



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Smith and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

DATE: February 10, 2012

Budget Discussion. Council will continue its discussion regarding the draft 2012-13 budget with a focus on Police Department staffing. Of particular importance is the impact of staffing reductions on the school liaison officer program. Chief Callahan will be in attendance to provide additional information. Because he will be in attendance, we have moved his presentation of the Police Department Annual Report to this meeting as well.

Acquisition of N. Cochran Property. Since my last report to you on this subject I have learned that the property has not been vacated by the last tenant. It appears that this individual is refusing the leave the premises. The owner is taking the necessary legal actions. Of course, we want the property vacant before we take possession. I do not know how much longer the closing will be delayed.

Union Negotiations. We will begin negotiations with the two police bargaining units at the end of February. I will be meeting with the City's labor attorney next week to formulate our proposals. I will be asking to hold a closed session during the February 27 meeting to discuss our bargaining strategy.

Agreement with County Prosecutor. You might recall that the City has entered into an agreement through which the County Prosecutor's office handles prosecution of some City ordinance violations. The original agreement contemplated that the District Court would pay directly to the Prosecutor those fines that were collected on the cases he prosecuted. That has proven to be impossible to arrange. The prosecutor has been provided information from the District Court Administrator that will enable us to allocate fines received by the City between the prosecutor and the City Attorney. You will see in a subsequent Claims and Accounts a payment to the Country Prosecutor's office associated with the cases he has handled. This will occur once per quarter in the future.