

FRIDAY LETTER
July 30, 2010

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

Good Friday to the dedicated staff and City Council at the City of Oviedo. The Alafaya Acquisition Team met this week to make final preparations for the Preliminary Official Bond Statement, the finalization of a Resolution Memorializing and Clarifying Water and Sewer Capital Recovery Fees, an update on the bond insurer consent, a review of the Bond Resolution, a discussion of the advisability of a tax exempt bond issue versus a Build America Bonds issuance, and the status of a possible extension on the closing date. After several meetings with PRMG and CPH, the Financial Feasibility and Engineering Study are on schedule to be completed and included into the Preliminary Official Statement by early next week. A sincere thanks to our Finance Director, Dianne Holloway, for providing PRMG with a great deal of financial data and research. Dianne has worked tirelessly to keep PRMG on schedule and fully informed.

Our City Attorney, Lonnie Groot, has also been very active in the process. As a result of his involvement, Council will be considering the adoption of a Resolution tying together all of the disparate fee language contained in our Local Agreement with Seminole County, as well as our own Ordinances and Resolutions.

Our Bond Counsel, George Smith, is putting the finishing touches on a Supplemental Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of the \$36,000,000 Bond Issuance. The Supplemental Resolution will authorize the issuance of Build America Bond in addition to the usual tax exempt bonds. Furthermore, the Supplemental Resolution will also authorize the inclusion of the 35% Federal rebate from a B.A.B.'s issuance to be designated as Gross Revenue. Furthermore, the Resolution authorizes a negotiated sale of the Series 2010 Bonds and delegates authority to the City Manager to execute the Bond Purchase Agreement with the Underwriters. Of course, all this activity is contingent upon the electorate approval of the Charter Amendment on August 24th. We will be scheduling the Supplemental Resolution for Council's consideration on August 16, 2010. Currently, we are in the process of preparing for a Rating Agency meeting. The Rating Agency meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2010. The Acquisition Team will be meeting with representatives of Standard & Poor as well as Moody's. The purpose of the meeting will be to make a formal presentation to the rating agencies and to then answer any questions that they may have concerning the City's financial capabilities.

Some of my activities this week included:

- Meeting regarding Alafaya Utilities (Bond)
- Special Budget Meeting
- Staff Meeting
- Meeting with Connie Collins and Tony Segreto
- Meeting with Dru Boulware
- Meeting with Deputy Mayor Persampiere

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

RECREATION AND PARKS:

Youth Basketball and Volleyball Leagues are winding down their summer season this week. Play-offs for the summer will begin tomorrow, July 31st. Registration is currently underway for the fall 2010 season of Adult Basketball and both Youth Basketball and Volleyball Leagues.





This past Saturday, July 24th, was the registration for the final session of Summer Swim Lessons. We have had 423 swimmers participate in the six sessions of the summer. Group Swim Lessons will continue into the fall with sessions in September and October.

Campers at Riverside Park enjoyed field trips to the Florida Aquarium, Wekiwa Springs, and a Tampa Bay Rays game.

Congratulations to all of our Oviedo Babe Ruth and Oviedo Little League teams competing in State and National Tournaments this summer. Here are some of the impressive tournament results:



Babe Ruth Baseball

- 10-year-olds: State Champions
- 11-year-olds: Southeast Regional Champions - finished an impressive 13-0 in District, State and Regional tournament play
- 12-year-olds: State Champions - currently playing in the Southeast Regional Tournament in Ocala, Florida

Babe Ruth Softball

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

Little League Baseball:

- 11/12-year-olds: Sectional Champions, currently playing in the State Tournament in Crystal River, Florida

Adult Softball Leagues are wrapping up their summer seasons with a few weeks remaining. Come out and watch the exciting softball action every Monday, Wednesday and Friday night at the Oviedo Sports Complex. Open registration for the fall 2010 season will begin on Wednesday, August 4th, with leagues offered on Monday (ASA men's), Wednesday (ASA men's), Thursday (USSSA men's) and Friday (ASA coed) nights.



The summer Adult Flag Football season has ended with team "Hooray" winning the regular season and tournament championships. Registration for the fall 2010 season will begin on Wednesday, August 11th, with games taking place on Sunday mornings at Long Lake Park. Games are scheduled to begin on September 12th.



Fall Youth Flag Football will begin registration this Sunday, August 1st, at Riverside Park. Oviedo NFL Flag is the premier youth football league for boys and girls ages 5-14 (age as of October 2, 2010). This recreational program provides young players a fun and exciting opportunity to engage in non-contact, continuous action while learning lessons in teamwork. Four age groups are offered: 5/6, 7/8, 8-11 and 12-14. Games will take place on Saturday mornings, beginning October 2nd.



Parks staff remains busy with routine maintenance, regular work requests and daily activities. Also, the transfer sod continues at Shane Kelly Park for field improvement.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

The Human Resources Department currently has the following positions open: Budget/Accounting Manager, Network Administrator and GIS Coordinator (contract). To date, the Department has received 79 applications for the Budget/Accounting Manager position, 49 applications for the Network Administrator position and 4 for the GIS Coordinator position.

This week, a final offer of employment was made to Charles Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez started Monday, July 26th as a 30-hour per week Accounting Clerk in the Finance Department.

Connie Collins, Tony Segreto and Barbara Faulk met with the City Manager to discuss the Alafaya Utilities acquisition this week. On Wednesday and Thursday, Connie Collins consulted with the Recreation and Parks Director and Assistant Director concerning an employee disciplinary issue.

The Human Resources Department will be conducting Open Enrollment meetings on Aug. 3rd, 4th and 5th in the City Hall Council Chambers. Three separate sessions will be held each day to present the new plan years' medical and ancillary insurance benefits. This year, no major changes have been made to the coverage levels but certain carriers have been changed to reduce costs and improve customer service to the employees. The City will be renewing with Blue Cross Blue Shield for health coverage, Guardian for dental and Lincoln Financial for life, long term disability and income replacement short term disability.

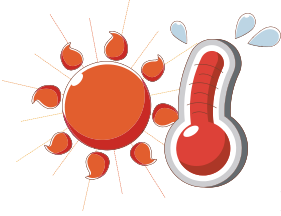
To offset the rising costs of health insurance, the City has raised the City paid portion of the dependent care coverage from the current 33% to 35% of premium. The City has switched from AFLAC to Colonial for cancer, hospitalization and accident coverage. Colonial also offers an exciting new individual supplemental disability policy that will provide an enhanced disability benefit to employees. The HR Department, Crowne, and Colonial are pleased to present a new enrollment process for employees who will be changing their benefits. There is no need for the paper enrollment forms - Colonial representatives will sit with each employee and enroll them in the automated system for each City benefit. This new process should improve accuracy and record keeping.

FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES:



Fire Rescue and other First Responder resources worked a fully involved house fire last Saturday night. The home was 5,000+ square feet with a large pool area and deck, as well as an out building exposure, formerly known as the Duda Estate. The property is under the ownership of HCA Hospital System. The vacant buildings are utilized for some storage for the local HCA Hospital CFR in Sanford. The fire hydrant was a significant distance from the properties and the driveway access was restricted, resulting in difficult fire operations. Radiated heat forced the crews to retreat from the firefight on several occasions and rehab of personnel became a high priority.

The fire remains under investigation by Chief White, Fire Marshal Carr, and the State Fire Marshal office. The current classification remains undetermined-suspicious. Evidence was collected and sent to the state arson crime lab for product testing. In addition, other evidence was discovered suggesting that the properties are frequented by illegal use or activity. We will be working with HCA to better secure the property and attend to the pools that were discovered to be in an unsanitary condition and a public safety hazard. The HCA representatives have been very responsive and we are working with them almost daily on the items of concern for the remaining buildings and the property in general.



Record heat was present much of the week and expected to continue into the weekend and perhaps next week as well. Emergency management alerts were distributed to city employees in an effort to reduce the likelihood of experiencing a heat related medical emergency which can become life threatening!



Chief White attended the City Council special budget meeting, the City Manager staff meeting, and continued efforts towards the HCA property fire investigation and assistance with the HCA property representatives.



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.



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

- Baby Matters LLC of PA announcing the recall of 30,000 Nap Nanny portable baby recliners. The product may result in a strangulation hazard to the infant. Infants can easily fall or hang over the side even with the use of the harness. Manufactured in the U.S. and China. Discontinue use immediately and contact www.napnanny.com or 888-240-4282 for recall information.
- Youth and Adult Brine VIP Lacrosse Gloves recalled. 7,000 distributed in U.S. Screen printing contains excessive levels of lead in the printing. Made in Vietnam. Contact www.brine.com/recall for 888-542-8834 for recall information.

POLICE:

On Saturday, July 24th Oviedo Police participated in a charity softball tournament to raise money for Sanford Police Officer Lonnie Taylor who ran out of sick and vacation time due to an aggressive bone cancer that necessitated the amputation of his lower left leg. However, Lonnie Taylor is determined to return to work as a sworn officer. Oviedo officers who participated in the fundraising event were Lt. Egert, Cpl. Walton, Officers Hill, Mattingly, VanHeusen, Rogers, Bologna, Crutcher, Varkony, Dunn, and Chief Chudnow.

Chief Chudnow met with Task Force Agent Officers Valerio and Krakosky for updates on their current investigations.

Commander Beaulieu and Chief Chudnow met with Dr. Maria Katz, the new Partin Elementary School principal, to discuss the upcoming school year.

Chief Chudnow met with academy graduates John Cox and William Powell to review the ethical requirements of police work in general and for the Oviedo Police Department specifically.

Lt. Lynch and the Chief met with the new Oviedo Marketplace General Manager, Mr. Gil Bankston. They discussed continuing the partnership between Oviedo Police and the mall.

Chief Chudnow met with Bobby Wyatt and Kevin Ratigan of ADG Design Group in reference to the pending construction of the new police building.

Oviedo detectives continue to investigate crimes including vehicle burglaries where doors were left unlocked. When you leave a vehicle unattended, even in your driveway, lock the doors and place all valuables out of sight.

Members of CRT attended a Marijuana Investigation class in Daytona.

Lt. Lynch was called out as the public information officer (PIO) due to a missing 77-year old male resident of Oviedo. A media release was required as part of a statewide "Silver Alert." The elderly person was found in good health 4 hours later in Ruskin, Florida. Officers in Ruskin remained with the man until his wife arrived.

On July 23-24, the Community Relations Lieutenant, the School Resource Officers from Oviedo High and Jackson Heights Middle School, a VIP volunteer and the D.A.R.E. Officer helped as volunteers with the *Seminole County Child Abuse Prevention Task Force and Child Rescue Network* to get information to the public on local social services for residents in the Johnson Hill/Washington Heights area. About 20 volunteers stuffed bags with information and walked to every house in Johnson Hill/Washington Heights to deliver approximately 300 bags.

The final "National Night Out" planning meeting was well attended by neighborhood representatives and Community On Patrol (COP) volunteers. Oviedo's Community Relations Officer has been coordinating the event with numerous community partners and neighborhood volunteers and is anticipating another successful year. National Night Out will be the evening of Tuesday, August 3rd.

PUBLIC WORKS:

City Staff met last Friday with Inwood Consulting Engineers, PSI Environmental Consultants and Seminole County's Project Manager to discuss the progress of the pond siting report for the SR-426/ CR-419 widening project. Three alternative pond sites were included in the report, with one identified as recommended (*expansion of existing City pond between Geneva Dr. and Franklin St.*). This pond site has no identified contamination, adequate storage volume and will work hydraulically.

The report will now require FDOT approval after which Staff will schedule a work session, hopefully sometime in September, 2010, with City Council for final approval prior to beginning the acquisition process.

This past week, staff received complaints related to pressure within the potable water distribution system. The complaints were in the early morning hours and were related to irrigation days. With the water system conversion project underway, staff has been adjusting the Mitchell Hammock Water Plant operating pressures to compensate for the reduction. We may not know if the change improves the issue until early Saturday morning based on irrigation times. It is interesting to note that although we have had complaints regarding pressure, we have also had comments related to improved water quality in areas once predominately served by the AM Jones treated water. The conversion project, once completed, should resolve any pressure deficiencies.

Staff recently received bids for the Mitchell Hammock Rd. intersection improvements. The lowest responsive bidder was Barracuda Building Corporation with a low bid of approximately \$185,000. This cost is just over \$100,000 less than the final engineering estimate. We anticipate

this item for City Council approval at the August 16th meeting. Related to that, and with consideration to traffic patterns on Mitchell Hammock Rd., staff bid the project to include night work and weekends. The contractor will be advised and not allowed to work in the am or pm peak hour traffic times. The August 2nd City Council agenda includes the CEI work for this project and is recommended for approval to PBS&J. This is a stimulus project but not fully ARRA funded. FDOT's available contribution for this project is approximately \$154,000. Additional funding for construction and CEI will be made up with City funds already budgeted under the FY2010 CIP budget.

Please note the following meetings and work sessions.

Upcoming Meetings		
Monday, August 2, 2010	Attorney Client Session (Masci)	5:30 p.m.
Monday, August 2, 2010	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 5, 2010	Attorney Client Session (Police)	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 5, 2010	Work Session-Budget	6:30 p.m.
Monday, August 16, 2010	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.

Sincerely,



Richard Gestrich
City Manager