Council Briefing

September 2008

Administrative Services

Fiscal Services

- ➤ Police alarm permits issued in August totaled 44, bringing the fiscal year-to-date total to 105. Total number of active permits as of Aug. 31 was 4,782.
- Invoices billed in August totaled 726, with a valuation of \$1,262,190. Invoices billed for the fiscal year-to-date total 1,263, with a valuation of \$2,233,399.
- ➤ General checks and direct deposits in August totaled 955 and 337, respectively, with a valuation of \$7,580,334. The total number of general checks and direct deposits for the fiscal year-to-date total 1,645 and 607, respectively, with a valuation of \$14,091,345.

IT

- > Staff completed implementation of the upgrade to the Parks and Recreation class registration software. Class registration and payment can now be done online.
- ➤ Staff is installing more than 200 PCs as part of the computer replacement program. The old PCs will be offered to the elementary and high school districts.
- > Staff is also preparing for a major upgrade to the Police Computer-Aided Dispatch and Records Management System (CAD/RMS) hardware and software.
- Purchasing: In August, the Division processed approximately 166 requisitions, created 66 purchase orders, and saved \$5,475 through early payment discounts. Central Services made 156,985 copies and processed 10,778 pieces of mail.

Revenue:

- ➤ In August, 150 new business registration certificates were issued. Of that total, 91 were for businesses in Fullerton and 59 were for businesses out of the city, but conducting business here. Business tax collected totaled \$10,371.
- > A total of 168 businesses closed in August: 68 in the city and 100 out of the city.
- Business certificates renewed in August numbered 733, which totaled \$104,888 in business tax collected.
- Utility Services: In August, the Division answered 2,308 calls and processed 3,212 cash register transactions totaling \$7,238,631. Of those transactions, 1,023 were credit cards, 1,032 were checks, 508 were cash, and 145 were direct deposits.

Community Development

• Community Preservation: In August, the Division: received 257 complaints (648 year-to-date), and resolved 222 (490); handled 582 active cases; conducted 718 inspections (1,590); issued 128 first notices of violation (344) and 48 citations (91); arranged for the pick-up of 44 large items (87); received 83 Hotline calls (167); and billed \$2,600 in revenue (\$5,300).

• Planning Division:

- ➤ In August, 12 project applications were submitted, including two minor site plans, three minor development projects, four conditional use permits, one variance, and two subdivisions.
- Also in August, 11 applications were acted upon by the final hearing body, including four minor site plans, one major site plan, one major development project, two conditional use permits, one subdivision, one modification to a prior approval, and one other.
- > Staff completed 109 over-the-counter plan checks, 14 first-time routed plan checks, and 26 resubmitted routed plan checks.

• Building Division:

- ➤ Inspection stops in August 2008 totaled 1,086 (down 33 percent from August 2007), and resulted in 1,611 inspections. Average daily inspections numbered 85, and the average daily workload was 13.4 inspections per inspector.
- ➤ In August, 235 (including 38 ancillary plan) plans were submitted for plan check. Of that total, 82 plans were checked same day, at the counter There were a total of 1,480 visitors (down 9 percent from August 2007) to the permit counter,

- and 564 permits and plan checks were issued. Total valuation of the permits issued was \$15,079,700.
- Plans have been submitted for a new multi-purpose building for First Evangelical Free Church at 2801 Brea Blvd.
- ➤ Grading for the new Home Depot at 601 N. Placentia Ave. is on hold due to soil contamination issues.

Engineering

• Construction Management:

- ➤ The Curb/Gutter and Sidewalk Reconstruction Project for fiscal 2007-08 is approximately 90 percent complete. The contractor has repaired sidewalks, curb, and gutters in various locations throughout the City. The remaining 10 percent of reconstruction includes the southwest side of Fullerton, from Harbor Boulevard to Brookhurst Road, between Valencia Drive and the 91 Freeway. The project is scheduled to be completed this month.
- ➤ Paulus Engineering Inc., the contractor on the Sewer Replacement Project (Bastanchury to Hughes) for fiscal 2007-08, will be rerouting the sewer main from Warburton Road to Bastanchury Road, and then connecting with the sewer main at Hughes Road. The scope of work includes installing 18- and 8-inch vitrified clay pipe, constructing manholes, reconstructing surface improvements damaged or removed during construction, and reconstructing pavement. The contractor is scheduled to complete work at the end of November.
- The Lemon Street Reconstruction Project, which should be completed this month, has included catch basin installation, ADA-compliant access ramps, new sidewalks and driveway approaches, median island reconstruction, and raised water valves and manholes. Pending items include brick paver repairs; manhole cleaning; and signing, striping, and pavement markers.
- ➤ Water, sewer, and electrical service installation for the Gilbert Park Community Center is in progress and should be finished early this month.

Water Engineering:

➤ The contractor on the Water and Sewer Replacement Project for Fiscal 2007-08 has installed a 12-inch ductile iron water main on Wilshire Avenue, from Balcom Avenue to Pomona Avenue, and is installing various fire hydrant assemblies, 1-inch water services, water service laterals, and concrete thrust blocks. The project is scheduled for completion in October.

➤ The City has awarded the contract for the Water System Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Upgrade to Aqua Controls, Inc., to upgrade the telemetry system. The SCADA is a computer-monitored alarm, response, control and data acquisition system used by operators to monitor and adjust their treatment process and water distribution system. SCADA systems log event and analog signal trends; monitor levels, pressures, flows, temperatures, speeds, motor currents, pH chlorine residuals, equipment operating time; operate pumps, valves, and alarms; and provide control as necessary.

Fire

Statistics: The Department responded to 825 requests for service in August, which
was up slightly from the August 2007 total of 805 calls. Of the 825 requests, 27
were for fires, 680 were medical aids, two were hazardous materials incidents, and
46 were service calls. Also in August, the Department responded on 98 automatic
aid incidents and received 66.

• Suppression:

- At 1:09 p.m. Aug. 1, Engines 1 and 2 responded to a medical aid in the 200 block of W. Ash Avenue. Paramedics found two boys, 14 and 15 years of age, in the street, both the victims of gun shot wounds. One patient went to St. Jude Medical Center and the other patient was taken to Anaheim Memorial Hospital.
- At 1:16 p.m. Aug. 5, Engine 2 crew was dispatched to a vehicle fire in the 900 block of W. Orangethorpe Avenue. On arrival, Firefighters found the vehicle's engine compartment and interior were well involved in fire. Several bystanders had used extinguishers to try to put the fire out, but without success. The fire was quickly extinguished by Firefighters.
- On Aug. 5, two Paramedics responded to an incident in Anaheim as part of the North County SWAT Team.
- At 5:23 p.m. Aug. 7, Engine 2 responded to a medical aid in the 3000 block of W. Orangethorpe Avenue. On arrival, Paramedics found a 15-year-old male who had been stabbed twice in the back. Paramedics provided advanced care and escorted the patient to UCI Medical Center.
- At 12:48 a.m. Aug. 10, Engines 1, 3 and 5, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched to a structure fire in an apartment complex in the 200 block of E. Commonwealth Avenue. The crew of the first-arriving engine company, Engine 1, was told by residents to go to a third-floor unit in which they found and extinguished a smoldering mattress. It appears the fire was caused by the resident falling asleep while smoking.

- At 6:41 p.m. Aug. 18, Engine 2 responded on a medical aid call in the 700 block of Brookhurst Road. Paramedics found the patient with a one-inch stab wound to the chest. Paramedics provided advanced life support and the victim was transported to UCI Medical Center, where he underwent emergency surgery.
- At 12:31 p.m. Aug. 21, Engine 2 together with County Engine 61 and Anaheim Engine 3 was dispatched to an overturned tractor/trailer initially reported westbound on the 91 Freeway. However, crews discovered the tractor/trailer was on the I-5 at Magnolia Avenue and was fully involved in fire. Engine 2 and Anaheim Engine 3 crews rendered aid to a patient trapped in one of the five vehicles involved in the accident. That patient was extricated and taken to UCI Medical Center. Paramedics then assisted with care of four minor status patients who were transported with basic life support to Anaheim Memorial Hospital.
- At 12:34 p.m. Aug. 22, Engines 2 and 6, County Engine 62, Anaheim Engine 2 and Anaheim Truck 2 were dispatched to a fire in a two-car detached garage in the 2600 block of W. Cherry Avenue. The fire was quickly extinguished. Since the home was vacant, the fire was deemed to be of suspicious origin and investigated by Anaheim Fire, which turned the evidence over to Fullerton Police.
- ➤ On Aug. 22, Engines 1, 2 and 6, and Truck 1, along with Anaheim Engine 2 and Truck 1, were dispatched to a fire in a vacant home in the 2000 block of W. Orangethorpe Avenue. The fire started against an exterior wall and extended into the patio roof and the attic. Cause of the fire remains undetermined.

Downtown Activities:

- At 11:02 p.m. Aug. 1, Engine 1 Paramedics were called to the 1000 block of Eugene Avenue, where they found a female passed out in the street. The woman had been dropped off by a cab at a residence after being in the downtown area. She was intoxicated and, after evaluation, was transported to St. Jude Medical Center.
- At 3:05 a.m. Aug. 16, Engine 1 responded on a medical call to 100 W. Amerige Ave. A 21-year-old man had been involved in a fight and had developed breathing problems. He was evaluated by Paramedics on site, but did not require transportation to a hospital.
- At 1:30 p.m. Aug. 23, Truck 1's crew provided basic aid to a man who sustained a cut over an eye in a fight in the 200 block of N. Harbor Boulevard.

Other Activities:

➤ The USAR Truck team participated with Anaheim and Orange County Fire Authority USAR teams in a series of trench rescue drills Aug. 2 and 4.

- On Aug. 4, Fire Prevention Specialist Dawn Revelle took part in the "National Night Out" event sponsored by the Police Department. The Fire Department's booth highlighted disaster preparedness. Three CERT team members were also present to distribute and share information on the program.
- Several CERT members have become licensed HAM radio operators and have made themselves available to respond in the event of a local disaster: They are: Gene Thorpe, Cheryl Thorpe, Mark Shapiro, Ken Stumpff, Robert Doidge, Ron Martin and Battalion Chief Rick Riley.
- ➤ The Department, along with other agencies, participated in an annual high rise drill on Hope University property Aug. 25 and 26.

Human Resources

- Citywide Training: Police Officers and Corporals have undergone Harassment Prevention Training provided by attorney Kimberly Hall Barlow from Jones and Mayer. Maintenance Services Department field personnel will be receiving training this month on the same subject.
- Employee Processing: In August, staff processed three regular and five nonregular new employees, two regular and five nonregular promotions, and five nonregular separations.
- Liability Program: Seven new claims were filed in August and 14 claims were closed. No lawsuits were served.
- Workers' Compensation Program: In July seven new claims were filed and one was closed.

Library

- Reading Club: The Children's Summer Reading Club enrollment was the highest ever. The total number of children signing up at the Main Library and Hunt Branch was 3,430. This surpassed the old record of 3,072, set in 1999. Included in this year's numbers are 619 babies and pre-readers who joined the Read-to-Me Club. This is up slightly from the number of youngsters enrolled in this program last year.
- Adult Summer Reading Club: The club had several hundred participants, with approximately 200 attending three showings of independent films. The Young Adult Summer Reading Club had almost 200 participants which equates to about 1,800 hours of reading. It was a very successful summer for the Adult Services Division.

- Teen Volunteers: Once again, teens were an important part of our summer programming. More than 200 teens put in more than 2,600 hours helping with the "Catch the Reading Bug" Summer Reading Club. The teens did everything from making prizes to working with the youngsters in the story times. Library teens also put in an additional 928 hours working in the adult section and staffing the Young Adult Summer Reading Club desk. The combined total for teens working surpassed 3,500 hours for the 11-week summer reading program period.
- Carnival: Children's Services staged the annual carnival to mark the end of the "Afternoon Live" program for the summer. The event was held at the Main Library Aug. 5 and repeated at Hunt Branch Aug. 7. This family event drew 265 people at the Main Library and 158 at Hunt. For the second year, the Main Library event was held on the grass between the Library and City Hall. The success of the carnival and the whole "Afternoon Live" program was due, in large part, to the teens who literally put in hundreds of hours assisting in the Library.
- Night Out: On Aug. 5, the Bookmobile participated in the Police Department's
 "National Night Out" program at the Target store at Harbor and Orangethorpe. More
 than 200 people came to visit, asking questions about getting library cards and
 Bookmobile stops. Many people who had not been inside a bookmobile were invited
 in for a quick tour by staff. New library cards were issued and handouts promoting
 children's and adult programs were given to visitors.
- Online Tutoring: The Library recently received funding from the California State Library to participate in the 2008-09 Out-of-School Online Homework Help Program. The grant is for a subscription to an online database that provides live online tutoring. This program allows learners from kindergarten to adult to get homework help real-time, and can be done from any Library, home, school or office computer.
- The Hunt is Hopping: The Hunt Branch Library has been a popular spot for Fullerton families who wished to "stay-cation" close to home this summer. Especially popular are the "Friday Family Movie and Game Nights." The airconditioned Hunt Library has been the perfect spot for families to find respite from the summer heat and enjoy time together. The Friday events, which draw approximately 60 people per week, will continue through Oct. 24.

Maintenance Services

- Administration Division:
 - ➤ The Department received 1,281 service requests in August, completing 987 (77 percent) in the month. Of the five emergency requests received, three were completed within one day. The Building and Facilities Division received the most requests 680 or 53.1 percent of the total.

➤ In August, the Department's support staff received 2,036 calls, an average of 107 per workday, or 53 for each of our two primary customer service personnel.

Facilities Division:

- ➤ Graffiti Crews removed 51,665 square feet of graffiti from 421 sites in August, bringing the year-to-date totals to 112,975 square feet removed from 856 sites.
- ➤ The Custodial staff completed 18 custodial inspections of city facilities.
- Equipment Division: In August, the Division performed three motorcycle inspections, one safety inspection, seven generator PM inspections, 66 PMs, three smog tests, one aerial inspection and two smoke tests.
- Sewer Division: In August, the Division: hydrojetted 28.06 miles of sewer mains; root cut/mechanically treated 9,485 linear feet of main; mechanically treated 201 sewer laterals; conducted CCTV inspections of 12 laterals and 24,157 linear feet of sewer main; conducted 30 source control inspections; approved one Lifeline application and one Large Lot application; received 17 sewer fee calls; and received 48 sewer service requests.

• Landscape Division

- West Coast Arborists performed the following services from July 1 through Aug. 31: pruned 4,459 trees, removed 140 trees, and planted three trees.
- ➤ Pruning was completed by WCA in zones 7 and 8. This area encompasses Commonwealth Avenue north to Rosecrans Avenue, and Euclid Street to the border with Buena Park.
- ➤ The annual downtown tree-trimming will begin early this month.
- ➤ Red Imported Fire Ants were reported at five locations in August, and the Division received 16 calls for bees.
- County Probation Crews completed weed abatement projects at Ashburn Terrace/Trail Rest Park, Brea Dam, and the Berkeley Slope behind the courthouse.
- > Staff renovated and hydro-seeded the small dog section of Dog Park. That portion of the facility will be closed until Oct. 3. A temporary area has been fenced off to accommodate the small dogs until germination has been achieved.
- Staff has begun mulching around the base of trees throughout City parks in an effort to minimize injury to the trunks and reduce pesticide application.

- > Staff closed fields 1b, 2b and 2s for bi-annual maintenance and rest at the Fullerton Sports Complex. The fields will reopen the middle of this month.
- ➤ The Division received 60 landscape-related service requests in August.
- Water Division: In August, the Division produced 1,082,012,200 gallons of water. Of that amount 66.20 percent or 716,315,000 gallons were pumped from wells and 33.80 percent 365,697,200 gallons were purchased from the MWD.
- Street Division: In August, the Division: Used 110 tons of asphalt to perform patching and 140 tons for Water Division digouts; ground 830 sidewalks; performed 39 asphalt sidewalk repairs; milled 194 linear feet of gutter; planed 1,771 square feet of asphalt; cleaned, made and replaced 754 street signs; cleaned 329 drains, 388,559 square feet of sidewalk, two roadway spills, and 3,215 curb miles of street; and used 130 gallons of street paint.

Parks and Recreation

Capital Improvements:

- Staff and the design consultant on the Lions Field project continue to move forward with several tasks. Design themes for the building architecture and overall theme of the facility are being presented to several parties. Several concepts have been developed by the consultant for the grading of the site and the north slope adjacent to Hillcrest Park. In addition, a tree survey is being conducted to inventory the location and species of significant existing trees on the slope. This survey will help illustrate the impacts of grading on these trees. Sports field turf applications have been reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission, which has made the recommendation to include synthetic sports turf (pending Council review and approval).
- ➤ The Richman Park Community Center has been placed on site. The contractor is doing utility hook-ups and concrete work, and should be completed this month.
- > Staff continues to coordinate with the landscape architect on the overall design of the Richman Park field improvements, which include lighting, grading of fields, sports turf, baseball backstops, and landscaping along the edges of the park.
- Repairs and updates to the Brea Dam facility continue to move forward. Exterior painting and roofing have been completed. The architect has submitted plans for improvements of ADA-compliant doors and ramps to the Building Division for review. Permits for ADA and fire exit compliance construction have been

completed, and ADA concrete ramps, flat work, and egress signage are in progress. Improvements are to be completed this month.

Construction plans have been approved for the Tennis Center Renovation.

Senior Multi-Service Center

- ➤ Volunteer counselors for the Homeowners and Renters Assistance rebate program continued their service in August, assisting 67 individuals.
- ➤ "The People of Polynesia" were the focus of the August cultural event, which drew 70 guests. The event featured ethnic foods, music, and a cultural exhibit.
- ➤ The annual SeniorServ-sponsored Hawaiian Luau party was held Aug. 14, and drew 152 guests. Entertainment was by the Center's Hawaiian dance class.
- ➤ Two lectures were given in August. Prospect Medical Group sponsored a workshop on high blood pressure and diet, with 26 people attending, and a fraud prevention seminar by the state Department of Corporations Seniors Against Investment Fraud Program drew 19 guests.
- > The Center honored its many volunteers Aug. 25. The Center has more than 200 volunteers on its active roster.

• Richman Community Center

- ➤ Teens from the Youth Empowerment Program participated in a scavenger hunt at Hillcrest Park Aug. 15. The hunt was an exercise in building confidence and trust in each other. Youth in Action and Youth Empowerment members went on a field trip to Knott's Berry Farm Aug. 22.
- ➤ The Family Outreach Program offered various services to domestic violence victims in August. There were six legal referrals for one or all of the following services: divorce, child custody, visitation, legal separation, child support and legal immigration clinic. There were also two referrals made for the following community resources: food, utilities, rental payment assistance and clothing.

• Garnet Community Center

- Summer recreation programs concluded with a field trip to Knott's Berry Farm. Other youth activities in August included crafts, sports, and field trips to the Discovery Center and Dana Point.
- ➤ The GEMS Community Planning Committee continues to meet weekly to discuss community issues and plan events. A parent conference is set for Sept. 13. Topics include domestic violence, gang prevention, and immigration issues.

Gilbert Community Center

- ➤ Staff conducted an outreach event at Iris Court Aug. 23 to promote the opening of the new Gilbert Community Center. The outreach effort used the Playgrounds on the Go recreational trailer to draw children and their parents to participate in games, sports and crafts, while at the same time meet Gilbert Community Center staff and learn about the upcoming programs.
- > Staff is developing programs for families and youth, meeting and developing relations with local school and church administrators, and attending monthly meetings of the West Fullerton Improvement Committee.
- Tiny Tots: Thirty-four children graduated over the summer months into older classes and various elementary schools. Waiting lists have been maintained during the year and families are being contacted to fill any openings.

Independence Park / Teen Programs

- ➤ All indoor racquetball courts are consistently full from 5-9 p.m. daily in August.
- ➤ Teen Scene excursions included Wild Rivers, Magic Mountain, Knott's Berry Farm, and a day-long visit and night bonfire in Huntington Beach. The activity was a great success, with 28 teens participating.
- ➤ The gym is packed with reservations this month. Connelly High School, among others, has now started reserving the gym daily from 3:30-9 p.m.

• Youth Programs

- ➤ On Aug. 1, Chapman Park hosted this year's "International Fun Fest" for all of the "Summer Playgrounds" programs. Activities from all around the world gave the children a taste of other cultures and new games.
- ➤ The last two weeks of Camp Hillcrest were busy with a Talent Show Aug. 13, featuring the children as well as the staff. The final day of camp took place at Knott's Berry Farm a favorite excursion among the campers.

Tennis Center:

August was a much busier month than expected as the weather was mild. The Juniors Program wrapped up its largest summer program ever, with more than 200 youths playing some weeks.

- ➤ Rosary High School Tennis began practice at the end of August. The school's regular season matches begin the second week of September and run through October. This year, more than 40 girls are trying out for 10 spots on the team.
- ➤ Walk-on play was up in August, with 5,859 players almost 1,000 more than August 2007.

Youth Sports

- ➤ The Fullerton Rangers are bursting at the seams with well over 2,300 participants, consisting of 170 teams in recreation, signature and club teams.
- ➤ Pop Warner Football began its season Aug. 1, with more than 450 participants.
- ➤ Little League and Softball teams kicked off their winter season Sept. 1. Fullerton Youth Rugby will officially begin its season in December.

Outdoor Recreation

- ➤ Three more sessions of hiking classes were extended for another six weeks as community members continue to learn about Fullerton's unique trails.
- Friday night family campfires have enjoyed continued success. After an article appeared in the "Fullerton News Tribune," attendance spiked for the last few campfires. As a special ending to the summer, guest speakers made presentations on "Made in Fullerton" and "Green Parrots of Southern California."
- Two new classes this fall are "Strolling the Trails" and "Fullerton Fishing Coach."

Cultural and Events

- August was busy for the Museum's Education Department, with summer programming including Art Camp, craft booths at the Fullerton Market, Wednesday night Summer Concerts, and Stroller Brigade. Art Camp was expanded to three weeks this year as campers learned about local animals and plants through special guest speakers and live animals. In addition to animals from Oak Canyon Nature Center, City staffers shared their expertise: Maintenance Services' Dennis Quinlivan and Dave Bishop presented plants and trees of Fullerton, and Parks and Recreation's Judy Peterson shared her experience as a dog trainer and brought her show dogs in to pose for drawings.
- ➤ The craft booth at the Summer Concerts series was especially successful this summer, with approximately 900 participants for the six-week period.
- ➤ Guided tours of "Rubber Sole, Canvas Upper: The Art of Sports Shoes" in August were given for the Junior Ambassadors from Young-In, Fullerton's

Korean sister city, as well as for a senior citizens group from Lake Forest. With summer programming completed, staff is now focusing on school year planning, including "Guitar Gateways," "Rubber Sole Family Day," Haunted Fullerton Walking Tours and school tours of current and upcoming exhibits.

"Concerts in the Park" wrapped up Aug. 20, with James Intveld entertaining. The Frankie Moreno Band came from Las Vegas to perform Aug. 13, and proved to be a great musical addition to the series. The concerts were very popular, with an average of 600 people attending each week, with a high of 850.

Police

Investigation:

- ➤ Gang Detectives Jon Radus and Hugo Garcia made a vehicle stop of five suspects. During a search of one of the subjects, the detectives located a loaded 9-mm handgun. The suspect was arrested and, during an interview, said he bought the handgun during the last three days for protection.
- ➤ In another incident, Detectives Radus and Garcia observed a vehicle leaving a gang area. A record check revealed the vehicle had been reported stolen in Las Vegas. Patrol Officers assisted the Detectives in a vehicle stop.

Patrol:

- Corporal Mike Bova and his trainee, Officer Ryan O'Neil, took a stolen vehicle report from a victim at the Black Angus on Imperial Highway. The victim said she thought her former boyfriend may have taken her car. The Officers ran a record check on the boyfriend and found a prior case of carjacking. The Officers proceeded to an address provided by the victim and located her vehicle. After a short surveillance, the suspect was spotted entering the vehicle and driving away. A car stop was conducted and the suspect arrested.
- ➤ The Department responded to a radio call regarding a disturbance. The male half of the disturbance was gone on arrival, and was located nearby. When Officers contacted the subject, he was acting in very bizarre manner. As Officers attempted to search the suspect a struggle ensued. Officer Kelly Mejia fired her Taser, but the subject appeared unfazed and pulled the darts from his torso and put them in his mouth. Officer Kelly then applied two dry stuns and, with assistance from other Officers, was ultimately able to handcuff and hobble the subject, who was taken in for a 72-hour commitment).
- Corporal John Ema, while off duty, saw a man in a truck fleeing the scene of a hit-and-run traffic collision in Placentia. He followed the suspect in his own car while calling Placentia on his cell phone. Placentia Police units were successful

in stopping the vehicle on the northbound 57 freeway. Officer Claudia Zavala assisted Placentia by providing Spanish translation for the suspect.

Redevelopment and Economic Development

- Affordable Housing: Habitat for Humanity has begun construction on two of four units located at 413 W. Valencia Drive. The units will be made available to very lowand low-income households. The units will be completed by the end of December.
- Fox Block RFP: Staff and the selected developer, ARTECO/Genton Barth Partners, are working on finalizing the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with the Redevelopment Agency. During the negotiation period, ARTECO/Genton Barth Partners will work with the Agency, the Fullerton Historic Theater Foundation, property owners and Downtown stakeholders to develop plans for the Fox Block.
- Library Expansion and Remodel: On Aug 1, Council approved a conceptual plan and cost estimate for expansion of the Main Library by approximately 9,250 square feet and renovation of an additional approximately 52,000 square feet. The proposed improvements include a new teen technology center, local history room, a new lounge/café, and significant modification of the south and east building facades. On July 1, a contract was approved with Griffin Structures Inc. to provide Program Manager at Risk services for the project, in the amount of \$455,000. Staff and Griffin Structures are working on finalizing the design aspects.
- Fullerton Community Center: The Community Center Concept Plan was approved by the City Council July 1. The plan proposes to expand the existing Senior center facility and relocate the Boys and Girls Club facility, creating a new Fullerton Community Center. The Center would be approximately 40,000-plus square feet. Preliminary design services will be procured through a request for proposal process for a Program Manager at Risk. Staff is finalizing the RFP.
- Code Compliance Loan Program: A new Code Compliance (CC) Loan Program is proposed to encourage business owners to reinvest in existing buildings and help finance alterations and improvements necessary for compliance with building and fire codes. This program would be financed by the Redevelopment Agency. The proposed CC Loan Program will be presented to the Agency Sept. 16.
- Directional Signage Program RFP: Staff is working with the Engineering Department and the Parks and Recreation Department's Public Art Committee on the design of a new and improved signage system for the Downtown.