

**CITY OF EMERYVILLE  
MEMORANDUM**



**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Patrick D. O’Keeffe, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Progress Report –February 2010

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

**CITY MANAGER**

- Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC) has submitted a revised solid waste management proposal to City staff in response to the direction expressed by the Council at the December 19<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and staff comment. Staff expects to submit the revised draft proposal for the solid waste management franchise agreement to the City Council at the March 16 meeting as an information item. Staff will next begin drafting an agreement with the assistance of an outside consultant that will be hired under an administratively approved contract (under \$25,000).
- Staff has been attending meetings of the Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program to discuss the new countywide Non-Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit which will mandate increased efforts to address water pollution caused by urban run-off. Under discussion is the method by which increased countywide costs to administer the program will be allocated among jurisdictions. Currently, the General Program costs are primarily allocated by population. Some Alameda County cities are proposing that some of the costs be equally distributed across cities, which almost triple Emeryville’s share of the countywide program expenses (currently Emeryville provides about \$18,000 per year).
- Recently, staff has been responding to formal complaints regarding violations of the City’s tobacco control ordinance. One of the complaints was about alleged violations of smoking in common areas of a multi-family residential complex and the other complaint was about customers smoking in an outdoor dining area. Staff has put both alleged violators on notice that continued violations could result in an infraction or public nuisance civil suit (and sent each alleged violator a copy of the ordinance).

- At the end of February, staff met with the parents of the Child Development Center to discuss options that have been presented for reducing the amount of General Fund support for the operation as one of several efforts to eliminate the budget deficit through operational efficiencies. The two hour meeting was difficult and did not result in any solutions, but did provide for an exchange of information on the options being considered.
- The “2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday ENEWS, the City’s electronic newsletter was distributed on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The February 9<sup>th</sup> edition had an article summarizing the annual State of the City Address given by the Mayor and City Manager, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and publicized the new city facilities rental program and school district facilities rental programs. The February 23<sup>rd</sup> featured an article on the planned Emery Station West (Transit Center) project; featured an article regarding the reception celebrating the passage of AB1080 (Skinner) in support of the proposed Emeryville Center of Community Life; announced the appointment of Pat Hooper to the School Board Director seat vacated by the election of one of the School Board members to the City Council; and announced workshops on the proposed I-80 Pedestrian/Bicycle bridge and the proposed Gateway Park at the foot of the Bay Bridge. Interested community members can read the electronic newsletter on-line from the City’s website: [www.emeryville.org](http://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.