



OFFICE OF
THE CITY MANAGER
MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 9, 2016
TO: Mayor Oertle and City Council Members
FROM: Richard Marsh, City Manager
RE: City Manager's Weekly Report

This is the weekly report for the week ending November 11, 2016.

- **PSPRS MEETING**

As mentioned in last week's report, I attended the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) meeting last Thursday in Phoenix to discuss the "Report on Risk Pooling and Local Board Consolidation", which resulted from the passing of Senate Bill 1428. This bill enacted numerous important reforms for PSPRS, including changes to the governance of the System and the creation of a new benefit tier (Tier 3).

We also discussed two issues that were not addressed by the Bill, which were "a) the extent and the basis of liability risk pooling to be established for Tier 3, and b) the extent, if any, to which the local boards (Local Boards) of the System should be consolidated". Per the new bill, the PSPRS board is required to study these two issues and report its recommendations to the State Legislature no later than February 15, 2017.

I've attached a copy of the documents we covered during this meeting for your review.

- **EVERGREEN CEMETERY VETERAN'S DAY PRESENTATION**

I will be presenting at the Evergreen Cemetery's Veteran's Day memorial service this Saturday, November 12, 2016. This is a wonderful opportunity to take some time to honor and show respect to those men and women who sacrifice, with great honor and courage, to

protect and serve our great country. Please join us in honoring our brave men and women in uniform!

- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH CAMPAIGN**

Last month, I told you about another aspect of the community outreach campaign I am launching, the “From the Desk of the City Manager” column in the Bisbee Observer. The first article will be titled, “*A Rich Bisbee Experience*”. It will be submitted to the Bisbee Observer by November 21, 2016. I am very excited to expand our reach to the community!

- **US / MEXICO REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

MARIACHI FESTIVAL. This past Saturday, I attended my very first Mariachi Festival. I was given the opportunity to pick the names and announce the winners of this year’s raffle which included tickets to the U of A and ASU game. There was a wonderful turnout this year, with an amazing line-up of Mariachi groups and dancers, including Councilman Dunn and his lovely wife, Donna, who treated us to their dancefloor skills. It was a great experience and I look forward to next year’s event!!

VISIT WITH THE MAYOR OF NACO. This weekend, I was also able to visit with the Mayor of Naco, Sonora Mexico, Lorenzo Choby Villegas. We discussed various issues pertaining to US/Mexico regional economic development opportunities, which included tourism, trade, commerce, and event coordination. I look forward to collaborating with Mayor Villegas in the future!

AZ SNAPSHOT: HOW LATINOS DRIVE THE ECONOMY. Jennifer Luria forwarded some statistics regarding the importance of partnering with Mexico. The statistics, listed in the 20th editions of *DATOS*, which was released by the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in September, state that in 2016, Arizona Latinos are projected to spend \$42.5 billion dollars and is anticipated to increase by another 33% by 2020! Their purchasing and investments in our economy are growing at a faster than ever speed.

These statistics bring the following questions to mind: 1) is there is an Economic Leakage in Bisbee, and 2) how can the City of Bisbee tie into the economic propensity that the rest of Arizona is experiencing? I will definitely be exploring this exciting topic further and share my findings and suggestions with you.