



OFFICE OF  
THE CITY MANAGER  
MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** May 31, 2017  
**TO:** Mayor Smith and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Richard Marsh, City Manager  
**RE:** City Manager's Weekly Report

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This is the weekly report for the week ending June 2, 2017.

- **PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

Attached please find the updated Project Status Report for the week ending June 2, 2017 for your review.

- **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

I'd like to thank **Andy Haratyk, the entire Public Works Department, all City Staff who assisted, the Volunteers, the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Mayor and Council,** for working diligently and participating in this weekend's Memorial Day events.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to making the Memorial Day weekend events a success and for ensuring perfect event logistics. Our Public Works, Police and Fire department employees worked together so efficiently and our visitors and members of our community praised them for their unity, comradery and performance throughout.

Despite the attempts of a person or persons to sabotage the weekend, we have received several reports, both verbal and on video, that there were vendors, such as Rob Page (the Table, Santiago's, Bisbee Coffee Company), the Pussycat Gelato shop, and others who experienced their best weekend ever. Others have advised us that their hotels were booked all weekend, while others thanked us for inviting our Southern neighbors to share in the festivities with us and for honoring the memories of the fallen soldiers in Vietnam. One

Bisbee business owner had the opportunity to establish a B-2-B partnership with a Sonoran vendor, with the possibility of expansion of merchandise in the future. Many people expressed to us how much they loved Bisbee and would be returning to visit!

Colonel James W. Wright, Garrison Commander of Fort Huachuca in Sierra Vista gave a powerful and moving speech regarding the Memorial weekend and stated that the Wall was “a way for people to remember and forgive”. I was advised that Chuck Alton posted a link on Facebook of the recording. For those of you who may have missed it and would like to hear it, or for those who would like to hear his speech one more time, here is the YouTube link Mr. Alton posted on Facebook of the recording: <https://youtu.be/bz1iYL8II9c>

Another positive outcome of these events is that I have been advised that Claudia Pavlovich, the Sonora Governor will be speaking at the 2017 Arizona-Mexico Commission Summit in Scottsdale, AZ (June 1<sup>st</sup> through 2nd), a meeting of top decision makers from both government and the private sector to promote a strong, cooperative binational relationship between Arizona and Mexico. Governor Pavlovich will be mentioning the City of Bisbee and our partnership with Mexico to work towards the betterment of both the states of Sonora and our City economy via cross border tourism and B-2-B partnerships and “building bridges of cooperation” between business owners from Arizona and Sonora.

I have attached an email pertaining to the AMC Summit, along with an email forwarded to me by Stanley Stern (iBisbee committee), pertaining to his “Cross Border Tourism” correspondence with Luis Alberto Gonzalez, the Sonora Director of Promotions and Events, for your review.

While we understand some expressed negative feedback, the Mayor is now actively working to compile statistics, feedback and cost expenditure reports for the Memorial Day weekend events, and will be holding a debriefing next Tuesday to obtain more data to compile into his report and present to Mayor, Council, employees and the public for their review.

- **BUDGET UPDATE**

As stated last week, Mayor and Council are set to vote to adopt the tentative budget for FY 17/18 at the June 6, 2017 regular Council meeting.

- **OUT OF THE OFFICE**

I will be out of the office on PTO Thursday, June 1, 2017. I will be available by phone should you need to speak to me. Thank you!