

CITY OF EMERYVILLE

MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Patrick D. O’Keeffe, City Manager

SUBJECT: Progress Report –August 2009

The following provides the City Council and staff with a summary of the activities of each department for the prior month.

CITY MANAGER

- Staff continues to work with Berkeley and Oakland on a model partnership agreement with PG&E to better target energy conservation programs and to increase alternative energy options for residents and businesses.
- The ribbon cutting ceremony for Doyle-Hollis Park occurred on September 6th. Light refreshments were served and we had a good turn out from the neighborhood. The event was publicized in both of the ENEWS August editions, on the City’s website homepage, and flyers were posted around the park.
- The “2nd/4th Friday E-Bulletin, the City’s new electronic newsletter was distributed on August 14 and 28. The August 14 edition featured an overview of the City’s budget, an announcement regarding the November 3 City Council candidates, an announcement regarding the new, on-line searchable Emeryville Municipal Code, and information on hearings regarding proposals to eradicate the Light Brown Apple Moth. The August 28 edition featured information regarding the Bay Bridge closing, an invitation to the Doyle-Hollis park ribbon cutting ceremony, and an article on volunteer opportunities with the Emery Education Foundation, Interested community members can read the electronic newsletter on-line from the City’s website: www.emeryville.org or can subscribe and have the newsletter sent directly to their email address. Information on how to subscribe is listed at the bottom of each e-newsletter.
- Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC) has forwarded an initial proposal to staff for a new solid waste franchise agreement. The proposal is based upon a 10 year agreement for solid waste collection services and a 20 year agreement for

landfill disposal/recycling processing services. While the initial proposal would raise refuse fees, the proposed new rates would still be lower than Berkeley or Oakland, with residential refuse rates (garbage, recycling, and composting service) would still remain among the lowest in the County. As part of the proposed new agreement, some additional services would be added, included some user-fee based services such as special waste collection by mail (for example sharps, battery, and fluorescent bulbs collection).

CITY CLERK OFFICE

1. The nomination period for City Council candidates (November 3, 2009 election) ended on August 12. Neither incumbent (current Mayor Dick Kassis and Councilmember John Fricke) filed for re-election. Three candidates filed for the two office terms that will be vacated in November. The three candidates are Kurt Brinkman, Frank Emery Flores, and Jennifer West. Also “Measure K”, a measure to increase the cardroom business license tax from 9% to 10% will also be on the ballot for voter consideration.
2. Staff has been working on scanning the City’s resolutions and placing them on the N:Drive (internal City website). The new electronic resolution database can be keyword searched by resolution title and has both the resolution and accompanying attachments able to be downloaded. Thanks to the hard work of the Upward Bound interns, resolutions starting from 2006 and going forward are now electronically available.