

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 23, 2014

TO: Mayor Harper and City Council Members

FROM: Steve Duran, City Manager

RE: City Manager's Weekly Report

MEETING SCHEDULE

Date and Time	Event	Location
Monday, May 26, 2014	Memorial Day	
	City Holiday	
Tuesday, May 27, 2014	City Council Meeting	City Council Chamber
Budget Study Session at		200 H Street
6:00 p.m.		
Regular Council Meeting at		
7:00 p.m.		
Wednesday, June 4, 2014	Planning Commission	City Council Chamber
6:30 p.m.	Meeting	200 H Street
Thursday, June 5, 2014	Board of Administrative	City Council Chamber
3:00 p.m.	Appeals	200 H Street
Saturday, June 7, 2014	Neighborhood Cleanup	Report to the Parking Lot at
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.		Carmen Dragon Elementary
		School – 4721 Vista Grande
Tuesday, June 10, 2014	City Council Meeting	City Council Chamber
7:00 p.m.		200 H Street
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Wednesday, June 18, 2014	Planning Commission	City Council Chamber
6:30 p.m.	Meeting	200 H Street

RELAY FOR LIFE REMINDER

The Relay for Life of Antioch event is celebrating its 15th year raising money for cancer research, local services, and more. The event is on June 21, 2014 at Deer Valley High School. So far, the City of Antioch has raised \$1,875.00. Please visit our team page. http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?team_id=1562815&pg=team&fr_id=56324&fl=en_US&et=yP8dDlwBBELVdckDxDpIA&s_tafld=1250160

SOMERSVILLE ROAD WIDENING IN PROGRESS

Somersville Road is being widened to a four lane arterial street from James Donlon Boulevard to the existing four-lane section at the CCWD bridge. A full traffic signal will also be installed at James Donlon Boulevard. In order to facilitate the fastest and least disruptive construction of this work, the road will be closed from May 15 to September 1. The scheduled project completion date is December 31. The primary detour route will be Contra Loma Boulevard where the widening efforts on Highway 4 will be the primary roadway to receive this traffic. For additional information call Lynne Filson at (925) 779-7050.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK UPDATES

- The City Clerk hosted the County Elections Office "Poll Worker Training" in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 20th.
- DMV records for City vehicles were updated this week.
- The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to two new members of the Board of Administrative Appeals.
- The City Clerk's Office is accepting applications for the Parks & Recreation Commission, Economic Development Commission and the Planning Commission until Thursday, June 12. Applications are available on the City website and at the City Clerk's Counter.
- The Board of Administrative Appeals hearing for May 22nd was cancelled. The next scheduled hearing for two appeals will be on Thursday, June 5th in the City Council Chambers at 3 p.m.
- The Maddy Act listing was updated and posted to reflect current membership of all boards, commissions and committees.
- Notified by participants of the Community Café sessions by email of the May 27th Special Meeting of the City Council to review, provide input to staff or approve the Strategic Management Plan.
- Materials were prepared for the June 10th Public Hearing on the City's Housing Element to be mailed to property owners.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS UPDATES

- Work orders opened/completed for the week: 133/174.
- Email filter activity: 12,994 processed, 8,191 automatically discarded do to violations pertaining to suspected virus's, spam, malware, fraudulent material, or isolated for staff to review and release, based on legitimacy.
- As part of our Windows 7 migration project, 15 PC's were replaced in PD Investigations and Narcotics.

FINANCE UPDATES

- The last budget study session was held on May 13th. The final budget document, reflecting direction from the City Council in the various budget study sessions, will be presented for Council consideration on June 10th.
- Updates to the Master Fee Schedule were adopted on May 13th and will be effective July 1st. The final document can be found on the City's website at http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/Finance/Master-Fee-Schedule-07-01-2014.pdf
- The Sales Tax Citizens Oversight Committee met on May 8th to organize and will meet again on June 5th.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- Economic Development Commission Recruitment. In conjunction with the City Clerk's the Office, Staff has commenced the application process to fill a partial-term vacancy created by a mid-term resignation. The application period ends June 12, with the expected interviews to be held the week of June 15 so that the Mayor may make a recommendation for City Council approval at its June 24 meeting. The vacant term will expire in June 2017.
- Request for Proposals for the Northeast Corner of Delta Fair and Century Boulevards Pumpkin Patch/Christmas Tree Lot. Staff is putting the finishing touches on an RFP that will be sent to Christmas Tree (and Pumpkin Patch) vendors for the upcoming Halloween and Christmas season for lease of the Cityowned parcel located at APN 074-080-029.
- "Humphrey's" Restaurant. Staff is also finalizing an RFP to solicit interest from established and well financed restaurateurs to re-invent the "Humphrey's" restaurant facility into a thriving new restaurant venue.
- **Bedford Center.** Staff has sent a letter to Rehabilitation Services of Northern California outlining basic terms for the sale of the property.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Planning:

- An application for a General Plan amendment to change a site from Business Park to Residential was submitted for 140 acres generally located northwest of the southern terminus of Heidorn Ranch Road.
- An application for a new 38,000 s.f. fitness facility at Lone Tree Landing (Hillcrest and Lone Tree Way) was submitted.
- 60 telephone/counter/email public inquiries responses.

Building Activity:

- Number of permits issued...... 48
- Number of inspections........... 118

Code Enforcement:

 House on Baywood Circle posted sub-standard ("red-tagged") for lack of water service.

23 New Cases Open

10 Cases Closed

55 Inspections

1 Citation

8 Demand to Title Company for cost recovery

19 Demands to property owners for cost recovery

6 Release of Liens

38 Phone Messages on complaint line (779 7042)

5 Online violation reports

Environmental Resources:

- Environmental Enforcement Of the five commercial sites with cases for inadequate levels of garbage and recycling service, four were closed this week. There are still some dumpster relocation issues that we are addressing for the remaining location. For residential service enforcement, one new abatement letter was sent and four cases were closed. In total, there were 20 actions on cases this week.
- EcoEvents- Staff was busy this week preparing for the Contra Costa County Fair.
 We are partnering with Republic Services and waste and pollution prevention colleagues from the county to staff our photo booth during the school fieldtrips and a few other times throughout the fair.
- Our composting workshop on Saturday, May 17th was attended by seven residents. The next workshop is scheduled for Thursday, August 7th at 7pm.
- Don't forget that May is the East Bay Community Resilience Challenge, http://www.eastbayresiliencechallenge.org/. The goal for the program is to collect 3000 pledges to make sustainable improvements to their daily lives from east bay residents. As of Wednesday, May 21st we were over 1/2 of the way to that goal with 1700 actions registered. However there are still only three from Antioch. Actions can be as simple as growing more of your own food or taking shorter showers. Every little bit adds up to make our community more sustainable and preserves resources for future generations.
- Youth outreach- We will be launching a social media outreach campaign next week
 to give away five summer youth transit passes for Tri-Delta Transit. The finishing
 touches on the outreach messaging are being completed this week.

RECREATION UPDATES

- The Antioch Recreation Department School of Dance Recital took place on Saturday, May 17th. 180 participants ages 2 through16 performed for an audience of almost 600 friends and family members. The next recital will be held on Saturday, August 9th.
- The online course web homepage for recreation was redesigned.
- Completed Staff hiring for Summer Programming.
- Updated contractor general liability insurance & endorsements for better tracking.
- Designed and ordered Camp shirts for youth & staff.
- Updated Camp Staff packets & training materials for upcoming training.
- Signed contract with Gold Country Printing for the printing of the Recreation Guide through Jan 2015.

Water Park

- The Antioch Water Park opens this weekend! The park will be open Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 11:00am-6:00pm.
- The third session of Spring Swim Lessons began on Monday, May 19 with 52 participants ages 6 months and up.
- Training was held for new and returning Antioch Water Park staff including lifeguards, concessions, and front desk staff.
- Created Point of Sale screens for both the concessions and kiosk stands for the Antioch Water Park 2014 season opening.
- Created and recorded an updated Water Park call processor to provide updated information for guests.

Senior Center

- Provided low income notary services through a senior care manager to 2 senior participants from our community (Value of \$50).
- Serviced five senior participants with Free Will Services (a value of \$100 per participant).
- Serviced nine senior participants with Peer Counseling Services (a value of \$50 per participant).
- Over 40 volunteer hours provided by current senior citizen's club members for the Co Co Café nutrition program this week.
- Reported from the County that we provided a total of 1615 meals for the month of April through the nutrition program listing us as the largest provider out of all 18 cafes.
- Over 25 hours of volunteer maintenance provided by senior citizen's club members
- Over 20 hours of volunteer office assistance and clerical support provided by senior citizen's club members
- Began preparation for the 32nd Annual Senior Picnic, had 255 participants RSVP to attend.

 Secured Sponsorship from the following Community organizations in support of the 32nd Annual Senior Picnic: Sutter Delta Medical Center, Elderly Wish Foundation, Antioch Rotary, Umpqua Bank, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6435.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

Administration

- May 18-24 is National Public Works Week. This year's theme "Building for Today, Planning for tomorrow" represents the classic idea of stewardship embodied by the professional of public works and the professionals that practice it. Focusing on the communities; "building" points out the day to day aspect of public works that is quality of life, while "planning" references the sustainable practices that ensure the quality of life for future generations. Antioch Public Works is a team of professionals providing 24/7 service to our community with pride and excellence.
- Antioch Municipal Marina is now open 7-days a week. This is a change from our 5days a week schedule over the past two years. The new hours will improve our availability and service to the berthers and community.

Engineering and Development Services

- Almondridge East Subdivision 8880 (81-unit single family home development by KB Homes), located between East 18th Street and Oakley Road, east of Phillips Lane and west of the State Highway 160. Staff is awaiting submittal of revised model home complex plans. Contractor began Phase 1 interior street paving this week, completed Phase 2 sub-grade preparation and began Phase 2 curb, gutter and sidewalk. Existing improvements along the west side of Phillips Lane have been demolished in preparation for off-site tract improvements.
- Buchanan Crossings Shopping Center, a 103,139 square foot commercial center on a 13.5-acre site located at the northwest corner of Somersville Road and Buchanan Road. Staff is finalizing comments to the first submittal of on-site and off-site construction drawings.
- Staff began working with Crown Castle to resolve certain operational, security and maintenance issues at various City-owned water tank sites and is processing consent letters for cellular modifications at the Crown Castle site located at 75 Walton Lane and at Verizon site located at 4506 Via Dora Drive.
- William Lyon Homes is building homes on 130 lots within the Hidden Glen Subdivision. The project is located east of Hillcrest Avenue and generally north and south of Hidden Glen Drive between Donegal Way and Braemar Street. Staff returned engineering comments on 17 new home construction plot plans.
- Nelson Ranch Unit 1 Subdivision 6893 (102-unit single family home development by Standard Pacific Housing) located northeasterly of Wild Horse Road and Ridgeline Drive and southwesterly of State Route 4. The 90-day walk of landscaping improvements is scheduled for June 5th. Staff is performing inspections in preparation for tract acceptance. Staff continues its review of Wild Horse Road

- extension improvement plans. Staff is reviewing reimbursement documents and expects to take park acceptance and tract improvements with a deferred improvement agreement to the City Council for approval in late June or July.
- Nelson Ranch Unit 3 Subdivision 8851 (130-unit single family home development by Standard Pacific Housing) located northeasterly of Wild Horse Road and Ridgeline Drive and southwesterly of State Route 4. Staff is reviewing new model home plans.
- PG&E Line 114 Gas Line Replacement Project. Staff continues its review of an Easement Grant Deed to Pacific Gas & Electric Company over a portion of Cityowned property for a relocated gas line.
- The SR4 (Segment 2) Contra Loma Blvd./L St. Interchange & G St. Overcrossing Project proceeds with construction of retaining wall 13 (RW13) west of Contra Loma Blvd. between Buchanan Road and St. Francis Drive. Staff met with CCTA, Caltrans and BKF Engineers regarding sewer line modifications at Contra Loma Blvd. and Fitzuren Road.
- SR4 Segments 2 (Contra Loma Blvd./G Street), 3A (A St-Lone Tree Way/Cavallo), 3B (Hillcrest Ave.) and Lone Tree Way Widening – Sand Creek Road Interchange projects will be hosting a June 6th Partnering Session & Picnic at the Contra Costa County Fair Grounds on West 10th Street.
- Davidon Homes Park Ridge Phase I consisting of 123 residential units located west of Canada Valley Road and east of Highway 4 final map and improvement plans have been returned to developer. Expecting resubmitted map, plans and conditioned items returned to the City for review.
- Processing a parcel map at the Lowe's on Auto Center Drive to create two parcels.
 The additional parcel is for a new Panda Express. Civil plans for the project are approved.
- Processing lot merger, lot line adjustment and civil plan review for new commercial project at Deer Valley Business Park fronting Country Hills Drive between Lone Tree Way and Deer Valley Road.
- Processing plan revisions for Somersville Road reconstruction between canal and James Donlon Blvd. Processing right-of-way dedications. Lane closure and construction started May 15.
- Returned civil plans and easement documents for Wal-Mart expansion.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

- Deer Valley Road and Lone Tree Way turn pocket widening Staff is processing Construction Change Orders and monitoring final punch list items. Acceptance of the project is anticipated to go to Council on June 10.
- Maintenance Service Center Fueling System Improvements –The public bid opening for this project was held on May 20, 2014. Due to irregularities in the bidding procedure, staff will be recommending to reject all bids at the March 27, 2014 City Council meeting and re-bid as soon as possible.
- Country Hills Drive Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project plans and specifications are available for purchase at a cost of \$75 per set. Copies may be obtained by

- logging on www.blueprintexpress.com/antioch or by calling BPXpress Reprographics at (707) 745-3593. The public bid opening for this project is scheduled for July 1, 2014, at 2:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers located at 200 "H" Street.
- West Antioch Creek Channel Improvements Staff submitted Project Progress Report Nos. 4 and 5 for review to the Department Water Resources Proposition 1e – Round 1 – Storm Water Management Grant.
- Piping Reconfiguration of Canal Pumps Nos. 2 & 4 Staff submitted a response to Contra Costa Water District addressing minor requested revisions to the project plans.
- Water Main Replacement at Various Locations Completion of this project was accepted by the City Council. The Notice of Completion has been filed with the Contra Costa County Recorder.
- Marina Boat Launch Facility, Third Boarding Float Staff submitted revised project plans and specifications to the Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways addressing comments made on the previous submittal.
- Fishing Pier Shade Structure The structure design is complete. Construction of the project is out for bid and construction to start in August 2014.
- Wilbur Avenue Bridge Widening The contractor is working on the final punch list items. The City Council is scheduled to accept the project at the June 24th meeting.
- Safe Routes To School Grant Staff has selected a surveying consultant for the new curb ramps along Cavallo Road, Garrow Drive, East Tregallas Road and Drake Street. Contract will be executed when we receive the notice to proceed on the grant funding from Caltrans. Construction of the project is expected to start in August 2014.
- Surface Transportation Program Grant Staff has selected a surveying consultant for the roadway improvement project along Ninth Street from A to H Streets. Contract will be executed when we receive the notice to proceed on the grant funding from Caltrans. Construction of the project is expected to start in August 2014.
- Five-Year CIP Budget Staff presented the Draft 2014-2019 CIP to City Council at the City Council Budget Study Session on May 13th and to the Parks and Recreation Commission on May 15th meeting. A Public Hearing to adopt the draft Five Year CIP is scheduled for the June 10th City Council meeting.

Water Distribution

- Cross-Connection Control staff continues to test and repair backflow devices on schedule. They also are in the process of identifying outdated equipment and scheduling them for replacement.
- Water Meter staff is anticipating about 267 total stops for service. This includes establishing water service and water service disconnects.
- Meter reading is on schedule. Staff installed 4 new meters and tested their new backflow preventers.
- Water staff has completed a total of 34 requests for utility marking.

- Stores repaired door locks at the following: Women's restrooms at Hillcrest Park, Men's and Women's restrooms at Chichibu Park and the Women's Public restroom at the Marina.
- Stores staff also installed a new spring loaded handle on the inner west glass door of City Hall near Finance, replacing the old worn out one.
- City construction crews responded to 9th and B Streets and excavated further into a 3' x 3' sinkhole over a 14" sewer main, which was televised and in good shape and compacted the road for safety in our right of way.
- A fire hydrant was put back on its flanged base after being hit by an automobile on Deer Valley Road north of Lone Tree Way.
- Exchanged and updated backflow prevention device at assisted living facility on 18th Street and Parsons Lane.
- Hauled green waste from Fulton Yard to be recycled.
- Repairing an irrigation leak at Canada Hills.
- Repaired water leaks at Morro Drive and 606 E. 18th St.
- Replaced sewer lateral on Longview Drive.

Water Treatment Plant

- Repairing one of the cyclone separators on the Acti-Flow system.
- Dismantling the piping system on the drying beds.
- Analyzed 28 bacteriological samples from the distribution system.

Public Works Maintenance

Landscape Maintenance Facility Maintenance

- The Firebreak Abatement Program continues this week. Work is progressing nicely, with disking and mowing crews working together in the Bellflower Drive, Folsom Way and Wild Horse Road areas. Approximately 38% of the work Citywide is completed.
- Fire Abatement GIS mapping has begun and was completed in the area east of Hillcrest Avenue, north of Lone Tree Way and south of the Contra Costa Canal. Citywide mapping stands at 76% complete.
- Summer Irrigation schedule programming is 50% complete at the City's 32 neighborhood parks.
- City Park Soccer Field #1 Turf is 100% established for play! The temporary fence was removed on Monday, May 19; opening access to the Field for the Public and scheduled League play.
- A playground and park safety inspection was completed at Meadowbrook Park.
- Chaparral Park, 5100 Prewett Ranch Drive was the scene of an attempted theft of the park's Basketball Backboard and Goal. The Steel backboard was left hanging precariously on the side braces, necessitating removal of the unit for safety reasons. A new Backboard has been ordered.
- Nelson Ranch Park light poles in the upper parking lot area were repaired.
- Hillcrest park booster pump was repaired and is operating at peak efficiency.

- Marchetti Park irrigation controller was repaired, installed and programmed for optimum turf growth and water conservation.
- Country Manor (2800 Asilomar Drive) and Knoll Park (5000 Country Hills Drive) playgrounds each received a new Activity Panel. Bring your kids or grandchildren (ages 2-12) and check them out!
- Landscape crews continued the spraying of post emergent weeds on Larkspur Dr., A St. Extension and E. 18th St. medians.
- Landscape staff is in the process of reviewing all of the City's turf irrigation. This will be an ongoing project throughout the spring/summer months. The inspection/check is 80% complete.
- Numerous other irrigation leaks were attended to and repaired.
- The growing season is in full swing and the 5 person contract trimming crew has finished trimming the sides of Deer Valley Rd. and has begun the trimming of the median on James Donlon Blvd. starting on the west end and continuing eastward towards Lone Tree Way. The 4 person contract trimming crew completed the trimming along the north side of James Donlon Blvd. and has begun trimming along the south side of the road. The 3 Person Trim Crew has been moved to begin the trimming of the sides of the road on Indian Hills Dr.
- Landscape staff has begun to re-program the irrigation controllers from their winter programs to their spring/summer programs. They are approximately 75% complete with this task.
- Contract crews (Pacheco Brothers) have completed the trimming of the courts in the Dallas Ranch Rd. area eastward to Hillcrest Rd. and are working on the courts in the Vista Grande/Country Hills area.
- Contract crews (Odyssey Landscape) have started the spring/summer trimming of Prewett Ranch Rd. They are currently working on the south side of the road.
- The WAP (Work Alternative Program) crew trimmed the ivy on the sides of the City Council Chambers.

Street Maintenance

- Staff removed graffiti from numerous areas around the City.
- Crews continue to repaint stencils (Cross walks and Legends). Staff has repainted 150 stencils and repainted 925 linear ft. of 12" (cross walks and STOP bars).
- Crews replaced 79 existing signs due to poor condition and installed 1 new sign.
- Crews placed over 150 tons of asphalt on Hayes Way and the Entrance to the Prewett Water Park. The asphalt work done by the Street crew will make the street ride better and help it last a number of years longer.
- Crews filled 10 potholes.

Facility Maintenance

- Repaired the gate at Fulton Yard (Public Works).
- Repaired and adjusted the outside lighting around City Hall.
- Repaired and adjusted the water fountain at P. D.
- Replaced the ballast on the defective lights in the City Council Chambers.
- Started the painting project on the access doors at the P.D.

Collections Division

- The Collections team cleaned over 27,747 linear feet of sewer lines.
- Staff televised over 53 sewer laterals in preparation for a Capital Improvement project in the downtown area. Staff televised an additional 931 linear feet of sewer lines.
- Staff hydro flushed and cleared 8 potential blockages on various sanitary sewer main lines.
- Approximately 2.7 acres were weed abated in various creeks and channels.
- 200 cubic yards and 4 bags of trash were cleaned out of the creeks running through the City.

Marina

- Antioch Municipal Marina moved to a new 7-day work week schedule to be open for business throughout the week. This positive move will prove to be instrumental in gaining further business and offering services to Antioch boaters and the general public.
- Marina Staff made repairs to berther bathroom doors due to vandalism.
- Continued marketing plan implementation to showcase marina services and new boat launch ramp.
- Fuel dock 'Point of Sale' area addressed and added shelving for advertisement and product placement.
- Revised application forms and check off forms in order to streamline the application process and present the boater with the requirements of the marina in a clear and concise manner.
- Newsletter and billing for June complete.

Fleet

- Performed 14 preventative maintenance on vehicles as scheduled.
- Staff made 15 miscellaneous repairs to City vehicles.

GIS Division

- City Fire Break data collection 75% complete.
- Backflow device data collection 9% complete.
- Begin V-Ditch/City Open Space Map (34x44) 50% complete.
- Backflow location editing 9% complete.
- Completed Revision of Parks Acreage Maps.
- Completed editing of Parks boundaries for Acreage and V-Ditch/Open Space Map.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

 On 5/17/14 a Coffee with the Cops presentation was held the Antioch Police Department Community Room. Approximately 75 people were in attendance. The citizens in attendance asked many questions and offered great ideas during the event.

- On 5/18/14, while patrolling the alleyway of the 1500 block of Sycamore Drive, Ofc.
 Colley and his trainee saw a group loitering in a laundry room. Upon exiting to
 contact the group Hackett fled towards Sycamore Drive. Ofc. Colley chased
 Hackett who threw a gun, and then ran right into another officer that was on
 Sycamore Drive. Hackett was taken down to the ground and handcuffed. Hackett is
 a convicted felon and he was later booked into County Jail.
- On 5/18/14 an officer saw Thomas walking in the area of W7th Street and 'E'
 Street. The officer knew Thomas had a felony warrant for his arrest. When
 Thomas saw the officer he fled on foot and was jumping fences to avoid capture. A
 perimeter was set and Thomas was found hiding in the rear yard of 410 W9th Street
 by the K-9. Thomas was apprehended by the K-9 and during a search of Thomas
 officers found narcotics in his possession. Thomas was transported to County Jail.
- On 5/21/14 at approximately 7:40 PM, Antioch Police Department patrol officers responded to a residence in the 4500 block of Horseshoe Circle on a report of a burglary in progress. When officers arrived, they found several subjects fleeing the home. One of the suspects was apprehended a short distance away in possession of a backpack full of fresh marijuana. During a security sweep of the victim residence, evidence of a large scale marijuana cultivation operation was located inside. Investigators were called in and ultimately seized approximately 530 marijuana plants from the home along with marijuana cultivation equipment. The case is still being investigated by the Antioch Police Department's Special Operations Unit.
- Weekly Calls For Service, Case Reports and Arrest Data:

Time Period: 05/15/14 00:00:00 – 05/21/14 23:59:59

Number of Calls for 1,634

Service:

Number of Case Reports: 263

Number of Arrests: 66

Felony: 35 Misdemeanor: 31

Arrests with DUI charge: 2

CITY MANAGER NOTES

On Monday, I met with representatives from the "Friday Morning Breakfast Club," the California Apartment Association (CAA,) and the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, May 19th to see if all parties can come to an agreement on a proposed Business License Tax update. After well over a year of negotiations, the CAA has not been willing to budge from refusing to support any per unit tax on residential landlords. Thus at the on May 27, 2014 City Council Meeting, staff will be recommending that the City Council put a measure on the November ballot.

On Tuesday, key senior staff and I joined Mayor Harper and Council Members Rocha, Tiscareno and Wilson at the official groundbreaking for the State Route 4 – State Route 160 connector ramps that are already under construction. This project will provide better and safer connections between the two highways coming from or going to the east end of Antioch. The event was hosted by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), in partnership with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), The Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA), and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans),

On Wednesday morning, I spoke to the Wednesday morning chapter of the Rotary Club at the Lone Tree Golf and Event Center. I focused on the long term finances of the City and the need to look down the road as we consider spending today.

I was blessed to be able to attend the 32nd Annual Antioch Senior Picnic today at the Nick Rodriguez Community Center. This great "Disco Party" event was made possible by the generosity of Antioch Rivertown Housing, The Antioch Convalescent Hospital, The Commons at Dallas Ranch, Cypress Meadows, Hillcrest Terrace, Lone Tree Convalescent Hospital, Quail Lodge Retirement Community, and the hard work of many volunteers and our stellar Recreation staff.