The Week in Perspective
City Manager's Report

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Administrative Issues

A-1. 2012 Municipal General Election Update

City Clerk Bruner advises that the candidate qualifying period for the November 6, 2012 Election began on Monday July 2nd and ends on Monday, July 16th. Pursuant to the City Charter, candidate petition cards have been available since May 18 (45 days prior to the qualifying period). Seats 3, 4 and the Mayor are subject to election to four year terms.

The following individuals have picked up petition cards:
Pat Gerard - Mayor
Curtis Holmes - Seat 3
Robert Hunsicker - Seat 4
James Robinson - Seat 4

In addition, Curtis Holmes and Robert Hunsicker have completed the petition card process. A drawing for ballot position will be held at the July 17, 2012 Regular City Commission Meeting.

A-2. New Largo Businesses – Week ending June 30, 2012

Name of Business	Address	Type of Business
Advanced Ballot Solutions LLC	15201 Roosevelt Blvd #114/115	Print/mail ballots for county government
Laser and Cosmetic Center	7850 Ulmerton Rd #5	Cosmetology Salon – Electrolysis Services
Laser and Cosmetic Center	7850 Ulmerton Rd #5	Medical Doctor–Valdes, M.D.
Mahno Auto Service, Inc.	191 Belcher Rd. S.	Auto Repair Service
That Great Place Internet Cafe	13002 Seminole Blvd #5	Wifi Hotspot, Business Services, Sweepstakes Promos
Diagnostic Clinic	1301 2nd Ave SW	Medical Doctors – Jumapao, M.D.; Pearson, M.D.
Your Health Labs, LLC	1890 West Bay Dr #W6	Clinical Laboratory- outpatient

A-3. New Highland Avenue Stormwater Pond

Stormwater Program Administrator VanDerGracht reports that the new Highland Avenue Stormwater Retrofit pond performed above expectations during the recent rains of Tropical Storm Debby on June 24. The pond is designed to hold stormwater runoff from a storm event delivering 9 inches of rain over a 24 hour period. The City of Largo received 10 to 12 inches of rain as Tropical Storm Debby passed over, filling the City's storm sewer system to capacity. The stormwater pond at the new Highland Recreation Facility accepted and properly attenuated 10% to 25% more than the system was designed to handle, saving dozens of surrounding homes from flooding.

A-4. Special Operations Division Investigation

Police Chief Carroll reports that over the past two months the Special Operations Division has been conducting an investigation into an alleged Indoor Cannabis Grow Operation in the northwest section of Largo. Subsequent intelligence indicated that the suspects were heavily armed. Early morning on July 3, 2012, Special Operations, with assistance from the TAC Team and POP Unit, served a search warrant at the residence. As a result of the warrant, 121 cannabis plants (13 pounds) were seized along with 3 rifles and 4 handguns.

A-5. FDOT Landscape Median Rehabilitation Grant

Parks Superintendent Brown reports that Buccaneer Landscape has reached substantial completion on the year one portion of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Landscape Median Rehabilitation Grant. The work was completed on Walsingham Road on the bridge to Indian Rocks Beach. Year two of the grant began July 1 and the rest of the re-plantings on SR 686, 591, and 593 will be completed over the next few weeks. As the jobs are completed, they will go into a 90 day grow-in period as required by FDOT. Once they have completed the 90 day period, the City will be reimbursed 100% for the jobs.

A-6. Party Reservations at Highland Family Aquatic Center

Aquatics Manager Abdo is pleased to announce a successful start to summer party reservations at the Highland Family Aquatic Center. The first day of party reservations was May 25, but the facility did not open for full time summer operations until June 11. For the month of May, the Aquatic Center experienced 100% capacity for private parties and 50% capacity for session parties. In June, the Center was reserved for 65% of private party capacity and 77% for session party times. For July, there is currently a 41% capacity for private parties reserved and 61% for session party times.

A-7. Teen Tidalwave Tuesday Attendance

Aquatics Manager Abdo reports solid attendance numbers for Teen Tidalwave Tuesdays for the month of June. The event has hosted 264 teens the first three weeks averaging 88 per week including a post Tropical Storm Debby night.

A-8. Central Park Drive Closing

Public Works Director Usher reports that on July 11, 2012 the south bound lane of Central Park Drive will be closed from East Bay to the Cultural Center driveway to allow for the repair of the pavement. A depression has formed over a stormwater pipe at that location and during this closure the pavement will be brought back to the original height, eliminating the depression. This work should take about 6 hours to complete. A message sign has been posted at this location for the past week warning motorists of the pending closure. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Other Items of Interest

M-1. Community Center Manager Ankerberg is pleased to report the ending of three successful Specialty Camps. For the week of June 25-29 the Community Center held the following camps:

- Photography Camp had 24 future photographers taking photos throughout the Community Center and the grounds. The campers worked with a professional dog model and enjoyed a day at the Botanical Gardens photographing beautiful flowers and nature. Photography camp ended with the campers having their very own Art Show. High remarks were given to the instructor, Clinton Lee, who was back for his second year as the instructor.

- Princess Ballet Camp was taught by the Tutterow Dancers and had 16 students. During the week long camp, the students learned new steps and practiced their posture and balance. The camp ended with a lovely show that highlighted what each camper learned throughout the week.

- Jewelry Making Camp had 9 eager designers who created one of a kind earrings, necklaces and bracelets. By the end of the week, each camper had created multiple pieces of jewelry and learned new and exciting tools that will allow them to design and construct new accessories.

M-2. Recreation Program Manager Pincince reports that a family luau was held on Friday, June 26 at the Southwest Pool. This event was for the families of the children registered in the Highland Cool Kids Camp, Camp Funshine and Fit To Read Camps. Each family brought a dish to share and staff provided hot dogs. Approximately 100 people attended the special event.

M-3. Box Office Supervisor Seaman reports the Box Office sold a total of 564 tickets for the week of 6/25/12 for future performances. New subscriptions went on sale for Eight O'Clock Theatre and started off with 36 brand new patrons making purchases. In addition, Eight O'Clock Theatre's musical performance of “Nunsense II” is scheduled to open July 15.

M-4. Artistic Supervisor Mondora reports the Cultural Center's first of two summer camps concluded on Saturday, June 30. Fifty-six campers held three performances of Seussical Jr. with over 950 tickets being sold at 95% audience capacity.

Theater Summer Camp 2 starts on July 16. The show “Music Man Jr.” will be the focus with three performances taking place on August 3 and 4. The camp is almost at capacity with several weeks of registration still remaining. The concert “Blackberry Smoke” to be held September 25 went on sale to the public June 28. Fifty-four tickets were sold in the first four days.

The following rental events were confirmed and contracted during the past week at the Cultural Center:

- 1 Graduation Ceremony
- 1 Home Health Expo

The following Inquiries were made for rental space during the past week at the Cultural Center:

- 1 Wedding Ceremony
- 1 Rental Performance

Also, a contract proposal was sent out for a fundraiser event.

M-5. Parks and Community Support Foreman Hinrichs reports the following projects have been completed by the Parks Maintenance Staff, Community Support Crew, Spray Technician and Horticultural Technician:

- Serviced restrooms and trash removal at Southwest Recreation playground area, Bayhead and Northeast Park for daily summer camps
- Finished cleaning up all downed trees and debris from tropical storm Debby in McGough, Bonner, Highland Pond Park, Northwest, Lake Villa and Southwest Park
- Set up one 20 x 40 tent at Southwest Recreation Center for summer camps
- Completed daily maintenance on mowers and power hand tools
- Maintained properties and completed site inspections
- Changed trash and dog waste bags in all the neighborhood parks and all trash cans on West Bay Drive, Clearwater-Largo Road and Largo Cemetery

Detailed all work vehicles and ground maintenance equipment .

M-6. Streets & Stormwater Supervisor Hoston advises that the construction and maintenance crew worked on the following projects:

- Repair 6" underdrain pipe at 600 5th Ave SE
- Slope mowed the Tall Pines & Rosery Road canal sections
- Formed driveway apron for 600 5th Ave SE

M-7. Spray Technician Doolittle performed aquatic treatment at the following locations:

- Sunnybrook Pond (West) - treated .5 acres of Alligatorweed with Weedestroy and Tribute
- Bay Vista South East Pond - treated 3.5 acres of Cattails, Spadderdock, Dog Fennel and Sesbania with Weedestroy, Tribute and Clipper
- Seacrest Ditch East - treated 2 acres of Wild Tarro and Primrose Willow with Weedestroy and Tribute
- Fulton Pond - treated .15 acres of Duckweed with Weedestroy and Tribute
- Fulton Pond Boat Ramp - treated .05 acres of Ragweed with Weedestroy and Tribute

M-8. Sign and Traffic Technician Hale performed the following work:

- Made eight 48" x 24" Single Direction Arrow signs for installation
- Made two 48" x 24" Double Direction Arrow signs for installation
- Made four 30" Stop signs for installation
- Made eight 18" x 18" yellow Object Marker signs for installation
- Made six 18" x 24" No Stopping Anytime signs for installation
- Made a Josephine Road street name sign and installed it and a new sign post damaged during a storm
- Made a 1st Street SE street name sign and installed it at the1st Street SE and 6th Avenue SE location replacing the missing street name signs
- Replaced a broken sign post on a Stop Ahead sign at Pine Street and 134th Avenue N
- Placed the Electronic message board sign on Central Park Drive to alert traffic of an upcoming road closure due to a roadway project
- Trimmed a Palm tree on the NE corner of Wyatt Street and Clearwater/Largo Road to improve visibility of approaching traffic
- Removed a large sticker off of the face of a Stop sign at Wilcox and 137th Street N
- Straightened leaning signs at the following locations, Stop sign at 145 Street N and Larboard Lane, Stop sign and 30 mile per hour Speed Limit sign at 143rd Street N and Valentine Trail, Parking sign on West Bay Drive and 2nd Street SW, two No Parking signs on the West side of Park View Lane
- Installed a new Dead End sign and post at 4th Avenue NW and Ridge Road
- Replaced three missing flexible deliniator posts on Rosery Road
- Replaced a bent sign post on a 30 mile per hour Speed Limit sign at 16th Avenue NW and Clw/Largo Road
- Replaced two 48" x 24" Directional Arrow signs and four 18" x 18" yellow Object Marker signs on the corner of 146th Street N and 120th Avenue N and two 48" x 24" Directional Arrow signs and two 18" x 18" yellow Object Marker signs at the corner of 6th Avenue SW and 25th Street SW
- Collected a Street Lights pole number and location information to be turned in for repair, requested on an Action Request
- Working with the Thermo-Plastic striping contractor, added Stop Bars and Crosswalks on City side roads connecting to Belcher Road and the Roosevelt Groves Subdivision between 4th Street NE and 8th Street NE off of East Bay Drive

M-9. Solid Waste Manager Gordon reports that his staff is still collecting debris after last week's damage from Tropical Storm Debby. He thanks customers for their patience as the collection schedules have been temporarily altered due to the inordinate amount of yard waste and bulky debris needing removal.

M-10. Fleet Manager Moore reports two new Solid Waste Claw Trucks have arrived from the Dealer. Due to the increased demand on the Solid Waste Division following Tropical Storm Debby, Fleet is expediting the in-service process of these new units.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Master Calendar

Jul 05 — Thursday
6:00pm Planning Board Meeting
Commission Chamber

Jul 10 — Tuesday
6:00pm Commission Work Session
Community Room

Jul 11 — Wednesday
1:00pm MPO Meeting
315 Court Street, Clearwater

Jul 17 — Tuesday
6:00pm Commission Meeting
Commission Chamber

Jul 18 — Wednesday
8:00am MMLOS Stakeholders Meeting
Commission Chambers
10:00am IAFF Negotiations
Community Room
1:00pm Pinellas Planning Council (PPC) Meeting
315 Court Street, 5th Floor, Clearwater

Jul 19 — Thursday
8:00am MMLOS Stakeholders Meeting
Commission Chambers
5:00pm Library Advisory Board Meeting
Library Admin. Conf. RM

Jul 23 — Monday
6:30pm RPA Advisory Board Meeting
Community Center

Jul 25 — Wednesday
9:00am PSTA Board of Directors' Meeting
3201 Scherer Dr., St. Petersburg

Jul 26 — Thursday
1:30pm Code Enforcement Board Hearing
Commission Chamber

Jul 27 — Friday
10:00am CWA Wage Opener
Community Room

Aug 02 — Thursday
6:00pm Planning Board Meeting
Commission Chamber

Aug 06 — Monday
6:00pm Finance Advisory Board Meeting
Lobby Conference Room
6:30pm Community Development Advisory Board Meeting
Community Room

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Commission Action Items
Update for Week Ending

April 17, 2012, Regular Meeting

1. Request by Commissioner Brown that a Work Session discussion be scheduled to discuss making the sign application process easier.

   Building Official Andrews reports that this item has been rescheduled for discussion at the August 14 Work Session.

June 19, 2012, Regular Meeting

1. Request by Commissioner Holmes that staff contact the Largo Central Railroad about the feasibility of paying for their own liability insurance.

   Staff has met with Warren Jamison, President of Largo Central Railroad to discuss the feasibility of paying for liability insurance. Mr. Jamison has agreed to attend the City Commission meeting of July 17 to discuss this issue.

July 3, 2012, Regular Meeting

1. Request by Commissioner Murray that information be provided regarding the number of tactical shields in the Police Department's inventory.

   An inventory will be performed and the information will be provided in next week's City Manager's Report.

2. Request by Commissioner Holmes that a Work Session discussion be scheduled regarding the possibility for enacting a local ordinance to fine people for making nuisance 911 calls to which Largo Fire Rescue responds.

   Chief Wallace reports that Pinellas County 911 is the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for all 911 emergency calls with the County. As such, this issue is dealt with by the Authority having Jurisdiction which is Pinellas County. The City of Largo Fire Rescue provides contract services to the County and does not determine "nuisance" as part of the response.

3. Request by Commissioner Holmes that a Work Sesion be scheduled to discuss the possible use of Robo Calling to help enforce unauthorized signage placed in the City rights-of-way.

   City Manager Craig reports this issue will be discussed with Community Development Director Stricklin and a recommendation on Robo Calling will be brought to a future City Commission Work Session.

PROPOSED WORK SESSION SCHEDULE

Work Session

Jul 10 — Tuesday
6:00pm
01 CDC Update (CD)
02 2013 Proposed Budget (OMB)
03 Pension Discussion (AD)

Aug 14 — Tuesday
6:00pm
01 Health Insurance (HR)
02 Sign Permitting (CD)

Aug 17 — Friday
12:00pm
01 FY 2013 Budget Review

Sep 11 — Tuesday
6:00pm
01 Stormwater Update (CD)
02 CDC Update (CD)
03 Urban Forest - Tree Report (RPA)

Oct 09 — Tuesday
6:00pm
Future Work Session

Nov 13 — Tuesday
6:00pm
Future Work Session

Dec 11 — Tuesday
6:00pm
01 CDC Update (CD)

Jan 08 — Tuesday
6:00pm
Future Work Session

Feb 12 — Tuesday
6:00pm
Future Work Session

Mar 12 — Tuesday
6:00pm
Future Work Session

Apr 09 — Tuesday
6:00pm
Future Work Session

May 14 — Tuesday
6:00pm
Future Work Session

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