothtoprangerecall.com or call 888-281-5310. The product was manufactured in Canada.

- Claire-Sprayway Inc. announces the recall of the Claire-Sprayway Fabric Protector. The product is a spray fabric protector typically sold at automotive and other retailers and used on car seat upholstery and home fabric upholstery. Contact 877-416-7324 or www.clairemfg.com for recall information. Product manufactured in the United States.

PUBLIC WORKS:



The City of Oviedo Wastewater Reclamation Facility perc ponds were rehabilitated by the Public Works Stormwater crews in the first part of October. The perc ponds are located behind City Hall along Mitchell Hammock Blvd. The ponds are designed to take wet weather discharges from the wastewater facility. Wet weather discharge is required when the facility has more reclaimed water than the storage tanks can hold because reclaimed irrigation use is diminished. The ponds were de-grubbed and disced to restore them to their original operational condition. Stormwater will work with Utility staff to routinely maintain the ponds to

ensure maximum community benefit.



The Siemens Radio Read Meter Project started conducting meter upgrades in Cycle 4 last week. Cycle 4 generally covers the Alafaya Woods and Twin Rivers Subdivision areas. Pedal Valves, Inc., the subcontracted meter installer, reported they had 5 mechanics present that installed 354 meters of the total of 7,548 meter project or 4.69%. Work is anticipated to continue in cycle 4 next week.

All contract installers will have identification and credentials outlining their role. In the meter installation process residents may experience a temporary service interruption, air in the service line and/or some temporary sediment in the water system. These are normal occurrences that can happen when a new meter is installed. If this occurs, simply run your faucets to clear air or discoloration for a couple of minutes. Pedal Valves, Inc. is maintaining a 24hr per day, 7 day per week customer hotline, 407-276-4123 for this project. The hotline number is on the educational flyer left at each home and on the City web site.

RECREATION AND PARKS:



The City of Oviedo Recreation and Parks Department is hosting their annual Halloween Carnival of Screams event tonight, October 29th and tomorrow, October 30th at Riverside Park. Tonight, the event will be a traditional Haunted House from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tomorrow, a family friendly event will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will include costume contests, carnival games, children's activities, food, music, and of course, a frightening haunted house. For more information, please call 407-971-5575.



Symbiont Service Corporation began the installation of the geothermal heating for the Big Kahuna Pool on Monday, October 25th. This project is part of the Siemens Energy Audit. Anticipated completion time is 3 to 4 weeks.



Today, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Riverside Park will be having its Teenie Weenie Halloweenie event for children 5 years of age and younger outside at the tennis courts. To enter this event, parents/guardians will need to bring one big bag of individually wrapped candy. This event will also include games, hayrides, costume contests, a few hours of safe trick or treating, and family fun.

Oviedo Babe Ruth and Oviedo Little League Baseball and Softball continue play at the Oviedo Sports Complex. The current season will conclude December 1st through the 5th with the Annual Holiday Classic hosted by Oviedo Babe Ruth.



Adult Softball is finishing up the fall season with 51 teams total competing in Monday, Wednesday and Friday night leagues at the Oviedo Sports Complex. In addition, Adult Flag Football is also winding down with 12 teams total competing every Sunday morning at Long Lake Park. Registration for spring seasons will begin in early January.

Youth Flag Football continues exciting action every Saturday morning at Long Lake Park. The teams are cheered on by our Youth Cheerleaders. Come out and enjoy the games this fall! Registration for the winter season will begin on Monday, November 1st.



Family Archery class registration is now open at Riverside Park. This 3 week program will take place on Saturdays, November 6th, 13th, and 20th. Participants ages 8 and above (adults too!) can enjoy learning Olympic-style Archery in a program that develops life skills such as sportsmanship, self-confidence, and friendship. The Beginner's Level course will be offered from 9:00 am to 10:30 am at the Oviedo Sports Complex. For archers who have already completed the Beginner's Level, or those with previous archery experience, an Advanced Level course will be offered on the same dates, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Don't miss this great family-friendly opportunity!

The remediation process at Fire Station 46 is moving forward. Painting and installation of drywall and floor tiles are underway.



Parks staff is near completion of the Oviedo and Hagerty High School floats for each school's homecoming parade. At Shane Kelly Park, installation of the variable speed pump motor for the irrigation system is now complete. Prep work for the Halloween Carnival of Screams is finished. Friendship Park was closed this week for maintenance and repair. Routine maintenance, regular work requests and daily activities continue.



Concessions will be open for the following events being held this weekend: Halloween Carnival of Screams both tonight and tomorrow night at Riverside Park and the Halloween swim meet on Sunday morning at the Oviedo Gymnasium and Aquatic Facility. Concessions remain open at the Oviedo Sports Complex for baseball and softball as well as at the Oviedo Gymnasium and Aquatic Center for basketball and volleyball.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:



Our Team would like to personally thank everyone for attending our Meet and Greet.

Darlene Jordan, IT Director	ext. 5512
Lawanna Martin, System Analyst	ext.5515
Jordan Hemann, Network Administrator	ext. 5513
Jason Smith, IT Specialist	ext. 5514
Laura Feldman, GIS Analyst	ext. 5517

This past week, IT held a Meet and Greet to introduce our new members of our team. We had many visitors, including our Honorable Mayor Persampiere. Refreshments were served and tours were given of the IT facilities that provided a glimpse of how IT operates.

There was inter-departmental networking collaboration. There were many suggestions for future projects requested by staff. We are looking forward to unlocking the doors to greater productivity and more enjoyment from the collaboration that this meet and greet provided.

Please note the following meetings and work sessions.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, November 1, 2010	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Monday, November 8, 2010	419/426 Work Session	5:30 p.m.
Monday, November 15, 2010	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.

Sincerely,



Richard Gestrich
City Manager