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City Council Information Letter

May 15, 2009

Regional Recycling Update

The South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) recently secured Joint Powers Agreement authorizations with both the City of Las Cruces and Dona Ana County to engage regional recycling efforts and is negotiating contracts with the Las Cruces Utilities Board of Commissioners for applicable program management. In addition, direction was recently offered by the Office of the City Manager and the Department of Financial Services (including support from Chairman Miguel Silva and members of the SCSWA Board of Directors) to proceed with applicable procurement efforts. As referenced in the attached electronic mail message from SCSWA Director Patrick Peck, recent operational analysis suggests financial opportunities for increased programming with regards to regional recycling initiatives. This includes efficiencies possible in single stream/co-mingled collection activities, as well as expanded volume throughout Dona Ana County. As such, the Purchasing Section of the Department of Financial Services is currently in the process of identifying firms that can provide such services to our community. It is therefore anticipated that a formal Request for Qualifications solicitation will be prepared respectively in late summer or early fall - to include a follow-up Request for Proposal process beginning in the coming months thereafter. Meanwhile, I wish to publicly thank Mr.

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Peck and his staff for all of their commitments and contributions to date. Much appreciated.

Scope of Improvements for Runway 12-30

In response to the recent \$11.3 million federal stimulus allocation awarded to the City of Las Cruces to implement improvements to Runway 12-30 at Las Cruces International Airport, please be advised that direction is being offered to engage a contractor selection process necessary to initiate rehabilitation activities accordingly. As referenced in the attached electronic mail message from both Director of Facilities Brian Denmark and Airport Manager Lisa Murphy, a sense of urgency to begin this project is imminent - given the federal governments accelerated timeframe requirements. City administration is therefore preparing agenda transmittals necessary to commence a bid opening exercise Thursday, May 28th. Recommendations for respective authorization will therefore be offered publicly during your May 26th land use meeting. This presentation will likewise include commentary from consulting engineers commissioned earlier this year to conduct engineering and design services – to govern complete asphalt and subgrade removal and replacement, as well as electrical infrastructure, lighting and navigational aid enhancements.

Status of Police Oversight Considerations

Representatives from Justice and Securities Strategies, Inc. recently advised Assistant City Manager Robert Garza that a final report summarizing findings and recommendations concerning the viability of police oversight considerations is presently being finalized. As referenced in the attached electronic mail message from firm president Craig Uchida, a summary is anticipated for delivery any day now. As such, arrangements are being made to host a discussion on

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the subject via an upcoming work session. Respective coordination, including necessary travel arrangements, is therefore being directed.

Potential Solutions for Dust Control Workshops

As shared by Councilor Thomas earlier this week, the City of Las Cruces will host public meetings Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon to further explore opportunities to mitigate dust control concerns in our community. As noted in the attached program itinerary, Phoenix based consulting firm, Kitchell Environmental Services Senior Manager Cameron Flower will join us to offer expertise and insightful dialogue that may assist our efforts. Additionally, staff from both the Department of Community Development and the Department of Public Works will provide commentary relative to efforts presently being directed by city administration, including application of palliatives on disturbed soil and various increased enforcement activities and coordination. This session will likewise enable applicable policy considerations respectively.

Enclosures:

Electronic Mail Message from Patrick Peck – Recycling Budget
Electronic Mail Message from Brian Denmark – Runway 12-30
Electronic Mail Message from Robert Garza and Craig Uchida – Las Cruces Police Department Assessment
Electronic Mail Message from Sharon Thomas – Dust Control Expert Visit
Itinerary – Visit of Cameron Flower, Dust Control Expert
Town Hall Meeting Agenda – Dust Control Measures

Terrence R. Moore

From: Patrick Peck
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 12:27 PM
To: Terrence R. Moore; Mark Sutter
Cc: Klaus Kemmer; Bob Telles
Subject: Recycling Budget

Terrence and Mark,

As part of my negotiations with the utility board I have put together a pro forma budget model. The model was put together in a Cost Accounting format and has led to some interesting findings that I will present to my board next week. Based on my modeling I think there is room to increase our recycling program in the area if we switch to a single stream approach. This approach will work county wide, as well as in a commercial application.

Because of the time frame I want to proceed with a formal solicitation for single stream processing services. Also I would like to see what pricing we could get from private companies. I think first we should look at firms capable of providing the service and secondly what they want to bring to the table. I really think we can make progress on this issue and continue to show productive work on bring more recycling opportunities to not only Las Cruces but the entire region

Patrick Peck

Director

South Central Solid Waste Authority

"your AUTHORITY in solid waste"

Terrence R. Moore

From: Brian Denmark
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2009 7:38 AM
To: Terrence R. Moore
Cc: Esther Martinez
Subject: FW: Runway 12-30

FYI – This issue is tied to the stimulus monies we are receiving and thus the urgency to move quickly on this. Would you please ask the Mayor if this would be ok for the meeting of the 28th?

Thanks,

Brian

From: Lisa Murphy
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2009 4:22 PM
To: Brian Denmark
Subject: Runway 12-30

I am waiting for Purchasing to issue a PMRC for the award of a Bidding and Construction Services contract to Delta Airport Consultants for the Runway 12-30 rehabilitation project. Originally planned to go to Council on May 18, the CAES for the engineering services cannot go forward until Purchasing completes some cost analysis work. This cost analysis is required by federal procurement regulations.

Given the accelerated deadlines of the project and the fact that we are opening bids on May 28, I would like to request the placement of this item on the May 25 Council agenda, which will require special permission since this is the land use meeting. However, at least this way we will have the engineer under contract before we open bids, which would not be the case if we waited until June 1.

Please let me know if this will be possible. And be advised there will be other very tight deadlines that may require a modification to normal procedures.

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Lisa L. Murphy, AICP, CM
Airport Manager, KLRU
City of Las Cruces Facilities Department
575-541-2471

Terrence R. Moore

From: Robert Garza
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 9:42 AM
To: Terrence R. Moore
Subject: Fw: Las Cruces Police Department Assessment

From: Robert Garza
To: Craig Uchida <cduchida@gmail.com>
Cc: mwells@jssinc.org <mwells@jssinc.org>; Shellie Solomon <sesolomon@jssinc.org>
Sent: Thu May 07 11:03:49 2009
Subject: RE: Las Cruces Police Department Assessment

That will be fine. Thank you for the prompt reply.

From: Craig Uchida [mailto:cduchida@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2009 9:34 AM
To: Robert Garza
Cc: mwells@jssinc.org; Shellie Solomon
Subject: Re: Las Cruces Police Department Assessment

Dear Mr. Garza,

We are progressing on the draft report with about 85-90% completion as of today. I would like to take another week to finish this because of the sensitive nature of the study. I anticipate that we will have a draft to you by May 15. I hope that's ok. Let me know if you need it sooner.

Craig Uchida

On Wed, May 6, 2009 at 5:42 PM, Robert Garza <rgarza@las-cruces.org> wrote:

Good afternoon Gentlemen,

I am checking in to see how you are progressing on the draft report for our project. Can you please provide an update?

Robert



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Craig D. Uchida

President

Justice & Security Strategies, Inc.

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Terrence R. Moore

From: Sharon Thomas [skthomas_10@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 11:04 PM
To: City Council; Mayor
Cc: Terrence R. Moore; Robert Garza; David Weir; Mike Johnson
Subject: FW: Dust Control Expert Visit

All,

The town hall meeting on dust abatement is next Tuesday from 6 to 8 in City Council Chambers. The technical workshop for city and county employees and the development community is the next day (Wed) from 3 to 5 in City Council Chambers. Hope you can attend.

Below is an email from a woman who attended some of our dust abatement meetings a year ago. She moved to Tucson, partly because of the dust problem.

Sherry

Sharon Thomas
City Councilor, District 6
Las Cruces, NM 88011

From: Joyce Pike [mailto:ljpike@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 12:21 PM
To: careynolds40@comcast.net
Subject: RE: Dust Control Expert Visit

Carol,

Thank you personally, and please pass along my appreciation and admiration for Councilor Sharon Thomas in this effort to address the health and well being of citizens and the environment of Las Cruces. Dust control is a major problem. So much of a problem that we sold our house in Sonoma Ranch and moved to Tucson, AZ. The dust was not the only reason, however the blousing dust for months on end was a major health concern which encouraged that decision.

Allowing the blading of miles and miles and acres and acres of "proposed" development land, which is then abandoned for months and years with no dust management nor vegetation control provides not only an unhealthy environment, especially for our youth and elderly, but a far reaching environmental impact on the city. Certainly the development of the city is a plus, however the lack of financial demand control and oversight of those properties is not in the long term best interest of anyone, or any entity, except the bottom line of the developer.

There is a compromise option that serves all while being responsible developers and home owners. I believe (1.) it is in the limitation in the size of allowable bladed areas, and (2) in a requirement of developers that a high dollar refundable deposit be submitted to the city to be used for control of bladed land in the event that the developer does not do that themselves. Money without interest (which provides for the administrative cost of those funds) will be refunded after closing IF the city has not had to step in to provide dust control for that property. Smaller allowable property blading provides for easier watering and less removal of vegetation that holds down the dust. (3) An appropriate size full water tank and truck must be present and used daily on larger bladed sites determined by the city, and a full water tank with an

audited truck spray delivery presented to the city prior to release of permits on smaller sites.

I believe this only interprets and somewhat expands requirements that currently are expectations that developers are not implementing because they are not audited nor mandated nor followed. Unfortunately, there appears to be some teeth needed in the current requirements, and that usually means a dollar sign being attached. The citizens should not be paying tax dollars for this service out of general funds nor should the city become known as a bad environmental living condition just as it has worked so hard to lose the odor reputation/comments on I10.

Regars and kudos to the Councilor and to those involved in working on this problem.

Joyce Pike

J Pike

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Visit of Cameron Flower, Dust Control Expert

May 18-21, 2009

Las Cruces, NM

Monday, May 18

- 4:45 p.m. Pick up Cameron Flower at El Paso International Airport (Erin)
- 6:00 p.m. Arrive Ramada Inn, 201 E. University Ave (Cameron, Erin)
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner with Mr. Flower at La Posta, Old Mesilla (Cameron, Erin, Sharon Thomas, Carol, Lee, Tom, Gil Sorg)

Tuesday, May 19

- 9:00 a.m. Pick up Mr. Flower at Ramada Inn (Sharon)

Windshield Tour (Sharon driving)

First Stop Spitz & Camino Real area (Sharon, Cameron)

Second Stop Del Rey Area (Pines Estates area; Antonio Granillo's home at 4768 Salado Creek Dr) (Pick up Carol, Ray, Lee, Gil, Erin at Carol's home at 2048 Pine Needle Way)

Third Stop Sonoma Ranch/High Range (Chipper Moore residence at 3040 Cheyenne; homes of Jeff & Lila Ann Stevens at 2042 El Presidio, Don Wells at 1868 El Presidio, and William Jensen at 4038 La Purisima Drive)

Fourth Stop Las Colinas area (Isaac Apodaca & Michelle Barrera, 4867 Galina Drive)

Fifth Stop Waterfall Regional Retention Pond (William Loos property, 4780 RoundUp Road; Bob Hearn and Gil Sorg will show us the retention pond and one other nearby area)

1:00 p.m. Lunch (Cameron's choice; options include Red Mountain Café, UNO Chicago Pizza or burgers at Ruby Tuesday near Sam's)

2:45 p.m. Return Cameron to Ramada Inn (Erin)

- 5:00 p.m. Pick up Cameron for Las Cruces City Hall, Council Chambers (Erin)
- 6 - 8:00 p.m. "Potential Solutions Relative to Dust Control" Workshop (Erin)
(Sharon introduces Cameron)

Wednesday, May 20

- 9:00 a.m. Tour (tentative) of Donnie Brainerd's experimental site (Sharon driving, Erin, Carol, Lee join us at Ramada Inn)
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch Sunset Grill, Sonoma Ranch Golf Course (representative from real estate community, Sharon, Erin, others welcome)
- 1:00 p.m. Return to Ramada Inn (Erin, Cameron)
- 2:30 p.m. Pick up Mr. Flower for Las Cruces City Hall, Council Chambers (Erin)
- 3:00 p.m. Enforcement/Land Developer Workshop
(Erin introduces Mr. Flower)
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner and Wrap Up (Cameron, Erin & Sharon)
- 7:00 p.m. Return to Ramada Inn (Cameron, Erin & Sharon)

Thursday, May 21

- 9:30 a.m. Pick up Cameron at Ramada for drive to El Paso Int'l Airport (Erin)

Contacts

Cameron Flower, Senior Environmental Manager, Kitchell Environmental Services, Phoenix

Sharon Thomas, Las Cruces City Councillor, District 6 (575) 644-2517

Carol Reynolds, Concerned Citizens of Las Cruces, (575) 373-1188.

Lee Beatty, Homeowner

Gil Jones, Las Cruces City Councillor, District 5

Tom Murphy, Las Cruces MPO

Erin Ward, Director, U.S.-Mexico Border Environmental Programs, NMSU (575) 644-2583

Ray Shipley, Las Cruces Planning and Zoning board

Gil Sorg, East Mesa Property Owner



City of Las Cruces

TOWN HALL MEETING AGENDA

The following agenda will be discussed at a Town Hall Meeting to be held on **Tuesday, May 19, 2009** from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** in **City Hall Council Chambers, 200 N. Church St., Las Cruces, New Mexico.**

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1. **Welcome** – Terrence Moore, City Manager
2. **Introductions** – Sharon Thomas, City Councilor – District 6
3. **City of Las Cruces Dust Control Measures** – Mike Johnson, Public Works Director and David Weir, Community Development Director
4. **Potential Solutions Relative to Dust Control** - Cameron Flower, Senior Environmental Manager, Kitchell Environmental Services
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Adjournment**