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Date: June 5, 2013  
 To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers  
 Executive Team  
 From: Steven Jepsen, City Manager  
 Re: **City Manager's Report - June 5, 2013**

## Calendar

### Events this weekend:

- Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>: River Valley High School Graduation 7:30 P.M.
- Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>: Yuba City High School Graduation 8:00 P.M.
- Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>: Applications for Youth Commission due

### Next Week:

	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	
8:00		7:00 A.M. Business SCORE Meeting			City Hall Closed	Relay for Life Geweke Field		
9:00						Father's Day		
10:00								
11:00								
12:00								
1:00			1:30 P.M. SBFCA Board Meeting					
2:00								
3:00				3:30 P.M. Economic Development Commission				
4:00			4:00 P.M. Gilsizer Drainage District	4:00 P.M. Mosquito Vector District				
5:00		5:00 P.M. Budget Study Workshop		5:30 P.M. Chamber Ribbon Cutting Dynamic Health & Wellness				
6:00			6:00 P.M. Planning Commission					

## Save the Dates!

- Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. Summer Stroll
- Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, **City Council Meeting Canceled**
- Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 P.M. Joint Sign Workshop with Planning Commission

## Construction Activity

### **Building Projects Status Report – June 2013**

*This information will be included as a monthly update in future Reports*

<b>Projects Under Construction</b>				
Permit Issued	Project	Address	Description	Estimated Completion
01/28/13	Animal Shelter	200 Garden	New Animal Shelter 12,300 sq. ft.	Aug 2013
03/07/13	Squeeze Inn	968 Cooper	New restaurant Remodel 900 sq. ft.	Jun 2013
12/02/10	Subway	601 Plumas	Subway restaurant/Retail bldg. 4780 sq.	Jun 2013
05/08/12	Retail Center	1592 Franklin	5,000 sq. ft. retail	Jul 2013

<b>Projects in Plan Review</b>				
Application Received	Project	Address	Description	Status
09/21/10	<b>Crossroads Church</b>	445 B St.	Church addition 54,581 sq. ft.	Pending
12/02/10	<b>R.V. Family Fitness</b>	1405 Tharp	Fitness Facility 84,060 sq. ft.	Pending
04/10/13	<b>Yuba City Toyota</b>	955 Harter	New Car Dealership Site work only	Pending
05/07/13	<b>John L Sullivan Dodge</b>	950 Harter	New Car Dealership 23,775 sq. ft.	Pending

### **Public Works Projects Status Report – June 2013**

*This week's summary includes an overview of all active Public Works projects.  
Future reports will address project highlights as they occur*

## City Construction Projects

- It is anticipated that the Residential Street Resurfacing Project will begin construction later this month with completion in July.
- Irrigation wells are being installed at main City Parks for irrigation purposes. Geweke Field and 6 other parks have been converted to irrigation wells – water for drinking purposes will remain City water. Two additional parks will be converted to irrigation wells within the next 2-3 months, pending coordination with PG&E for new electric services.
- Construction began on the Western Parkway/SR 20 Intersection with the contractor installing storm drain lines necessary for the roadway improvements. Work over the

next couple of weeks involves the installation of the masonry block wall on the east side of Western Parkway. The project is scheduled for completion mid-October.

- The City is working with Caltrans to finalize the draft environmental document for replacing the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge with a 4-lane structure. The draft environmental document will be circulated for public comments in July. Preliminary design activities in support of the environmental document are on-going.

#### Water Treatment Plant Projects

- The Access Road improvement project involves construction of a gravel access road to the City's water intake facility inside the Feather River's floodplain. The project is being advertised for bids with the bid opening scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup>. Construction is anticipated in August –September 2013.
- The Water Intake Structure (Fish Screen) has been completed and the next phase of the project will involve installation of a 54-inch diameter pipeline from the new intake to the City's pumping station. Construction is expected to continue through the end of this year.

#### Wastewater Treatment Plant Projects

- The Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Replacement Project is anticipated to be taken to the City Council for Bid Award on June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Existing 12kV switchgear at the Wastewater Treatment Facility is being replaced with a new 12 kV switchgear. Anticipated completion - Fall 2013.
- The Oxygen Reactor Improvement project involves concrete rehabilitation, protective concrete coating, new mechanical mixing equipment and the associated electrical and instrumentation improvements of the oxygen mixing tanks at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Project is under construction. Anticipated completion - Spring 2014.

#### [News Article Highlight](#)

##### **Editorial: Roseville lays down law on police union**

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Compared to many other California cities, affluent Roseville is in pretty good financial shape. Yet it is also playing hardball to rein in employee health care and pension costs.

Thursday, the City Council voted 4-0 to impose the city's "last, best and final offer" on the Roseville police union after negotiations hit a dead end. It is the first time in the city's history that has happened.

Police officers across the state certainly have dangerous duty, but local governments can no longer afford benefits that are often far more generous than the private sector.

In Roseville, even with the rebounding economy, the city says it faces a budget deficit that without the new police contract terms would be \$3.5 million for 2013-14.

To save \$875,000 a year, city officials recommended – and council members agreed – that police officers, as of June 15, must pay the full employee contribution to their pension plans, which amounts to 9 percent of salary. The contract terms being imposed also increase employee health insurance costs by an average of \$181 a month.

The Roseville Police Officers Association, which represents 103 sworn officers, says it is open to paying the employee pension share, but only in return for compensation increases that the city says would cost more than the pension savings.

The negotiations started last October. The city issued its last, best offer in December; the union membership rejected it in March. Mediation earlier this month failed. Since, it has been a war of press releases.

On May 20, the police union announced that negotiations had broken down. It told residents that by reducing take-home pay by thousands of dollars, the department will lose experienced officers and find it difficult and expensive to replace them. It also disputes that the city's finances are as dire as claimed.

The next day, the city told residents that concessions were vital to the city's long-term economic stability. It pointed out that the other employee unions had agreed to similar contracts since 2011, and that police officers have had a 17 percent salary increase since 2007. The city says it is willing to return to the negotiating table, but with the imposed terms as the starting point.

Thursday, union officials complained that the vote was rushed and warned the City Council that it will damage morale and public safety. Councilwoman Bonnie Gore replied that other employees and private sector workers have had to sacrifice during the recession. "We all have to do our part," she said.

A similar impasse could play out in Sacramento. Negotiations continued Thursday between the city and the police union, whose contract expires June 30. If there's no deal and mediation fails, Sacramento has a provision for binding arbitration.

The city is calling on patrol officers and sergeants to pay the employee contribution to their pensions, as other employees including firefighters have already agreed. Unless the union agrees, City Manager John Shirey is recommending that 33 vacant positions in the Police Department be cut and that 64 positions not be added.

The Sacramento Police Officers Association says that it is open to pension reform as part of a balanced compensation package, but also argues that it has already made concessions beyond other unions.

As Roseville shows, however, even police unions have to face the new financial reality.

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