

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 28, 2011

1. Workshops

April 25 – 6:00 p.m.

Comprehensive Plan Amendments

May 6 – 9:00 a.m. to noon at the University Area Community Center

Comprehensive Planning Joint Workshop with Hillsborough County, Tampa and Temple Terrace.

May 23 – 6:15 p.m.

Financial Trends Workshop

July 11 – 4:00 p.m.

Preliminary Budget Workshop

July 25 – 3:00 p.m.

Budget Workshop

August 1 – 4:00 p.m.

Budget Workshop

2. Single-Stream Recycling Trial Program

The Sanitation Department is currently working with Republic Waste of Florida on a Single-stream recycling trial program to determine if there are any potential cost savings.

As a result, the City will be collecting all recycling with a residential rear loader truck instead of the regular recycling truck. All materials are still being recycled, although it would appear that we are picking everything up with a garbage truck.

If this program is successful, it could possibly eliminate the need for our expensive and high maintenance recycling trucks, and the need to handle materials more than once.

After we get a baseline, we will compare the costs and revenues of the trial program to the previous way of collecting recyclables in order to make a future recommendation.

3. No Parking on Park Road by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Baseball Fields

At the February 28 City Commission meeting, Carl Brunson's expressed concern about foul balls at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Baseball Fields being chased in the vicinity of Park Road and the safety of the children.

Recently, it has been noticed that when all three fields are in heavy use for weekend tournament rentals, patrons have been pulling off of Park Road and parking alongside the fields. This could create a potential hazard with youths running between the cars. With no vehicles in this area, there is a clear line of sight from Park Road to the fields should children run into this open area chasing foul balls. In wet times, they have difficulty getting across the ditch along Park Road, but during dry times it is more accessible.

The Traffic Division has requested that the County install "No Parking" signage along Park Road which the Plant City Police Department could enforce, but the County would maintain as it is a County road. We are awaiting a response from the County.

If this continues to be a problem after signage is installed, staff may also consider excavating the ditch to redefine it or installing some fencing along Park Road.

4. City Hall Re-sodding

The City Hall sod has been ordered and is ready to be cut and delivered. Recreation & Parks staff plans to install it around the building first on Saturday, April 2, followed by the parking lot islands and perimeter at a later date.

5. Employee Recognition

Charlene Shiver, Hugh Smith and Don Rainard, Streets & Stormwater – on March 18, Harry and Pamela West of 807 Sandalwood Drive contacted Charlene Shiver to report a large nest of hundreds of swarming bees they located on the bank of a City drainage canal which runs parallel to their property and the Plant City High School Agricultural Field. Hugh Smith made the initial assessment and informed Supervisor Don Rainard of the dangerous situation. Don contacted All Florida Bee Removal who responded in less than an hour with both Don and Hugh remaining on scene until the situation was resolved. The Wests were very complimentary of all three staff members and the vendor for their level of concern, courtesy, professionalism, and follow-through.

6. Monthly Report on Purchases

Local Area Purchases

Invoices Charged in February, 2011	<u>Number</u>
\$ 1,055,008	652
Year-to-Date (10/01/10 thru 9/30/11)	
\$ 3,567,498	3,623

Out of Local Area Purchases

Invoices Charged in February, 2011	<u>Number</u>
\$ 940,505	782
Year-to-Date (10/01/10 thru 9/30/11)	
\$ 4,715,112	3,594

7. Departmental Monthly Reports – February

Fire Rescue

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Total Calls	343	312
Structure Fires	1	3
Total Fires	13	6
Fire Loss	\$189,437	\$12,400
Rescue & EMS Incidents	273	248
EMS Transports	215	187
	ALS - 147	111
	BLS - 67	76

Police Department

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Docket Charges	922	1,243
Complaints Investigated	6,090	6,364
Accidents Investigated	88	105
Miles Patrolled	61,432	58,581

General Services Division

Building Repairs	97
Furniture Manufactured	0
Locksmithing – Key Cuts	28
Locksmithing – Lock Repairs and Installations	11
Maintenance Call Outs (After Hours)	0
New Construction	1
Total Services	137

Preventative Maintenance	54.5
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Library Department

Information Service

Reference Services	9,096
Internet/PC Users	7,883

Library Programs

Programs	26
Attending	952

Circulation

February 2011	30,972
February 2010	31,270

Meeting Room Use

Groups	20
Audience	595

Patron Registration

February 2011	223
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Library Attendance 23,824