

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, OCT. 5, 2012
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR OCT. 5, 2012

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- 1. Operation Starburst** – The International Association of Chiefs of Police has selected the Minnesota Financial Crimes Task Force (FCTF) as second runner-up for its 2012 IACP Award for Excellence in Criminal Investigations. The award recognizes achievements in managing and conducting criminal investigations. It was awarded to the FCTF for the Task Force’s “Operation Starburst” investigation, a multi-year investigation into a massive identity theft, bank fraud, counterfeit check and credit card fraud ring. During Operation Starburst, the FCTC uncovered a ring of more than 200 participants operating in 11 states, and including employees of nearly a dozen major financial institutions. Investigators found at least 8,700 IDs for victims in dozens of countries, with a total estimated dollar loss of over \$100 million, including nearly \$55 million in provable losses to financial institutions. Edina Police Detective Dave Lindman is a member of the FCTF and was key to the success of the investigation.
- 2. Human Services Task Force** – The Human Services Task Force held its kick-off meeting this week. Members conducted their initial review of the funding requests. They will meet directly with requesting agencies on Oct. 17. They meet to formulate their funding recommendation on Oct. 31. Finally, they make their funding recommendation directly to the City Council at your Nov. 5 Work Session.
- 3. Quasiquicentennial Kick-Off** – The Quasiquicentennial kick-off event was held on Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Braemar clubhouse. The organizing committee is planning four main events for 2013: a special exhibit at the history museum; historic home tour; special emphasis at the 4th of July parade; and a Founder’s Day Celebration at City Hall, which Council Member Bennett is chairing.
- 4. Golf Update** – The City has advertised that we are accepting competitive bids for fabric systems and turf for the golf dome replacement project. We will open bids for these two critical project components on Tuesday, Oct. 30. I will meet today with Finance and Parks & Rec staff to analyze the economics and operational aspects of the proposed driving range expansion project that we discussed at this week’s work session.
- 5. Acting City Manager** – Assistant City Manager Karen Kurt and I will attend the annual conference of the International City/County Management Association in Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 8-10. While we are away, Fire Chief Marty Scheerer has agreed to serve as Acting City Manager. I’ll be back in the office on Thursday, Oct. 11.