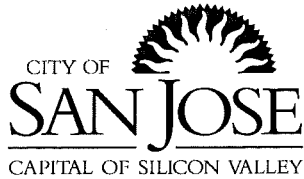


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## Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Debra Figone

**SUBJECT:** City Manager's Weekly Report

**DATE:** June 11, 2010

### INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week

**Labor Negotiations**—In November 2009, the City Council approved a goal of a 5% ongoing total compensation reduction for City employees. In approving the Mayor's Budget Message on March 23, 2010, the City Council expanded the goal to include an additional 5% in personnel cost savings, including ongoing or one-time savings, to achieve a total reduction of 10%. The City is currently in negotiations with the majority of the bargaining groups to achieve the reduction of 10% in total compensation. An update on this week's negotiations is attached and is also available on the City's website at: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/employeeRelations/labor.asp>. For more information, contact Alex Gurza, Director of Employee Relations, at 535-8150.

**Biebrach Pool to Open for Swim Program this Summer**—Located in the Gardner Neighborhood, Bierbach Pool will open this summer under the operation of a new community partnership. Sparkle Swim School will offer swim lessons and recreational swim to all age groups at Biebrach beginning Monday, June 21. Sparkle Swim School is a new local swim program sponsored by Council District 3 and the recently launched San José Parks Foundation. Biebrach Pool is the latest San José aquatics facility to come under the operation of a local community-based organization. These City/Community partnerships are working to keep City pools open and operating this summer. For more information on the Sparkle Swim School program at Biebrach Pool contact [info@sparkleswimschool.com](mailto:info@sparkleswimschool.com). For more information on the City Aquatics program, contact Dan Wax, Division Manager, at 535-3576.

**Terminal A Baggage System Successfully Activated on Wednesday**—On June 9, the Airport successfully activated the new Terminal A baggage system after receiving approval from Transportation Safety Administration (TSA). Over the next several weeks, Airport staff, contractors, and TSA will fine tune the new system and equipment, and will be preparing for the opening of the Terminal B baggage system on Wednesday, June 30. The activation of the baggage handling system is a very significant milestone for the SJC modernization program, and its smooth start up is a reflection of the excellent work and collaboration, from the Airport and its many partners. SJC has now installed the most technologically advanced baggage screening equipment in the world. This new system, the first of its kind, will become the new standard for airports. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Aviation Director, at 501-7669.

**TSA Demonstration of New Airport Full-Body Scanners for News Media on June 11**—TSA is currently installing its "advanced imaging technology" equipment for full-body passenger

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screening at both Airport terminals and began training its staff on the new system this week at Terminal A. To address public and news media interest, TSA held a demonstration of the new equipment at Terminal A providing a unique opportunity to the public see a demonstration of the imaging technology and observe the steps that TSA has taken to protect passenger privacy and safety. Advanced imaging technology safely screens passengers for metallic and nonmetallic threats, including explosives, without physical contact. TSA has ensured strict privacy protections are in place, and the technology is optional for all passengers. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Aviation Director, at 501-7669.

***Three More Terminal B Gates to Open for Southwest Airlines Next Week***—On June 16, the Airport will activate three more gates in the Terminal B Concourse bringing the total number of gates open in the new terminal to nine. Southwest Airlines will shift its operations to Gates 23, 24, and 25, and will be operating entirely in the Terminal B Concourse, and Gates 17 and 19 will be vacated and prepared for Delta Airlines to move in on June 29. The entire Terminal B Concourse will be open to passengers beginning Wednesday, June 16, (the temporary wall dividing the concourse has been removed). Southwest will move out of the Terminal A ticketing lobby at the end of June when Terminal B will be fully open for service, ending the temporary long walk for Southwest passengers. Also on June 30, Alaska Airlines will move into the final three gates in Terminal B and US Airways will move into Terminal A. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Aviation Director, at 501-7669.

***The Archer Studios Affordable Housing Project receives 9% Tax Credits***—On June 9, the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) allocated both Federal and State tax credits to Archer Studios - a 42-unit affordable studio apartment project - available to households earning 30% and 45% of Area Median Income. Competition for 9% awards is extremely intense and Archer Studios was the only project awarded in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties for the current round. Developed by Charities Housing Development Corp., Archer Studios is located at 90 Archer, very close to the Gish light rail station. It will bring approximately \$1,056,132 in fees to San José, create 63 construction and other local jobs, and support 16 permanent jobs in the local economy each year. Construction is expected to begin in September 2010 and is scheduled to be completed by early 2012. For more information, contact Jacky Morales-Ferrand, Assistant Director of Housing, at 535-3855.

***The State Awards San José BEGIN Funds***—The City was awarded \$820,000 by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) from the Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods (BEGIN) Program. The funds will be used to provide down-payment assistance loans to 10 first-time, low- or moderate-income homebuyers in The Works Condos located at 125 Patterson Street. With over \$20 million awarded in funds to date, San José is the largest user of this Program in the State. The Housing Department continues to seek funding from Proposition 1C through the State, and has applied for the following:

- Villa Fontanas – 13 units for \$1,176,500
- Axis – 30 units for \$2.4 million
- The 88 – 22 units for \$2 million

HCD will make a decision on these applications by June 30. For more information, contact Jacky Morales-Ferrand, Assistant Director of Housing, at 535-3855.

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***“Career Transitions” Database***—Career Transitions, the latest addition to the Library’s growing array of resources for job seekers, is a one-stop center for people at any stage in the job search process. The job search feature pulls together listings from a wide range of sources, including job sites like Monster.com and listings on individual company websites. People can set up a free account using their San José library card ID and PIN. People can apply for a free library card on line at [www.sjlibrary.org/freecard.htm](http://www.sjlibrary.org/freecard.htm) or in person at any San Jose branch library. For more information about additional related resources, visit [www.sjlibrary.org/free2succeed.htm](http://www.sjlibrary.org/free2succeed.htm) or call 808-2397.

***Airport Public Art Installation Progress***—The installation of three permanent art works at the new Airport has been completed, including the 1200-foot long “Hands” façade on the Rental Car Center; “Space Observer,” a glossy white 26’ tall interactive sculpture standing on eight-foot long tripod legs on the Terminal B mezzanine; and “eCloud,” a set of thousands of switchable glass squares suspended from the Terminal B Concourse ceiling by the food court that continuously change from opaque to transparent with the transmission of real-time weather data from San José and cities around the world. Substantial progress also has been made on the two-year artwork installations throughout Terminal B, including a suspended sculpture over the baggage claim area and audio artworks in the jetways. For more information contact Bill Sherry, Aviation Director, at 501-7669 or Barbara Goldstein, Public Art Program Director at 277-5144 X 27.

***Just in Time for Summer: Two Free Home Energy Efficiency Workshops***—The City of San José and the Silicon Valley Energy Watch program are partnering with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the environmental nonprofit Acterra to offer two free workshops at Sacred Heart Community Services. The first, on July 10, from 10 am – 12:30 pm, will focus on “quick energy fixes,” including simple ways to save money by saving energy and how to access help with paying utility bills. The second session on July 17, from 10 am – noon, will address lowering utility bills through heating, cooling, and water savings. Participants of the second workshop will receive hands-on training in weather stripping and have an opportunity to take home water saving fixtures. The workshops are open to everyone, but will target low-income residents. Registration is required. Snacks and childcare will be provided. Call 300-4645 or e-mail [energysavings@sacredheartcs.org](mailto:energysavings@sacredheartcs.org) for more details. For more information, contact Shayna Hirshfield, Silicon Valley Energy Watch Program Coordinator, at 975-5231.

***Acterra Honors City with Two Environmental Awards for Solar Program and Procurement Policy***—At its June 3rd annual Business Environmental Awards ceremony, Acterra recognized the City with two awards for its Environmentally Preferable Procurement Policy (EP3) and Solar America City program. The EP3 program won in the Resource Conservation/Pollution Prevention category for interdepartmental collaboration (Finance, Environmental Services, General Services, and Public Works). The Solar America City Program won in the Environmental & Sustainability Education – Large Organization category. Acterra is a Palo Alto-based environmental non-profit focused on local solutions for a healthy planet. Visit Acterra’s website at [www.acterra.org/programs/bea](http://www.acterra.org/programs/bea) to view short videos describing each award winner. For more information, contact Linden Skjeie (EP3), Supervisor, at 975-2577 or Jessie Denver (Solar America City), Energy Officer, at 975-2588.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

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***Floating Thresholds Art Exhibition***—Fridays, May 21 through June 25, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Grace Community Center. The studio is located at 146 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street. An Artist in Residence Program was launched in January with the mission of connecting local artists. Kristine Idarius is the first Artist in Residence, featuring "Floating Thresholds." For more information, please contact Dr. Lisa Blevins at 794-7592.

***Music in the Park Celebrates 22 years*** —Thursdays, June 3 through August 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. at Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park. For more information, please contact Rick Jensen at 279-1775 or [www.sjdowntown.com](http://www.sjdowntown.com).

***Silicon Valley Triathlon***—Saturday, June 12 through Sunday, June 13, from 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Almaden Lake Park and Los Alamitos Creek Trail. For more information, please contact Ryan Coelho at 515-2860 or [ryan@usaproductions.org](mailto:ryan@usaproductions.org).

***Dia de Portugal Festival***— Saturday, June 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Kelley Park/History Park, located at 1600 Senter Road. For more information, please contact Pam Watson at 918-1055 or [pwatson@historysanjose.org](mailto:pwatson@historysanjose.org).

***Summer Reading Celebration 2010***—This program provides a structure that encourages independent reading for pleasure and discovery among all ages, kicks off Saturday, June 12 at all San José library locations. Register online at [www.sjlibrary.org/src.htm](http://www.sjlibrary.org/src.htm). For information, contact your neighborhood library or call one of the following numbers: Children and Teens – 808-2183 or Adults – 808-2397.

***Street Low Car Show***— Sunday, June 13 from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at San José P.A.L. For more information, please contact Sgt. Lamont Cusseaux at 272-9725 or [lamont.cusseaux@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:lamont.cusseaux@sanjoseca.gov).

***Cub Scout Day Camp***— Monday, June 14 through Friday, June 18 from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Lake Cunningham Park-Cypress Pavilion. For more information, contact Gary Varano at 280-5088 or [gary@scccbsa.org](mailto:gary@scccbsa.org).

***Adult Literacy Learner Orientation***—On Wednesday, June 16, 6 – 7:30 p.m. at Joyce Ellington Branch Library, 491 E. Empire St. Adults who experience difficulty with reading, writing or comprehension will learn how they can benefit from enrollment in the library's free adult literacy tutoring program, *Partners in Reading*. To reserve a seat call 808-2361.

***Juneteenth Festival***— Saturday, June 19 through Sunday, June 20, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park. For more information please contact, Joanna M. Farris at 292-3157 or [sjaacsa@pacbell.net](mailto:sjaacsa@pacbell.net).

***El Dia De San Juan Festival***—Saturday, June 19, from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Kelley Park/History Park. For more information, please contact Joanna M. Farris at 292-3157 or [sjaacsa@pacbell.net](mailto:sjaacsa@pacbell.net).

***First Annual Bamboo Park Festival***—Sunday, June 27, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Guadalupe River Park Arena Green-West. For more information, please contact Angelo Sioson at 209-8873 or [asioson@mac.com](mailto:asioson@mac.com).

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***Ground Breaking for Cornerstone at Japantown***—Thursday, June 24, at 851 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street from 9:30a.m. to 11:00a.m. A ground breaking celebration of a 53-unit development for lower-income families in Council District 3.

***CommUnity Resource Fair***—Sunday, June 27 from 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at History Park (1600 Senter Road). This year's event will feature resources offered by City, County, and community based service providers, as well as food and entertainment throughout the day. For additional information, contact the Mayor's Office at 535-4800 or visit [www.sanjoseca.gov/mayor](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/mayor).



Debra Figone  
City Manager

Attachment

**WEEKLY LABOR RELATIONS UPDATE**  
**Week of June 7, 2010**

**Monday, June 7, 2010**

**International Association of Firefighters, Local 230 (IAFF)**

The City team met with the Local 230 on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Local 230 indicated that they had no movement to make from their prior proposal and negotiations were concluded with no further meetings scheduled.

**Tuesday, June 8, 2010**

On Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, communication was received from Randy Sekany (San Jose Fire Fighters President) regarding an additional proposal from seven of the City's eleven bargaining units. The communication and the City's response has been posted on the City's website at: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/employeeRelations/labor.asp#Negotiation>

**Association of Legal Professionals of San Jose (ALP)**

On Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, the City provided a Last, Best and Final Offer to ALP. The Last, Best and Final Offer has been posted on the City's website at: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/employeeRelations/alp.asp>

**Municipal Employees' Federation (MEF)**

On Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, the City sent a letter in response to MEF's letter sent on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. No response has been received. This letter is posted on the City's website at: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/employeeRelations/mef.asp>.

**Confidential Employees' Organization (CEO)**

On Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, the City sent a letter in response to CEO's letter sent on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. No response has been received. This letter is posted on the City's website at: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/employeeRelations/ceo.asp>.

**Wednesday, June 9, 2010**

**Operating Engineers, Local No. 3 (OE#3)**

The City team engaged in a second day of mediation with OE#3 on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. The mediation session did not result in an agreement and mediation was concluded. The City provided a Last, Best and Final Offer to OE#3. The Last, Best and Final Offer has been posted on the City's website at:  
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/employeeRelations/oe3.asp>

**Thursday, June 10, 2010**

**San Jose Police Officers' Association (POA)**

The City and POA negotiation teams met on June 10, 2010. Discussions continued in an effort to reach a voluntary settlement. The next meeting has been scheduled for June 14, 2010.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information regarding the City's labor negotiations can be found at:  
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/employeeRelations/labor.asp>.

Information regarding pension and retiree healthcare benefits and costs can be found at: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/employeeRelations/RetirementBenefits.asp>.